

David Guion to Be Guest Artist For Next Monday Conoco Hour

David Guion, Texas "cowboy composer" who is equally at home on a cowpony or a piano bench, is one of the most colorful figures in the world of music and his place in the front ranks of American composers is undisputed. He is best known for his concert transcriptions of cowboy songs and old fiddlers tunes, reflecting his love of the open, and his negro spirituals in the true spirit of the south. These compositions have been acclaimed by critics, musicians and singers as truly of America and deserving a rank with the greatest folk music of other nations. His other compositions, although not so popular in appeal, have an equally high rating.

Guion was born in Balinger, Texas, and attended the public schools there, later attending the Polytechnic college at Fort Worth. His piano instruction began when he was six and after he finished college he studied in Vienna at the Royal Conservatory of Music under Leopold Godowsky.

He was director of the School of Music, Daniel Baker college, Brownwood, Texas, from 1915-17; director of the Fairmont Conservatory of Music at Dallas from 1918-21; a member of the faculty of the School of Music, Southern Methodist University, from 1921-24. Following that he devoted much time to composition and teaching in the East, returning to Texas in 1928 as director of the Southwestern School of Fine Arts at Dallas.

He is a member of the Texas Composers guild and the Texas Teachers' association and an honorary member of the David Guion Choral club of San Angelo and the Harmony club of Fort Worth. He now makes his home in Dallas.

He will make a radio appearance as guest artist of the next Conoco Listeners' hour, playing some of his own compositions. The program will be broadcast Monday evening, May 11, by WFAA, Dallas, at 8:00. It will be repeated Tuesday at 8:00 p. m. from KFYO, Abilene.

Peggy and Pat, the listeners' representatives, the Conoco orchestra and the "Rondoliers," will also be heard on the program, the 24th of a series sponsored by the Continental Oil Co.

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Giving the residents of Old Glory their first electric service, a 6,600 volt transmission line, insulated for future service a 1,200 volts, will be built from Aspermet to Old Glory. A 6,600 volt distribution system will be erected in the town, from which service will be supplied to nineteen residential and ten commercial customers. Citizens of Old Glory have been anticipating electric service for some time, and the extension has been made in line with the company's policy of widespread distribution of dependable electric power.

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Four Sisters at Varsity.

Austin, May 7.—Among the students of The University of Texas are four sisters, the Harper girls from McGregor. In addition to being sisters, however, two of the girls are twins, and all four reside at Scottish Rite dormitory. These young women, Elizabeth, Harriet, Helen and Margaret Harper, are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Harper of McGregor. Elizabeth is a junior, Harriet is a sophomore, and Helen and Margaret, twins, are freshmen.

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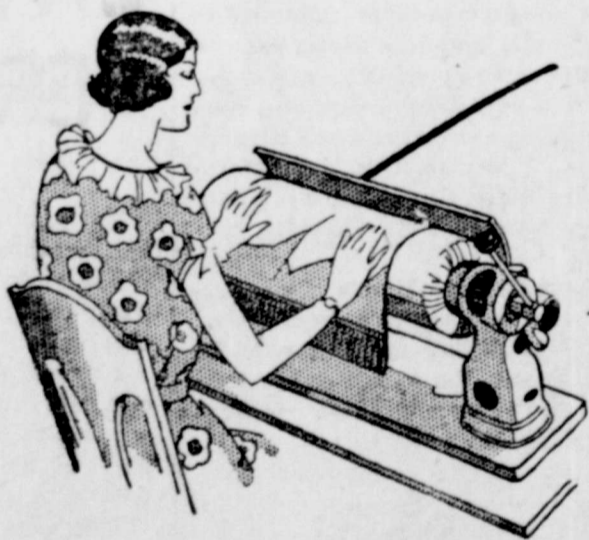
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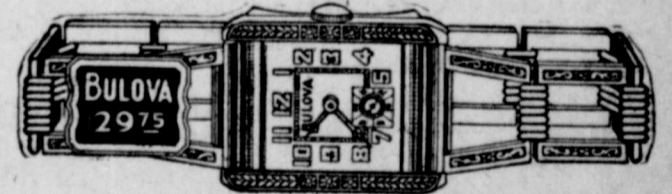
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TIGER EYE

By B. M. Bower



SIXTH INSTALLMENT.
 Bob Reeves, the Kid, was nicknamed Tiger Eye by his friends down in the Brazos country because his "gun-eye" was yellow. When his father, "The Killer Reeves," died the Kid left Texas to avoid continuing his father's feuds. Reaching Montana he is forced to draw on Nate Wheeler, an irate nester. In the exchange of shots Wheeler drops dead, the Kid later learning that Bob Garner who had also shot at the same time, really killed Wheeler.
 Garner gets the Kid to join the Poole outfit as a rim rider. The Kid succeeds Wheeler's widow and is interrupted by Pete Gorham and some other nesters. He shoots Gorham through both ears for coupling his name with Wheeler's widow. Later he rescues a girl, Nellie, and her dad from Gorham, wounding Pete again. The girl, in spite of her belief the Kid is an imported Texas killer, warns him the nesters will kill him. The kid warns Garner the nesters are planning an attack on the Poole outfit. He meets Jess Markel, a Texan who is boss of the Poole wagon crew.
NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.
 The kid tilted his head in response to a nod or two, and took his place at one side of the group—the right side, which left his gun arm free and gave him a clear path to his horse.
 Babe left him, going on to the house, where he knocked on a door.
 Babe was a long time in the house. 'Peared like he must have a right smart to say to the Old Man. The kid's feet grew tired, standing there leaning against the fence, but he didn't sit down.
 Another man rode up, some foreman or other. He told them to feed their horses and stay for dinner, and the group stirred and went off to attend to their mounts. The kid loosened the saddle on Pecos and Babe's horse, slipped off their bridles and turned them into the corral.
 Babe's voice calling out some careless remark to the foreman came to him at last, and over at the log house beyond the cottonwood some one was pounding on a tin pan to say dinner was ready.
 Men were already splashing at the wash basin on the bench outside the door when the kid came up. Babe emptied his basin with a fling of soapy water into the bushes at the end of the house, gave the basin to the kid and went inside, but stopped just inside the door and stared back over his shoulder at the kid as if he were expecting something.
 The kid dipped water from the big bucket standing there—gently, lest the splash should drown some little sound he ought to hear; some little sound Babe was listening for, there inside the door.
 Somebody coming across the yard, walking kinda slow and careful. Hungry men don't walk that-a-way to their dinner. The kid took out his little black pocket comb, unfolded it and leaned to the wavy mirror in its cheap frame. He looked within and with his left hand he drew the comb through his thick, wavy locks that just missed being red. Babe was still standing just inside the door, still looking out at the kid, waiting for him; waiting for something else too.
 But even though Babe stood there waiting, he jumped when the kid whirled and fired.
 The kid ducked past the window and then backed slowly, keeping close to the wall. His yellow right eye had the cold glare of a tiger, as he watched the men rushing out to see what had happened. Twenty feet away, a man steadied himself and reached backward with his left hand, and the kid saw and let him get the gun before he fired again. The man dropped the second gun and stood there, holding two bloody fists out before him, staring from them to the kid.
 "Ye'all stop wheah yoah at," the kid said to those at the door, and they halted on the broad step.
 "I'll kill yo'all foh this, Tiger Eye Reeves!" raved the man with the bloody fists.
 "Ye' kaint," the kid replied in his melodious drawl. "Ye'all nevah will shoot no moah, Jess Markel."
 "Fer Gawd's sake, Tiger Eye!" cried Babe from the step. "What's it all about? You said you didn't know Jess."
 "I nevah did say I don't know Jess Markel. I said men easy drop theah Texas names awn the trail up heah.

I nevah did say I don't know 'that lobo."
 "Git 'im boys!" raved Jess, holding out his two shattered hands, "That's the Killer Reeves' youngest boy—and the worst of the lot! Look what he done to me!"
 "I nevah do bust down a hand lessn theah's a gun in it," the kid said.
 "W'at yuh pull a gun on him for, Jess?" The foreman walked scowling toward the wounded man. "The kid's dead right. You had your guns out when he shot."
 "He's the Killer Reeves' son, didn't I tell yo'all? His pap killed my pap, that's why."
 "Yoah pap nevah did draw quick enough," the kid reminded him.
 "He's a damn killer and the son of a killer!" raved Jess.
 "I don't nevah shoot a man in the back, like yo'all tried to do," the kid said coldly.
 Walter Bell himself came with long, angry steps from the house.
 "You the fellow that shot my wagon boss?" Bell snapped.
 "Yes, suh."
 "You've crippled him for life. Know that?"
 "Yes suh. That's what I aimed to do."
 "Did eh? You'll have to show a damn' good reason for that, young man."
 "Yes suh. I was combin' my hair and I saw Jess slippin' up, aimin' to shoot me in the back. Seems like a Markel kaint face a man in theah killin's, nohow. He kaint kill no mo'—lessen he kicks 'em like a muie."
 "Jess had both guns out, Mr. Bell," the foreman here remarked, and pointed to the two smeared six-shooters on the ground. "The kid's telling it straight. I was comin' from the stable and I saw the whole thing. Young Reeves was combin' his hair, just as he says. Jess pulled his gun and Reeves, here, whirled and shot. He must have drawned his gun, but I never saw him do it. He sure as hell wasn't combin' his hair with his six-gun."
 The group at the mess-house door laughed at that, and Walter Bell turned to Jess.
 "You brought it on yourself," he growled. "Come on up to the house and I'll fix you up till you can get a doctor. Reeves, I'll see you at the house after dinner."
 "Yes suh."
 "You done right, Tiger Eye," said Babe, as the two lingered outside.
 "Shoah tried to, Babe."
 "I thought Jess acted kinda funny, when we was over there at the round-up. He asked me who I had with me, and I said a young feller from down on the Brazos. He wanted your name and I gave it to him. He never said anything, but I suspicioned he knowed yuh or had heard of yuh, just by his looks. But you never let on like you knowed him, so I let it pass." Babe gave the kid that sharp, sidelong look of his.
 The kid drew a long, relieved breath and looked at Babe with the old faith shining in his eyes.
 "You'll get the job, all right," Babe said in his ear, when the two paused outside in the shade of the cabin to roll and light a cigarette apiece before the kid went up to interview Walter Bell.
 Jess, on his way to the stable with the foreman, scowled and turned his face the other way, walking wide of the kid. Both hands were bandaged and carried in a sling before him and he looked sick. The kid's lips tightened a little as Jess passed. Killer—but he never would kill again. Not after those smashed knuckles got well. They'd be stiff as sticks. Jess would lose some of his fingers, the kid reckoned hopefully.
 "You done right, Kid," Babe flicked his thumb-nail across a match head, lighted the cigarette and snapped the stub in two pieces before he dropped them at his feet. "He'd'a got you and never give warnin'. Damn' sneak—didn't think Jess was that kinda man."
 "If every killah had his hands broke, this would be a right peaceful lan', Babe."
 Babe shivered in spite of himself.
 "I'd as soon as be kified as crippled," he said shortly.
 "Shucks! Yo'all ain't a killah, Babe. Man's got a right to defend himself, I reckon. That's what Pap always said. Yo'all wouldn't shoot a man lessen he come at yuh with his gun out, Babe."
 "Shore not." Babe shot a keen glance at the kid. "Come on and talk to the Old Man. Just red tape, but

you oughta meet him. He told me he'd put yuh on and let yuh ride rim with me."
 There were things the kid would like to ask Babe about the valley. That ranch out a ways from the rim, not in the coulee but tucked down behind a low ridge, where the long streak of cottonwoods showed there was a creek—the kid would like to know the name of the folks that lived there. But he couldn't ask, or Babe might kinda suspicion it was the girl, Nellie, that the kid wanted to know about.
 The kid focused his field glasses on the ridge, but he couldn't see anything but a fence running up along the side. The ranch was over behind, about where the line of cottonwoods quit. Old pappy wasn't feeling right good the other day; seemed like he oughta ride down there and see how the old feller was getting along, anyway. Wouldn't take but a minute to ride down and see how her old pappy was feeling. Babe never need to know a thing about it.
 So the kid went down into the valley where the nesters would shoot a Poole rider like a coyote. Babe had told him to ride across the Bench to the river and scout around there for any sign of branding fires or cattle held within corrals hidden in the thickets.
 The kid felt pretty guilty and mean, going off like this on a side trip of his own, but he didn't feel guilty enough or mean enough to turn back from the quest of Nellie's home and Nellie's last name.
 By the time he reached the lower end of the ridge the kid realized that he was head and shoulders above the level of the valley. But the ridge was friendly and shielded him from view to the south, and the brushy undergrowth along the creek gave protection there. He felt safe enough to give his full attention to the ranch he was approaching.
 This was where Nellie lived. Yes, sir, she lived right up this road a piece. The kid's heart thumped so he could feel it. He rode forward and unhooked the gate.
 The kid was glancing this way and that, to the garden patch, the grove, the corral, the house, looking for a girl with yellow hair. Wonderful hair! The kid never could forget how it looked flying loose. Like a banner of gold whipping in the sun. It made a funny kind of lump in his throat now, just to think of the way she looked with all that hair flying loose. Like an angel in a gingham dress, kinda.
 The sharp, venomous crack of a rifle up on the ridge behind the house struck away those thoughts.
 And ten he heard to piercing shriek of a woman. The kid knew that sound bitterly well and shot crimple went up his spine. With one savage lift of his spurs he jumped Pecos out from behind the stack and

went thundering up the road. No need to fear a bullet now from that rifle. Killers don't wait, when a woman raises the death scream.
 "Nellie! Come quick! They've got him—They've killed him—Oh, my God! Come and help get him in—They've killed him—Oh, he's dead—"
 Too well the kid knew that tragic litany. His lips pressed their soft curves into a thin line. His twinkling blue eye half closed to let the tiger look through that yellow right eye of his. He stepped limberly down from the saddle and ran and knelt on one knee beside the wailing woman, huddling to her breast the lolling old head of her man.
 "Ma'am, take away yoh ahms, till I tote him inside."
 She looked-up at him blankly, her eyes too full of her tragedy to see aught else.
 Then Nellie came running from somewhere up along the base of the ridge.
 "You! What've you done? What'd you do it for? Ma—oh, Mother, don't!"
 Pity tore at the kid's heart as he looked at the two of them cowering together, but his voice was gently insistent.
 "If yo'all would get her away so I can tote him inside—"
 "Come, Mother." Obediently the girl began pulling and coaxing. "We must get him in—You go fix the bed, Mother—"
 "Yes—yes, I'll go spread up the bed—"
 With the limp, bony old man sagging a deadweight in his young arms, the kid went into the house. Little old pappy had been shot in the back when he walked out into the yard. Killer's work. Dry-gulched, they called it up here. Killer waiting behind a rock with rifle ready till his man came along. Then pull the trigger a time or two, look to see if the bullets went straight—and then run for a horse tied somewhere outa sight in the bushes.
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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 Mrs. Hester Cope, a widow, and Charles Cope, a minor.

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 30th day of April 1931.

Burl Wheeler.

Sheriff Taylor County, Texas

By E. D. Davis Deputy.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, May 7.—Wednesday's cattle market was quiet, but steers, yearlings and bulls cleared on a generally steady basis. Veal calves lost 25c or more and were quoted 50c to \$1.00 lower for the week, to date. Heavy calves sold around steady. Receipts were estimated at 2,600 head of cattle and 400 calves.

Only a few cars of plain, common steers were on offer. Cows sold in package lots at \$4.00 to \$4.50. A small draft of toppy yearlings notched \$8.75 and one carload of good quality went at \$8.25. Veal calves brought \$8.00 to \$8.50. Heavies sold around \$5.00 to \$5.50.

With only 500 head here, hogs were quoted 15c to 25c higher, a top of \$7.00 being quoted in both divisions.

Spring lambs sold up to \$8.25 and were 25c higher. Shorn lambs and wethers remained steady, the former reaching \$7.00 and the latter \$4.75. Aged wethers went at \$2.75. Feeder sheep and lambs were slow. The estimate called for 20,500 head.

Cattle Movement.

Collins Bros. shipped a car of cows to the Fort Worth market Wednesday, the only cattle movement of the week, according to the records.

New Naval Academy Chief.

Annapolis, Md., May 7.—Rear Admiral Thomas C. Hart is the new superintendent of the naval academy. He succeeds Rear Admiral Samuel S. Robinson who retired a month ago. He is one of the youngest officers of his rank in the navy. Captain Charles P. Snyder has been acting superintendent.

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Duet—At School March, "Streabbog," Ruby and Katie Bigham.

Solo—Sunlight Waltz, "Metcalf," Elma Mae Gamble.

Duet—Military March, "Bucher," Thelma McAninch and Mary Zoe West.

Solo—Mocking Eyes, "Anthony," Mabel Murray.

Duet—Little Brothers Birthday March, "Streabbog," Billie and Don Wood.

Solo—Soldiers March and Happy Farmer, "Schumann," Juanita Bishop.

Duet—Our Conquering Hero, "Johnson," Thelma McAninch and Margaret Miller.

Solo—The Bugle Corps, "Morrison," Mary Joe Garland.

Duet—Listen to the Mocking Bird, "Hawthorn," Alice and Mary Jo Russell.

Solo—Sweetheart Waltz, "Kern," Mollie Frank Touchstone.

Duet—Up-to-date March, "Giebel," Lois Whiteley and Julia Proctor.

Solo—Stephanie—"Gavotte," "Czia-bulka," Margaret Miller.

Duet—Cecilia Waltz, "Philie," Mrs. Earthman and Mrs. Ollie Bigham.

Solo—Golden Rain, "Cloy," Mary Zoe West.

Trio—Four Leaf Clover, "Spencer," Mrs. Earthman, Billie Bernice and Bud Gambill.

Solo—Madrillena, "Wachs," Thelma McAninch.

Trio—Under The Mistletoe, "Englemann," Lois Whiteley, Billie Bernice Gambill and Alice Russell.

Solo—Fly Away, "George F. Root," Ruby Bigham.

Solo—Trembling Dewdrops, "Blake," Song—Sam and Tilda's Courtship, Billie Wood and Mary Jo Russell.

Duet—Lutespiel Overture, "Keller-Bela," Mrs. Earthman and Thelma McAninch.

Clara Bow Seriously Ill.

Hollywood, May 7.—Clara Bow, film star, was placed in a sanitarium after a nervous collapse on a set at her studio and her condition is regarded as serious, it was announced by Paramount-Publix and her physicians Tuesday.

Shaving in the dark is made easy by a small electric light attached to the handle of a safety razor.

Yellowstone Park was discovered by John Colter of Lewis and Clark's expedition in 1806-10.

Bob Martin Grocery To Change Location

Preparatory to occupancy by the Bob Martin Grocery, the Gaither building on Edwards street, formerly occupied by Fred Latham's Busy Bee cafe, is being remodelled. All the partitions have been torn out, flooring is being replaced and the interior is receiving a new coat of paint. Mr. Martin expects to move in sometime next week, when his store becomes associated with the Red and White group, now being organized in West Texas.

Miss Deweese New Marinello Operator

Miss Edna Tiner, proprietor of the Modern Marinello Beauty shop, located in the Merkel Drug company, announces that she has secured the services of Miss Alice Deweese of Santeo, an experienced operator and graduate of Sellers school, Fort Worth, and a continuance of the usual efficient service is assured.

Carnation 5 Inches Wide.

London—The largest carnation ever produced is on exhibition here. It is five inches in diameter.

Reduce Auto Freights.

Washington, May 7.—The interstate commerce commission authorized southwestern lines to reduce freight rates on automobiles to meet "drive-away" competition.

Family of Flower Girls.

Fort Worth, May 7.—Miss Pansy Teagarden of Dallas, junior in Texas Christian university here, comes from a family of flowers. Her five sisters are named Daisy, Rose, Violet, Marguerite and Lotus.

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Rural Community Correspondence

Sunday Services at Baptist Church at Stith Well Attended

The services at the Stith Baptist church last Sunday were unusually well attended. At the morning preaching hour, Rev. Thomas B. Ramsey, the pastor, chose as his subject the word, "Flowers," using the letters that spell the word for the following definitions: Faith, Love, Obedience, Work, Earnestness, Righteousness, Service.

At the close of the message there was a very spiritual alabaster service, using the flowers from the altar as alabaster boxes.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock there was a baptismal service, when Walter Thorn was baptized.

The Intermediate B. Y. P. U. had charge of the general assembly program for the B. Y. P. U.

After a very inspiring address at the evening hour, Mrs. Hester Lee Lenox, who moved into our community only a short while ago from Alabama, joined the church.

Merkel Next Host Meeting of Singers

Merkel will be host for the Taylor county singing convention at its next meeting, set for Sunday, May 24, at 2 p. m. Selection of the place was made at a called meeting Sunday, when approximately 1,000 singers attended a gathering at Salt Branch. S. E. Clark of Abilene, president, was in charge.

The Merkel Baptist quartet sang a group of selections and a chorus number was presented by a group composed of Spurgeon Reeves, Anson; J. R. Cornelius, Sweetwater; Bill Spurgin, Zion Chapel; Luther Webb, M. Shaw, E. W. Jones, Z. D. Halley, Jim Landrum and W. A. Jones of Abilene; Miss Opal Jenken, Mr. Quattlebaum of White Flat; Walter Vantress and Traett Jones, Stith; Mrs. Pete Rutledge and Nathan Wood, Merkel; and Houston Robertson and Buster Horton.

Others on the afternoon's program were Miss Ruby Plowman, R. C. Leverett, Abilene; Joe Nalley, Trent; Nathan Wood, Merkel; S. E. Clark and daughter and Geraldine and Dorothy Jean Shaw, Abilene.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Harwell of Abilene were guests Monday of their son, Mr. O. E. Harwell.

Dr. Judson McRee of Dallas has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee, and with his sister, Miss Mabel, is now spending awhile with relatives in Lubbock.

Miss Lucille Jones from Sidney spent the first part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas and will visit the latter part of the week with relatives in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dean and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chaney of Warren Sunday afternoon.

Sunday afternoon guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton were Mr. William Sheppard and Miss Gladys Middleton of Merkel.

Mr. George Ballinger and Miss Ella Merle and Margaret Weed of Abilene were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett and other relatives of Merkel were Sunday guests of Mrs. H. C. Barnett.

White Church News

This part of the Canyon was wonderfully blessed with two good rains last week.

We are very glad to report Mrs. W. H. Brown as improving. She returned to her home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. West visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Will Martin, and family at View Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes were called to Abilene Monday to the bedside of their sister, Mrs. E. B. Barnes, who underwent an operation for appendicitis Sunday night at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium. She is reported as resting fine.

Quite a few of our leaguers attended the district league meeting at Albany Sunday. They report a wonderful time.

W. C. Hunter attended the funeral of her cousin's baby in Merkel Monday.

A number of our ladies attended the kitchen shower at Mrs. Mayfield's at Blair, honoring Mrs. Rex McLean, Monday. The honoree received lots of pretty gifts and everyone reports a wonderful time.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons of Red Springs motored over to spend the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Horton and family of Salt Branch were seen in our midst, motoring around in their new car Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and sons of White Church dined Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Wid Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman were seen in our midst Wednesday.

A goodly number of people from Merkel and the surrounding community attended the commencement sermon at the M. E. church Sunday.

A number of relatives and friends of the family from here attended the funeral services of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Melt Hand at Trent Monday.

Mrs. John Neighbors and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hague Wood, and granddaughter, Miss Bonnie Fae Mathew, left Friday for a week's stay in the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Burfeind, in King county.

Blair schools closed Monday after a most successful year under the direction of Clyde Deavers, principal, and Misses Vernie Derrick, Vera and Mamie Walker, teachers.

Grammar school commencement was held last Friday night at the M. E. church. Decorations were in class colors of orchid and green. The program included: salutatory, Beulah Windham; class history, Hardy Moore; class prophecy, Woodrow Price; class will, Cecil Melton; farewell song, class; valedictory, Devene Clinton; address, by Prof. R. B. Irvin of Merkel, and presentation of diplomas by J. W. Latimer.

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Merkel, delivered the baccalaureate sermon at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning. Mrs. Vance McClain was pianist. The song service was led by Will Mathews, with a special song by Misses Mamie and Vera Walker. The opening prayer was led by J. W. Latimer and the invocation was given by J. A. Neighbors.

Graduating exercises for the Senior class came on Monday night, with decorations in the class colors of gold and green, when the following program was rendered: salutatory, Zuma Spears; song "We Come to Greet You," class; class history, M. L. Windham; class prophecy, Arthur Moore; address, Monta J. Moore; valedictory, Lena Lee Demere; farewell song, class, Vernon Melton; address, S. M. Hunter of Merkel; presentation of diplomas, Clyde Deavers; song, Merkel quartette.

Chick With Four Legs.
Clovis, N. M., May 7.—Gordon Wicks of the Wicks Hatcheries is exhibiting a baby chick with four normal legs, hatched Thursday. It is apparently as healthy as any of the other chicks. One of the chick's extra legs protrudes from its right wing and the other hangs from its chest.



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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

This week marks the close of the 1930-31 session of the Trent Public schools. Grammar School graduation exercises are to be held Thursday night and on Friday night comes the commencement program of the Senior class.

Opening the Grammar School graduation program, Miss Doreen Scott will give the salutatory. Miss Rosalie So Relle is valedictorian of the class. The principal speaker will be Prof. Everett M. Sheppard, of McMurry. The class prophecy will be given by Russell Owens. The presentation of the class is to be made by Prin. Garland P. Franks, while Supt. Ross B. Jenkins will present the diplomas and awards. Mrs. Rado Archer will play the professional and recession numbers, and two special numbers, "Now the Day is Over," and "Santa Lucia," are to be given by the graduates. The invocation is to be by W. J. Armour, the benediction by Jimmie Orand.

Foy B. Steadman gives the salutatory for the Seniors, while Medeah Rawlings will say the valedictory. The Choral Club will give two numbers and Mrs. Rado Archer is to play the professional. Supt. C. Wedgworth of the Snyder schools will come to deliver the address to the Seniors. Prin. L. R. Reeves will present the class and Supt. Ross B. Jenkins will present the diplomas and awards. W. E. Hale will reveal the class prophecy, the invocation to be by Rev. U. S. Sherrill and the benediction by A. C. Terry.

Rev. Eddie McMillan delivered the baccalaureate sermon last Sunday

night at the Trent High school auditorium where all of the commencement activities are being held.

"The Mystery of the Third Gable" was the title of the Senior play, so capably presented Tuesday night, followed on Wednesday night by the Grammar School play, "A Little Clodhopper," a three-act comedy drama that was well received by a large audience.

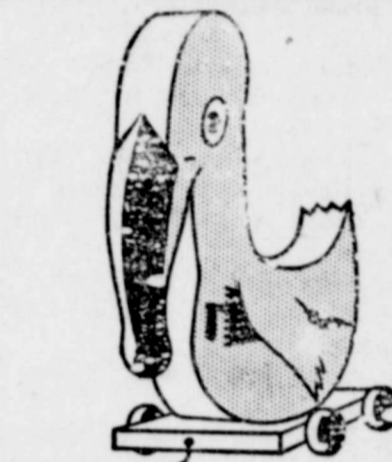
Foot Washing Service At Sand Bur Sunday

A three days meeting will begin at the Primitive Baptist church at Sand Bur Friday of this week, the first service to be held at 2:30 in the afternoon. The preaching will be in charge of Elder J. W. West, assisted by visiting ministers.

Dinner for everybody will be served on the ground Saturday and Sunday. Sunday is communion day.

The program includes baptism on Saturday afternoon and a foot washing service Sunday afternoon.

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Something is Always Worrying El Brendel

El Brendel, premier Swedish comedian of the talking screen, whose latest Fox comedy, "Mr. Lemon of Orange," in which he is co-starred with Fifi Dorsay, will be seen and heard Sunday at the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, is the most easily worried man in Hollywood.

If Brendel really hasn't anything bothering him he worries about that. He thinks something must be wrong, or things wouldn't be going along so smoothly.

Brendel studies harder than any other actor in the film capital, and spends hours working out tricks and funny situations which he is sure will get laughs when he does them before the camera.

"Traveling around the country in vaudeville, playing a different town each week, I learned to depend entirely upon myself," he said. "I used many 'props' in my act, that is, funny clothes, funny equipment and things of that sort. Everything had to be just right or it might fall when I wanted to spring it on an audience. If it didn't work, the stunt would fall flat. So I spent hours practicing with them, and preparing them for each performance.

"I even did all my own sewing on my famous 'breakaway' suit gag which used to be such a great laugh getter. The tuxedo I used had to be put together just so with threads, so that I could break the right one at the right time. I couldn't trust anyone else to do it right, so I got in the habit of doing everything for myself."

Brendel is regarded as the hardest working actor in pictures, spending more time in preparation of his roles than any other player. He rehearses his roles at home before a mirror until he is sure that every gesture and facial expression is exactly right. He works at top speed until a picture is finally completed, and then relaxes completely for a week or so before he starts worrying about something else.

Others in the cast include William Collier, Sr., Ruth Warren, Donald Dilaway and Joan Castle. John G. Blystone directed. The dialogue is by Eddie Cantor and Edwin Burke.

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Personal Mention

Miss Loyce Dry is visiting with friends in Clarksville.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Class spent one day recently in Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese Hail and son visited in Hamlin Sunday.

Miss Flora Frances Anderson was home from T. C. U. to spend the week-end.

Mrs. Scott E. Martin is visiting this week with her parents at Ringgold, Texas.

Dr. Judson McRee of Dallas is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee.

Mrs. Esker Curtis was up from Ranger to spend the week-end with her parents.

R. A. Adeock of Gustine is visiting his sons, O. J. and R. L. Adeock, and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jackson will spend the week-end with his mother in Eldorado, Okla.

Mrs. Earl Beech is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson, for several days.

Mrs. Herman L. Gray and son, Herman Terry, of Paris, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn and family of Owens, Texas, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Haygood will go to Cross Plains to spend Mother's Day with the home folks.

Judge O. O. Chrisman and Alden Russell of Cleburne visited Earl Foster and family Wednesday.

Friends of Mrs. H. H. Jenkins will be glad to learn that she is recuperating after a very serious illness.

Robert N. Campbell has returned from a trip of several days to McCamey, Barnhart and San Angelo.

Mrs. D. Sheppard of Fort Worth was the week-end guest of Mesdames Frank McFarland and S. D. Gamble.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert R. Polley of Houston were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Polley.

Mrs. N. Causseaux accompanied her son, Paul, on his return to San Antonio where she will visit her daughter.

Mrs. Mac Angus enjoyed a visit one day recently from her sister, Mrs. Nat Anderson, and children from Abilene.

J. H. McDonald, popular grocer, was able to be back at the store Thursday after an illness of several days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hedrick of Sweetwater and Mrs. Roscoe Bland spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer and Edwin Wade are enjoying a visit from their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wade, of Newell, Pa.

Mrs. John T. Morgan of Shawnee, Okla., is visiting her mother, Mrs. J.

C. Calvert, also her sisters, Mesdames Russell, Martin and Latham.

Misses Lena V. and Beulah Harrison, Mabel and Lottie Butman and Mesdames Will Butman and Tommie Russon attended the Abilene district league at Albany Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Scott of Amarillo, who was the guest of Mrs. H. C. Reid in the J. Ben Campbell home, returned Tuesday to Amarillo. While Mrs. Scott was here, Mrs. Rowden and little son of Abilene were also guests in the Campbell home.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Comegys were Messrs. Henry Thurmond and John Roundtree and Mr. and Mrs. Will Thurmond, all of Decatur and uncles of Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Comegys. Mr. Will Thurmond was formerly in business in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren drove over to Dallas to spend the week-end with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Coit. They were accompanied by Mrs. Sam Swann, who visited a sister in Dallas, and Mrs. Bob Mayfield, who visited with an aunt in Fort Worth, and who had the pleasure of meeting her sister, Miss Louise Booth from C. I. A., there.

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Four Cities Want Next WTCC Meeting

Lubbock, May 7.—With four cities having announced their entrance into the contest for the 1932 West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention, and all of them already waging aggressive campaigns, indications are that this feature of the thirteenth annual convention of the regional organization here May 14, 15 and 16, will be one of considerable interest.

Sweetwater and Mineral Wells, both candidates last year at Abilene, when this city won the meeting for this year, are again bidding for the convention. Amarillo, host city to the big conference in 1926, is back again, basing its claim on the marvelous growth of its population since the organization last met there, and Dallas, although not in the West Texas territory, is energetically trying to get the convention, in order, officials of the chamber of commerce in that city say, to get West Texas better acquainted with them.

Voting in the convention on selecting the 1932 convention host will be by towns. Each community affiliated with the West Texas chamber being allowed one vote for each paid up membership in the body, and no town to have over 300 votes.

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A small village is being built on the dam site and a railroad to handle supplies for the project is nearing completion.

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