

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## DEATH CLAIMS TWO OF MERKEL'S YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. Slick Liles, 26, and Miss Lillian Rider, 23, Both Pass Away In Period of Less Than Twenty-Four Hours.

The specter of death, which is "no respecter of persons," claimed two of Merkel's splendid young women within a period of less than 24 hours. Mrs. Slick Liles, wife of a local oil well driller, and Miss Lillian Rider daughter of Mrs. Effie Rider, popular and efficient telephone operator, both passed away during the dark hours of Saturday night and Merkel awakened Sunday morning to mourn the loss of these two beloved characters, taken from the midst of the city's activities at the period of their greatest usefulness.

### Mrs. Slick Liles.

At 11 o'clock Saturday night Mrs. Milbra Suber Liles passed away at an Abilene sanitarium, following serious illness. About two weeks before her death she was carried to the sanitarium for an appendix operation and, while improvement was noted, she failed to return to health and strength and death followed after several days. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church here at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, with Rev. E. L. Yeats, the pastor officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were Cecil Guthrie, S. Young, J. M. Craig, W. M. Scranton, Chester Hutcheson and C. W. Moore. Mrs. Liles, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Suber, engaged in farming just at the southwest edge of the city, was born in Ellis county on November 28, 1905. She was married to Slick Liles on March 7, 1928, and besides her husband is survived by a little daughter, Frances Meldene, age 21 months.

Mrs. Liles was a member of the Methodist church, which she joined in 1920, and she actively engaged in the church work, being a member of the Philaetha Sunday School class. In every sphere of life she recognized duty as being foremost and it is inevitable that the bereaved husband and daughter will miss her all the more as the days go by. She was decidedly popular in this city where she had lived most of her life and leaves many friends to mourn her loss.

Besides the husband and little daughter and her parents, Mrs. Liles is survived by two brothers, Hilton and Othar Suber, and two sisters, Lois and Georgia, all residing here.

### Miss Lillian Rider.

A fond and devoted mother and a loving sister will know her no more—Lillian Rider, whom Merkel had seen grow from her babyhood to the fulness of young womanhood, loved by all and a favorite with all, passed away in the early hours of Sunday morning at (Continued on Page Four)

## ADVANCE GUARD TO CONCHO TO PROVIDE FOR LADIES' NIGHT

The advance guard, (providers, in other words,) for the fish fry, with which the Lions are to compliment the ladies next Tuesday evening, will leave Sunday for the Concho or Llano, on both of which streams the fishing is reported fine this season. The party is some eight or ten strong, many of them peerless in the angler's art, including Mat Dillingham, Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, E. Yates Brown, C. W. Delmer, S. D. Gamble, W. L. Diltz, Jr., A. T. Sheppard, Wren Durham, H. H. Jenkins and J. S. Bourn. Some of the fishermen will not leave until Monday, and they will return Monday night or Tuesday, according to the way the fish bite.

The fish fry is to be given at the golf club grounds beginning at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening and will be served camp style. The committee on arrangements is Dee Grimes, chairman, A. T. Sheppard, Booth Warren, E. Yates Brown and S. D. Gamble.

## J. T. Darsey Injured In Fall From Auto

J. T. Darsey, Jr., who received a slight fracture of the skull when he was thrown from the running board of an automobile truck late Tuesday afternoon, was doing as well as could be expected Thursday morning, according to report of the attending physician, who said that the injury probably would not prove serious.

The mishap occurred on Edwards street when Elvis Richardson, who was driving the truck on which J. T. was riding, started to turn into the Blue Front Service station and J. T. was thrown from the truck, striking his head against the pavement.

J. T. just returned a few days ago from the University of Texas, where he was a Freshman last year, to spend the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey.

## Four Merkel Men on 104th Grand Jury

Three Merkel men are on the 104th court grand jury that was convened Monday morning by Judge W. R. Chapman. They are H. H. Toombs, A. R. Booth and F. T. Hogan.

Walter Taylor, banker of Tuscola, is foreman of the body. Other members are G. L. Fox, Buffalo Gap; T. C. Richardson, Hamby; Will Nesmith, Potosi; R. M. Beasley, Trent; J. R. Fielder, Abilene; Tom W. Foster, Wingate; and D. D. Parramore, Abilene.

## Dean Murray Earns B. S. Degree at A&M

Dean Murray returned last Friday from A. & M. college, from which he was graduated with the class of '31, completing his course in electrical engineering and receiving a B. S. degree.

Dean will be at home with his parents during the summer.



KEEPING UP  
WITH TEXAS

E. O. James, 33, fireman for the Tonkawa gasoline refinery at Pyote, was fatally burned when several gasoline stills exploded, enveloping him in flames.

The budget for the city of San Antonio for the current fiscal year, which started June 1, probably will not exceed \$2,640,000, which is about \$640,000 under the budget last year.

Gabriel B. Paxton, 86, early-day Texas merchant and industrial pioneer, died Tuesday morning at the home of his son, George L. Paxton, Jr., in Abilene after an illness of one month.

Ossian E. Carr, 55, city manager of Fort Worth, has accepted the city managership of Oakland, Calif. He will start his duties on July 8th and will be Oakland's first city manager.

While doing his evening chores about the house, W. S. Harmon, about 45, farmer and landowner, was killed by lightning Tuesday on his farm a mile west of Britton in Ellis county.

Fred McJunkin, 46, president of the Southland hotel at Dallas and a widely known figure in Texas sports, died at a hospital in Dallas Tuesday following a heart attack a few days before.

Rev. W. R. White, secretary of the General Baptist convention of Texas, has accepted the pastorate of the Broadway Baptist church, Fort Worth, succeeding the late Rev. Forrest Smith.

Dave Goodwin, 45, tenant farmer, convicted for the murder of Lloyd Elliott, 23, Bowie county hog rancher, has been sentenced to die on August 10 by Judge George W. Johnson of Bowie county.

Proration of every oil field in Texas will be considered at a hearing of the railroad commission to start June 22, which opens discussions for a state-wide agreement as to production to end the soreness in East Texas.

E. A. Bernhausen, assistant football coach at Waco High school for nine years, has been elected to succeed Paul Tyson, who has been granted a year's leave of absence to study under Pop Warner in Leland Stanford university.

Under the terms of a compromise settlement between the Amarillo Gas company and the city of Amarillo, the gas company has agreed to a 27-cent maximum rate and the city is to withdraw its condemnation suit to acquire the local plant.

The contract for printing the cigarette tax stamps up to December 19, 1932, has been let by the state board of control to the Hill Printing company of Waco at 4.98 cents per thousand. The cigarette law will go into effect August 21.

Robert Fitzgerald, 23, manager of the Sweetwater airport, and Roy Stubblefield of Texon, both received injuries that required hospital attention when a plane, a wartime model, obsolete and unlicensed, crashed Sunday afternoon near the Sweetwater landing field.

Annie Mae Williamson, age 3, was killed instantly and her mother and five other persons, all of Dallas, were injured early Monday morning when their automobile plunged from the highway down an embankment and overturned as the party was en route from Dallas to Texarkana to visit relatives.

Eighteen bus passengers were treated to an old-fashioned western stage coach robbery near Shamrock Sunday morning; the bandits conforming strictly to the traditions of Wild Bill Hickok's time, two rode in the bus and the other five were in two automobiles, one behind and one in front of the bus.

## TEXAN AT TOP OF BANKING LADDER

Melvin A. Traylor, Former Ballinger Man, Heads Nation's Fifth Largest Bank.

Chicago, June 11.—Melvin Alvah Traylor, who never saw a railroad train until he was 19 years old, sits today at the head of the nation's fifth largest bank.

The president of the First National bank, now only 52, completed Saturday a merger with the Foreman-State National bank, climaxing his rapid rise to financial fame. Amalgamation of these two institutions was another triumph for Traylor, a former president of the American Bankers' association.

Taylor never owned a pair of shoes until he was seven or saw a train until he left his father's back woods farm in southern Kentucky at 19 to seek his fortune in Texas, but today his judgment affects 3.5 per cent of all the country's bank deposits.

He sometimes refers to himself as a "Hill Billy." His financial shrewdness was bred by the hard work of making ends meet in those almost inaccessible Kentucky hills.

Texas still remembers him as a wise judge of "cattle paper," principal medium of exchange in the land where he learned the banking business and its prime tenet, making sound loans.

The international financial career of "Mel" Taylor began in the bank of Malone, Texas, where he was cashier, teller, janitor and guard. Two years later the Citizens National of Ballinger, Texas acquired his services. In less than a year it paid its first dividend. The watch which the stockholders voted to Traylor on that occasion is still one of his most prized possessions.

Traylor escaped the Texas livestock crash of 1919 and is still a good judge of the impending depression which began in 1929. Only a few weeks ago he scored many brokers for taking advantage of small investors instead of protecting them in marginal markets, and blamed the financiers for the "bull" stock market crash of two years ago.

## Are Attending State Firemen's Convention

Merkel sent a delegation of five, headed by Fire Chief Pete White, to the meeting of the State Firemen's convention at Bryan this week. Others in the party, who traveled via the Santa Fe from Sweetwater, were Morris Horton, assistant chief, Will Burns, city fire marshal, Sam Bankston and Bob Fowler. They expect to return Friday.

## Oklahoma Man Wins Huge Sum on Derby

Tulsa, June 11.—Notification that his English derby sweepstakes prize will amount to \$136,399.48 has been received by C. M. Peterson, Tulsa civil engineer, from officials of the army and navy subscription lottery of Canada. Taxes will amount to approximately \$35,000.

"I don't know exactly what I'm going to do with the money," Peterson said happily, "but a large part of it is going right into government bonds."

Record of Births.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore, Thursday, June 5, 1931.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Gus Glennewinkle, residing near View, Monday, June 8, 1931.

## SHIPMENT OF TWO CARS BEGINNING OF GRAIN MOVEMENT

Two cars of grain were shipped out of Merkel Thursday morning and, while many of the farmers will hold their crops for better prices, prospects are that the marketing of wheat, oats and barley will be quite lively for the next few weeks.

A. J. Canon, who is heading the market here, was the shipper of the two cars Thursday, one car being mixed, half barley and half wheat, and the other car straight wheat.

The prices paid Thursday were: 40 cents for wheat, 15 cents for oats and 18 cents for barley.

Based on information he has received and to the best of his calculations, Mr. Canon estimates the yield of wheat in this section will average about 16 bushels while the oats will average about 50 bushels.

He states that the wheat tests 61 1-2 and that the grade is much better than he expected.

## Lightning Strikes Stith Cotton Gin; Destroyed by Fire

The gin at Stith, owned by Dunagin Brothers, was struck by lightning during the electrical storm about 7:30 Tuesday night and was completely destroyed by the resulting fire.

Insurance was carried in the sum of \$15,000, but the gin property, which was a total loss, was valued at \$25,000.

The gin was erected about ten years ago by Dave Hendricks and had been owned by Dunagin Bros. since 1926.

## Changes Announced In Train Schedule

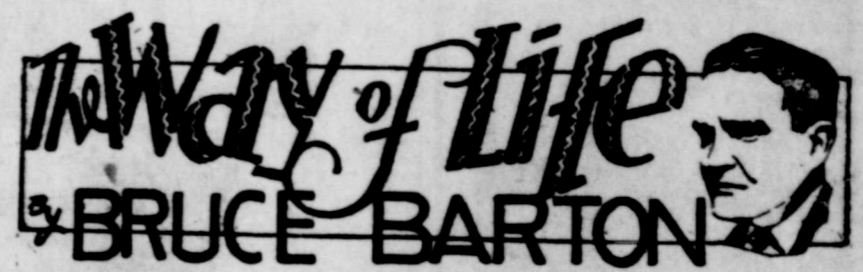
Effective last Sunday, June 7, changes were made in the schedule of three T. & P. trains leaving Merkel.

No. 3, westbound, now leaves at 2:08 p. m., instead of 2:35 p. m., and No. 4, eastbound, now leaves at 3:04 p. m. instead of 3:42 p. m.

No. 6, eastbound, was changed five minutes later, leaving at 2:10 a. m., instead of 2:05 a. m.

### Subscriber 76 Years.

Clarksdale, Miss., June 11.—At the recent celebration of the 94th birthday of the Lexington Advertiser at Lexington, Miss., it was revealed one subscriber had been on the subscription list 76 years.



### GREED.

If any writer were big enough to gather up all the thousands of stories of the stock market crash, he would have material for the Great American Novel.

For the bull market, and the catastrophe which ended it, represented all that is best and worst in the American character: our optimism, which is at once our strength and our weakness; our restless desire to better our condition by any available means; our worthy ambition and our unworthy greed.

One of the best of the market stories was told me by a celebrated surgeon whose name I can not recall.

"I work hard for my money," he said, "and have never speculated. However, the fever got me finally, like everybody else. There was one particular stock which was a favorite in my city. Bank presidents and bootblacks were in it together; it went up by leaps and bounds.

"Against all my traditions, I bought several hundred shares. It continued to climb; I had profit of many thousand dollars.

"One night my wife saw me making penciled calculations on the margin of the newspaper. She said I ought not to be worrying about stocks, and she urged me to sell out and never think about the market again.

"I argued that by holding on for another ten points we could pay for the wing which she wanted to build on the house.

"While we were still talking, my little girl came in to ask my help on her Latin lesson for the next day. It was the translation of Aesop's fable of the dog and the bone. The dog, you remember, saw his reflection in the water and, thinking it was another dog whose bone he would steal, reached down with open jaws and lost his own bone.

"The moral of the fable was, 'Greed usually results in the loss of everything.'

"That night when I went to bed I could not sleep. The fable kept running through my mind. First thing next morning I telephoned my broker to sell me out. It happened that the stock went up a few points, but a couple of weeks later it dropped like a shot. I was very lucky, and had sense enough not to think I had been smart. You can bet that I am done with speculating forever."

I hope that when this editorial is printed we may be in the midst of good times, with increasing business and a rising market. In that case, some young man may see it and appreciate the reminder that "greed usually results in the loss of everything."

## MERKEL 22 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail June 11, 1909.)

(Editor's Note—As copies of The Mail for the summer months of 1911 are missing from the office files, the items this week and for several weeks following will be "22 years ago.")

Will Buchanan left Tuesday for Abilene to attend the Normal.

Claud Comegys this week shipped a pair of Ohio improved Chester pigs to Gainesville. Claud is a stock fancier and has realized some ready cash as profit on several investments in swine.

A BUNCH OF BRICKS.  
Laborers begin work making ready to erect the most modern and magnificent brick structures in the city. Dr. J. O. Crenshaw personally attended the breaking of the dirt with Contractor J. S. Burkhead on hand.

At a meeting of the city council Wednesday afternoon, Drs. Adkisson and Miller were appointed city health officers, B. C. Gaither chief of the Volunteer Fire department and W. T. Potter was elected city attorney.

MANLEY-CARTER.  
At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto

Carter in this city Mr. S. D. Manley was married to Miss Leola Carter last Saturday night, Rev. S. J. Vaughn officiating.

### SANTA FE SAYS NIT.

There is nothing doing for the little city in clover in regard to the Santa Fe cut-off which is surveyed to go a few miles south of us.

This information is in a letter from President E. F. Ripley to J. T. Warren, president of the F. and M. National bank. It is in reply to a letter written by Mr. Warren asking if bonus or other consideration could change the route to include our little city and the big railroad magnate expressed his appreciation of our good officers but said a bonus would be no consideration for them.

### WATER FOR MERKEL.

In the election Tuesday our good people made amends for unfavorable effort which was made last fall. Majority is overwhelming as people vote for issuance of bonds to provide protection for property.

Miss Annie Lou Powell has returned from Austin where she has been attending the State University.



### Returned from Church Assembly at Pittsburg, Tells of Proceedings

Mayor W. M. Elliott, who as lay delegate attended the sessions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., at Pittsburg, Pa., May 28 to June 3, returned home Friday night. The other delegate from the Abilene presbytery was Rev. J. Wood Parker of Post, ministerial commissioner.

Mayor Elliott left in time to be present also for the pre-assembly, May 26 and 27, which was largely a conference on evangelism.

In referring to the workings and accomplishments of the sessions of the General Assembly, Mr. Elliott reports that some of its important business was as follows:

"Spiritual emphasis was the supreme issue of the Assembly, and the great national annual congress representing 2,000,000 communicant members sounded as the keynote for the coming year the spiritual quickening of the entire church. The dominating spirit of the business of the Assembly was toward a great renewal of faith and great revival of Christian work throughout the United States and in the countries where Presbyterian missions are conducted.

"The Assembly upheld President Hoover in his policy of law observance. It made a strong pronouncement for universal peace, for the entrance of the United States into the World Court, for liberty of conscience, and for obtaining for Presbyterian students in colleges the same exemption from compulsory military training that is granted to members of the Society of Friends, the Assembly considering that a Presbyterian conscience is just as good as a Quaker conscience.

"Temperance and prohibition, Sabbath observance and other fundamentals of old-fashioned American Christianity, were held up as essentials in combatting the evils of the times. Strong pronouncements were made against the liquor traffic, against the commercialization of the Sabbath by professional sports and motion picture houses, and against intrusion of objectionable amusements into church buildings. The sanctity of marriage, the family and the home was emphasized and greater restrictions against the divorce evil were advocated.

"In the adoption of a special report on social and industrial relations, the General Assembly prepared for larger activities for the remedy of unemployment and kindred ills through a permanent organization on social and industrial relationship and for the extension of brotherhood and fraternalism.

"Better interracial relations were advocated, lynching and mob violence were condemned, and cooperation and

union among denominations were advanced.

"A greater Christian usefulness of the entire man-power of the church was planned through more rigid requirements for an educated ministry and more intelligent practical evangelism through elders.

"The Assembly's celebration of the centennial of its foreign missions work led to affirmation of a great forward program throughout the world with a renewal of missionary preaching in every pulpit. The Assembly joined other ecclesiastical courts in urging upon President Hoover a national day of prayer and humiliation as a part of the inter-denominational crusade for Christianizing all nations."

### Sunday School-BYPU Sessions on June 18

Annual convention of the Baptist Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U. societies of district 17 is to be held at Sweetwater, Thursday, June 18. Sessions will be in the First Baptist church of which Dr. George Green is pastor and Taylor McCasland educational director.

State leaders in Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. organizations will take part in the program. G. S. Hopkins is to represent the state Sunday School department and T. C. Gardner the state training service.

J. Lee Tarpley is district president of the Sunday School division and Walter Jackson, educational director of the Abilene First Baptist church, is president of the training service division.

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### 75 Feminine Sponsors At Stamford Reunion

Stamford, June 11.—Every town in West Texas, and all the important cities of the state, are being asked to have official representation here June 25, 26 and 27, for the second annual Texas Cowboy reunion, in the form of a young lady representing the cattle interests in the districts served by those towns and cities.

Approximately 75 feminine sponsors are expected by Warren B. Tayman, chairman of the reunion's program and parade committee. He has sent special information on the selection of the sponsors and the part they will have in the celebration program to over 100 different communities, and reports that he already has received several messages evidencing that there will be a large number of girls here for this event from various towns.

This group of young ladies will lead the opening day parade of the reunion, to be staged at 1:00 p. m., June 25, and will participate in a number of other features of the program. They will act as sponsors for the pioneer cattleman in their respective communities and be given numerous courtesies by the reunion association.

Each of them will be from a family interested in the cattle business and will bring her own horse, saddle and ranch costume with her. Special social events for the sponsors will be arranged on each day of the reunion, Tayman says. The affair is being staged for the entertainment and enjoyment of the pioneers of the cattle range days of this area and reports coming in from over the country indicate that the attendance this season

will be double that of last year, when the first reunion was held here.

#### Hitching Posts Go.

Pueblo, Colo. June 11.—Old timers stood with tears in their eyes as the courthouse square hitching posts, relics of the horse-and-buggy age, passed into limbo. This final attack on the remnants of the bygone century was ordered by the county commissioners, who had the 13 hitching posts removed. Automobiles with uncertain brakes, it seems, have been taking their toll of the posts.

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

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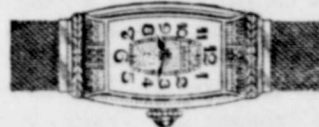


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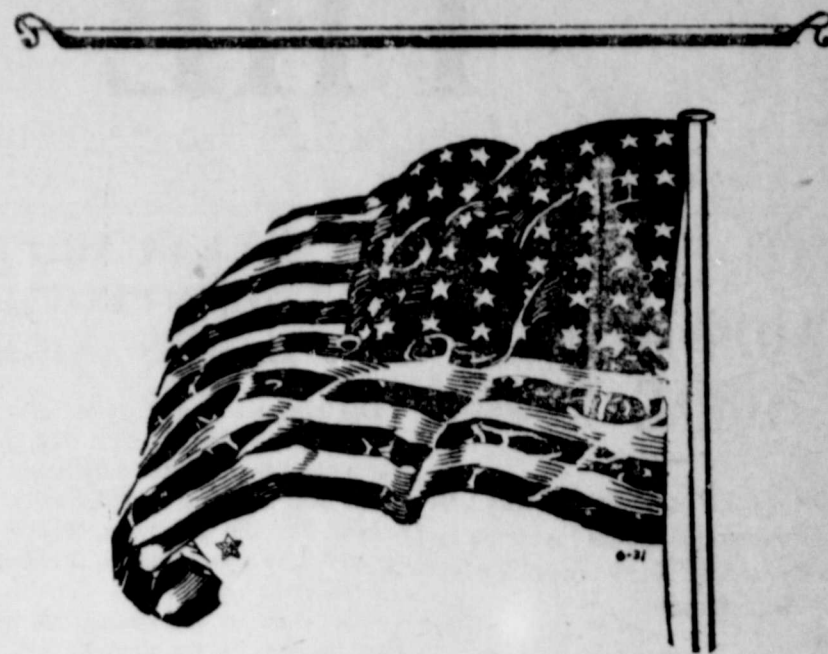
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# TIGER EYE

by B. M. Power



**ELEVENTH 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, "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 succors 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 and shoots him through both hands.

Nellie's dad is shot from ambush and suspects Babe against his wish. The latter thinks another nester killed the old man. Babe is wounded by hidden enemies, who also shoot at Tiger Eye but miss. The Kid pulls Babe back into the cabin and wounds one of the attackers.

Nellie comes to the cabin secretly and aids Tiger Eye to escape with the wounded Babe. While they are riding off, Babe becomes delirious and accuses the Kid of trying to cheat him out of the pay for killing Nellie's brother. Nellie, outraged at being betrayed in her faith in the Kid, slashes him across the face and rides away. After tending Babe over to the Poole outfit, Tiger Eye finds a deserted cabin and determines to wage independent war on the killers of both factions.

**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—**  
His grub was getting low. He wanted more money than he had in his pocket. Wouldn't he be working for wages now for awhile, and grub costs money.

So he sat one night in a poker game with three cowboys from over toward the Rosebud and a lucky prospector just in from the Black Hills. Walked out at daylight with his pants bulging at the sides like a pocket gopher packing grass to its burrow. Honest player, though. Never caught him in any funny business. Plain lucky, that kid with the one yellow eye.

He rode out of town at noon, Barney taking careful, nippy steps to balance the big and bulging pack on his back. Pecos, too, carried more than his master that day. Tobacco and five pounds of candy and a songbook and two cartons of cartridges wrapped in the kid's slicker and tied behind the cante. The kid's pockets sagged with six new mouth organs, keys C and D, in bright red pasteboard boxes.

The kid was almost ready now to show Nellie Murray he was neither a killer nor a cur to take a licking and crawl off under the brush and whimper over his hurts. He was just about ready to start in taming the killers. Right soon, now, the name of Tiger Eye would send men's glances back over their shoulders and make a prickle go up into the roots of their hair. The range tiger was going on the prowl.

It was hot down in that willow growth through which the kid was riding. They came out finally against a barbed-wire fence, built straight across through the thicket. Good stout posts that looked solid as the teeth in the kid's mouth. Four wires strung so tight they hummed like a tuning fork when the kid leaned over and gave one a jerk. No fooling with that fence. Cattle proof and storm proof, like the fences the railroads built along their right-of-way.

Plumb strange to find a fence like that over in this part of the country. This wasn't Poole land, and he never heard of any nesters over in this direction. No trails coming up this way, no nothing. Shoah was mysterious.

They followed the fence for half an hour of steady plodding along the narrow lane cut by the fence builders. They came slap up against a sandstone ledge where the last post stood in a hole drilled into solid rock and was set there with cement. And that was plumb strange too. Nothing to do about it, though. Couldn't even ride back along the edge of the willows because it was just a mess of broken rock and rubble from the steep slope

that evidently stood above the ledge.

Once more the kid turned Pecos short around, and rode back along the fence. He crossed a creek bed covered with hot sun-bleached cobblestones with stagnant pools in the hollows. There the fence became a brush and wire barrier higher than the kid's head. No animal bigger than a rabbit could wriggle through there. He rode another half mile or two before he came to the edge of the fence and found it anchored to the other arm of the sandstone ledge.

An hour or more later Pecos stopped on the crest of a long ridge and stood with braced legs, completely winded after the steep climb, though the kid had been considerate enough to come up on his own feet.

He had plenty of time to rest and doze while the wind pleasantly dried his sweaty hide, for the kid sat down with his knees hunched up to brace his elbows, and through the glasses very carefully examined this strange conglomeration of hills and hollows and wild crooked canyons.

The kid moved his glasses a little and saw a horseman just riding out of sight behind a chokecherry thicket. He seemed to be coming down the canyon.

The kid rode slowly along the canyon bottom, playing his mouth organ as he went, and letting his long legs sway to the rhythm of the tune. The kid's eyes lightened with a peculiar gleam but the tune he was playing never missed a note, until a black horse and rider came into view. The kid gave one startled look and the music ceased with a squawk.

Nellie Murray, dressed in her dead brother's overalls and blue gingham shirt with her thick braid of yellow hair sweeping the cantle of her saddle as she rode! She carried her dad's rifle in the crook of her arm, as if she meant to meet danger a little more than halfway, and as the two horses stopped of their own accord, she lifted the rifle midway to her shoulder, then let it down again.

The kid looked at her with that curious, steady stare of his yellow right eye, and his face had the expressionless look of a trained gambler. Cold and hostile and ready for war he looked, but he didn't feel that way. Hot crimples went chasing up his spine, and the back of his neck had a queer tightened feeling, as he stared at her.

"Well! I've found one of you, anyway!" she exclaimed, in a tone that was worse than another cut of the quirt. "Where are the cattle?"

"What cattle?"

"Our cattle that you Poole men stole out of our pasture last night. Every hoof we own! I'm going to get them back, if I have to fight every Texas killer in the country."

"I'm a Texas man, all right, but I'm no killah. Told yo'all that befo'."

"Well, that remains to be seen. You're a Poole man, anyway. You must know where our cattle are."

"Shoah wish I did. The Poole's fighting nesters, I know that. But they don't steal cattle, Miss Murray."

"Oh, don't they? Walter Bell ought to raise your wages for saying that!"

"He kain't. I'm not working for the Poole."

"No? How long since?"

"Since that night we got Babe outa Cold Spring cabin."

"I suppose the Poole fired you for poor shooting!"

Her short scornful laugh turned the kid's ears red as if she had slapped them, but he made no answer to the taunt. What was the use?

He wrapped the bridle reins around the saddle horn and began to roll a cigarette, taking plenty of time. A man could do a heap of thinking over a cigarette without giving himself away.

"You must know the Poole ran off with our cattle!"

"No, kain't say I do."

"Well, they did."

"Yo'all right shoah it was the Poole?"

"I wouldn't say it if I wasn't sure," she retorted sharply. "None of our neighbors would do it, and besides, I trailed them up on the Bench and over this way. The Poole wants to

run us out of the country. You know why, don't you?"

"Kain't say I do, lessen it's because yoah a nestah."

"Oh, of course all the nesters are being made the goats for Walter Bell! He's got to lay the blame somewhere for his stealings. But he's scared to death of us Murrays and he means to drive us out. He's got Ed and father out of the way, but he's afraid of Mother and me too. You know why, don't you?"

"Kain't blame 'em for that," he said drily.

Nellie flushed and looked down at the rifle sagging in her grasp.

"It's because old Walt Bell is afraid Mother and I know what Ed found out about the Poole. Ed caught the Poole cowboys stealing Poole cattle, that's why! Some of them—that stand in close with Walter Bell. Joe Hale for one, and Jess Markel for another. He caught them running a wildcat brand on Poole calves, over this way somewhere. He found out a lot, and then he wrote back to the head moguls in New York and told them what was going on." She bit her lip. "That was away last March, and they haven't done a thing about it, though Mother says Ed sent enough proof to put the whole outfit in the pen."

"Shoah had nerve, that boy." The cigarette was lighted but the kid forgot to smoke it. His mind went shuttling back and forth, weaving Nellie's story into certain puzzling fragments of information he had never been able to make anything of.

"Of course he had nerve! Too much. He wanted to get the goods on that bunch without dragging the neighbors into it. He never told them what he was doing, but he told Father."

"Plumb strange yo'all nevah mentioned it, when we talked these things ovah at the cabin. 'Peahs like I wasn't trusted at no time."

"I didn't know it then. Mother knew, but they were afraid to talk about it. Much. She only told me early this morning, when we found out our cattle were gone. I rode down to the pasture to bring up the cows and there wasn't a hoof in sight. I saw where they'd been driven off, and then when I went to tell Mother, she told me the whole story."

"Shoah would like to know what yo' mothah said," he observed, in what would have been a cold and formal tone, except that the kid's soft Texas voice made a pleasing melody whenever he spoke.

"Mother told me Ed was always trying to figure out why the Poole had it in for the nesters, after letting them settle in the valley without making a fuss. Ed did a lot of riding outside the valley. The Poole claimed he was rustling calves, but that's a lie. I know how we got every hoof we owned. We only had forty-two head. Now we haven't got any."

"If yo' brothah got proof—"

"He got enough to put the fear of the Lord into Walter Bell," she declared bitterly. "We don't know whether they saw Ed watching them, or whether the Eastern owners wrote back and told Walt what Ed said about him and his outfit. The Poole certainly must have found out somehow, and it wasn't from any of the valley folks, for they don't know it. The Poole started in—dry-gulshing, if you know what that means, and I suppose you do, all right." She sent him a quick glance and looked away again when the kid failed to meet her eyes. "Before, it was just mean range tricks—hogging the range and accusing the nesters of rustling calves and killing beef and all that. But all at once they started killing. Ed was one of the first—"

"If yo'h'd give me the brands so I'd know yo' mothah's cattle when I find 'em—"

"Well, it's Reverse E. But I couldn't think of troubling you, Mr. Reeves. I intend to get those cattle myself."

"It's a man's job," the kid said gruffly.

"Well, I'm the man of the family now, so it's my job. So long, Mr. Reeves!" She gathered up the reins and tapped her horse lightly with the quirt—just as if it never had been put to a more sinister use—and rode on past the kid with her chin tilted upward and her gaze bent ostentatiously

upon a straggling, small herd of cattle feeding over on the farther slope.

"Adios, Miss Murray!" The kid kicked Pecos into a trot and rode on into the rocky pass, playing his mouth organ so loudly he cracked a reed so that the note buzzed like a bee in a bottle.

He rode on ahead of her. Didn't act like she was going home. Didn't try to catch up with him, either. The kid got to worrying about what she meant to do, and finally he pulled in behind a ledge and waited for her to come along, so he could give her another piece of his mind. Yet when she rode up she didn't give him a chance.

"If you're bound to hunt our cattle, I guess we better work together," she said cheerfully. "This is awful rough country."

"Go awn home like I told yo'all."

"Oh, forget it!" she snapped. "I'm not going, and that settles it. If you want to get rid of me so bad, hurry up and find our cattle."

"If it wasn't for yo' mothah, I wouldn't tuh'n my hand ovah for yo'all!" the kid blurted fiercely.

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MISS FRANCES ANDERSON TO WED MARVIN ALSTON; PETED EXTENSIVELY IN FT. WORTH, SWEETWATER AND MERKEL.

**ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY.**

Mrs. R. O. Anderson entertained a large number of friends on last Saturday afternoon from three to six. The elaborate party appointments featured a color theme of orchid and green which was augmented in gorgeous floor baskets of larkspur and in massed orchid sweet peas as house decorations. Table covers were in orchid and green and carried game accessories of gold in silhouette design.

Bridge games progressed happily until guests were interrupted by the ballad of a small newsboy announcing an "Extra" of the Merkel Mail and Frank Jr. McFarland passed out miniature copies of the Merkel Mail which announced the marriage of Miss Frances Anderson to Red Alston of Hereford on June 14, 1931.

When the excitement of this thrilling announcement had somewhat subsided, Miss Lucy Tracy charmingly gave excerpts from the play, "Peg O' My Heart." Miss Marjorie Bland of Abilene played beautifully a "Ballad in A Flat" and was forced to respond to an encore and most graciously played Debussy's "Cafe-Walk."

At the refreshment hour a lovely salad and ice plate was passed in which the party colors were reflected in a cool green salad, orchid tinted sandwiches, cut heart shaped, and orchid plaques moulded of cream in replica of a bride and groom silhouette. Dainty gold wedding slippers were plate favors for seventy-two guests.

**OLD FASHIONED PARTY.**

The home of Mrs. C. H. West was the scene of a lovely party on Tuesday afternoon when Mesdames Dora Sheppard and Bill Sheppard of Dallas, R. I. Grimes, H. C. West, S. D. Gamble and F. C. McFarland were joint hostesses in complimenting Miss Frances Anderson whose engagement to Marvin Alston was announced last week.

Wedding colors of orchid and green were given emphasis in floral decorations for the house and at tables appointed for games of bridge and "42." Miss Marian Sheppard presided at the guest book where more than seventy guests registered during the afternoon. Game appointments were old-fashioned girls as score pads with tallies forming her bouffant skirt. Huge corsages fashioned of multi-colored cardies formed an old fashioned bouquet at each table.

At the refreshment hour delicious brick cream and cakes, topped with dainty dresden ladies, the cake forming her lovely bouffant skirt with lavender sweet peas as plate favors, was served.

Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird softly rendered old Love Songs at the piano during the refreshment hour and played into the melodies of "An Old-fashioned Garden," which was sung by Mrs. Doss Sheppard and Mrs. Henry West in lovely harmony. Miss Modine Sheppard was then announced in a beautiful gown of bouffant style and Miss Anderson was presented to her by Miss Elma Maye Gamble also in colonial costume. Miss Sheppard presented the honoree with her bouquet and in prettily chosen words disclosed the fact that her voluminous skirt contained a shower of beautiful gifts.

Following is a complete guest list for both parties: Mrs. Courtney Hunt and Miss Madalin Hunt of Haskell, Mrs. C. H. Alston, Miss Alva Alston, Miss Jessie Lou Alston, Miss Charla Alston, Sweetwater, Mrs. Bill Sheppard, Mrs. Doss Sheppard, Miss Marian Sheppard, Miss Modine Sheppard, Miss Roberta Sloan, Dallas, Mrs. D. Sheppard and Mrs. O. M. Sharp, Fort Worth, Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird, Mrs. Bob Echols of Albany, Mrs. Willie Davis, Mrs. Ray Booth, Mrs. Sam Parker of Sweetwater, Miss Marjorie Scott, Victoria, Texas, Miss Frances Veale of Breckenridge, Texas, Mrs. Claude Young, Miss Marjorie Bland, Miss Marshalene Stowe, Miss Elizabeth Bacon, Mrs. Ernest Old, Mrs. Nat Anderson, Abilene, Miss Grace Pearl Sudderth of Lenard, Texas, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Barney Young of Detroit, Texas, Mrs. Walter Price of Lubbock, Elizabeth Harkrider, Austin, Mrs. H. B. Leeton, Eldorado, Ark., Miss Ruth Swafford of Kansas City, Mesdames W. T. Sadler, Bob Mayfield, Geo. Overton, W. L. Johnson, Jr., H. H. Jenkins, Geo. White, Belle Kimbrough, Charlie Largent, R. I. Grimes, W. L. Diltz, Jr., H. C. West, Geo. West, Claude Comegys.

Horton Sudderth, Abilene; Mrs. Clyde Smith, Lorraine; and Mr. and Mrs. Buford Books and daughter, Bobbie Joan, Sweetwater.

F. C. McFarland, S. D. Gamble, Byers Pettie, R. A. Walker, Bob McDonald, and Nathan Wood; Misses Louise Booth, Mildred Hamm, Lola Dennis, Maurine Tipton, Lucy Tracy, Mary E. Grimes, Vennie Heizer, Matilou Largent, Anna Lou Russell, Addie Holler, Missie Dye, Mary Eula Sears, Jess Sutphen, Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Martha Bird, Doris Durham, Vera, Mamie and Velma Walker, Evelyn Curb and Myrtle McDonald.

**MORNING PARTY.**

Miss Lola Dennis complimented Miss Frances Anderson, bride-elect, with a most enjoyable morning affair on Wednesday. A profusion of summer folwers provided a pretty setting for tables arranged for bridge games. Game appointments were in bridal motif.

At the culmination of the games Mrs. Jack Anderson was awarded a lovely flower bowl for high score; she most graciously presented her gift to the honoree.

A delectable salad and ice course in which the wedding colors of orchid and green were stressed in a refreshing mint ice, a lavender salad, sandwiches and olives with miniature Cupids as plate favors was passed by Miss Dennis, assisted by her mother, Mrs. J. T. Dennis, to Miss Anderson, Miss Clovis Cox, Miss Janice Dulaney, Mrs. John R. Cox, Jr., Sweetwater; Mesdames R. O. Anderson, Jack Anderson, Claude Young, Sidney Foy, W. T. Sadler, Bob Mayfield, Ernest Old, Misses Grace Pearl Sudderth, Addie Holler, Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Marian Sheppard, Mary Eula Sears, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Roberts Sloan, Evelyn Curb, Louise Booth, Missie Dye, Madalin Hunt, Annie Lou Russell, Lucy Tracy, Vennie Heizer, Doris Durham and the hostesses.

**CASE-KEY.**

The marriage of Milton Case to Miss Maggie Sue Key of Winters came as a complete surprise to their many friends here. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents at eight o'clock Sunday morning in the presence of only a few close friends and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case, parents of the groom. The Rev. J. W. Koker, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Winters, officiated.

The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Key, general agent for the Texas Co. at Winters. During her recent visits in Merkel she has made many friends who look forward with pleasure to her arrival here. She is a graduate of Winters High school and also attended Trinity University at Waxahachie.

Milton is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case of this city. Since graduating from high school here he has been associated with his father in the grocery business. He is a most popular member of Merkel's younger set, a leader in all social, religious and musical activities and a large number of friends join the Merkel Mail in offering congratulations to this young couple.

After a honeymoon trip to the Carlsbad Caverns and other western points, they will be at home in the W. E. Price cottage.

**NICHOLS-YOUNG.**

Thursday afternoon at six o'clock Miss Willie Lois Young and Ted Nichols were united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caudle, of Ballinger, Rev. T. E. Bowman, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating.

Mrs. Nichols is the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Young, retired farmer of Winters. She is a graduate of Hillsboro High school, also attended normal at Denton. Mrs. Nichols has visited in Merkel and, because of a most gracious and charming personality, has made friends who welcome her most heartily into Merkel society.

Ted Nichols is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nichols of Winters. After serving with the 38th division infantry in France, he became associated with California and Oklahoma ice companies and has been the genial proprietor of the Nichols Ice company of Merkel for about three years. Not only is he much respected as a business man but Ted is one of the best liked men in Merkel. His integrity is unquestioned and a hearty laugh which makes him just as many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols are receiving congratulations in the Mollye Shannon house on Oak street.

**BAPTIST CIRCLE.**

Mrs. W. L. Johnson was hostess Tuesday afternoon to Blanche Rose Walker circle of the First Baptist church. Mrs. Causseaux conducted the lesson on "The Gospel of Mark." The circles will meet at the church on Tuesday, June 16.

**SLEUMBER PARTY.**

Miss Elma Maye Gamble complimented her cousin, Billie Louise Nix, of

**CHURCHES**

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

The revival at the Baptist church was a great success. Considering the very busy season, it was well attended. The day congregations were exceptionally fine. The spirit of the revival seemed to grip the people from the first service. Christians were made to feel their need of a Saviour more keenly, and many consecrated their lives anew to Him. We are profoundly grateful to God for the 23 conversions and additions to the church. Let Christians continue their prayers for the many who are lost in our goodly little city.

The pastor will preach at both hours next Sunday and at the close of the evening service will baptize a large number of new converts.

Brother Yates Brown deserves much credit for his faithful service in leading the singing. He was very ably assisted by Brethren Conner and Leonard. We deeply appreciate the separated services of these noble brethren. Miss Lucy Tracy inspired the preacher to preach and the public to sing with her magic touch in playing the piano.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for all who attended and co-operated in making the revival a success.

J. T. King, Pastor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

The attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 862, as compared with 735 on the same Sunday in June a year ago, which indicates a splendid growth. The attendance for several Sundays past has held close to the 900 figure.

**MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.**

The Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service will be held at the Methodist church next Sunday, with John Tombs as leader. The lesson will be from the third chapter of Acts. All

After a refreshing ice box supper, Fort Worth with a slumber party on Saturday night.

Outdoor games were played on the lawn until a late hour. Guests were Billie Louise Nix, Modyne Sheppard of Dallas, Mary Helen Lancaster, Sarah Sheppard, Genevieve Bryan, Billie Bernice Gambill and the hostess.

**BIRTHDAY DINNER.**

Mrs. E. W. King entertained a number of young folks on last Sunday in celebration of the birthdays of Harold King, Leonard Reeves and William Sheppard with an all-day affair. A delectable fried chicken menu was served at high noon to Misses Mabel Watson of Waxahachie, Oleta Moore, Margaret Canon, Ida Maye Derstine, Messrs. Leonard Reeves, Harold King, William Sheppard and Benjamin Sheppard.

**Announces Opening of Two New Sub-Stations**

Announcement has just been made by the Nichols Ice company of the opening of two new drive-in ice stations within the next few days.

J. T. Darsey, Jr., and Elvis Richardson will be in charge of one, located on the corner of Elm and Lamar streets across from Rodden's Studio. The other new station will be at Sumpter's Filling Station, next to the Merkel Produce company.

**Reduced Prices for Season at Shannon's**

Reduced prices are now in effect at Shannon's Swimming pool and large numbers are already availing themselves of the opportunity to "swim and save."

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**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

Small attendance in Sunday School last Sunday—twenty-five present. Preaching next Sunday by the pastor. A children's day program at the evening service at 8:30. We extend an invitation to all who can be with us in our services.

W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**

Next Sunday will be Sunday School day. The program will be at the evening hour and an excellent service is promised by those in charge. The children are practicing each evening this week for the event.

We are still taking subscriptions for the church repair and about two hundred dollars are in hand. Help us with the other hundred. Everybody is helping a little, and how happy we will be when the badly needed repairs are finished.

Regular services Sunday morning. Preaching by the pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. It will require some effort and interest to keep up the attendance during the hot weather, but remember the fans in the church will make you comfortable.

No preaching service Sunday, as the pastor will be at Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**

The Lord willing, I shall begin a series of Bible discourses at the tabernacle in Merkel, Texas, Friday, June 12th, 8:30 p. m.

Purpose—The glory of God and spiritual uplift of humanity. Undenominational—I shall adhere tenaciously to the preaching of the gospel as taught by Christ and the Apostles, without fear or favor.

No axe to grind, except with sin and Satan—I earnestly desire the presence, prayers and co-operation of all God's children who are interested in this great work.

Now for one strong pull in this city for a closer walk with God and the salvation of the lost is my earnest prayer.

Q. Brown, A servant of Jesus Christ.

**Subjects Announced Each Night at Trent Methodist Church**

The services at the Methodist church this week have been most helpful. Good crowds are attending the meetings, and favorable comment is heard by those who come. Sunday night Rev. E. L. Yeats, our pastor at Merkel, preached a very inspiring sermon on

**THE POETS CORNER**

"A HOUSEWIFE'S ADVENTURE."  
Some one said "house work is humdrum, ah, me!

Dusting's tiresome, cooking bores,  
Sweeping's grimy, answering doors,  
All are endless tiring chores."

Mayhap that is true for some folk,  
I'll agree,  
But not all; 'tis for me,  
High adventure, on the sea,  
Baking cakes or shelling peas.

I can't ever call it humdrum, baking cake—  
In the oven, will it rise?  
Peeping shyly, heaving sighs,  
As success you may surmise.

Or the modern hunt for treasure, as a pea  
Flies the coop, wildly seeks,  
Darkest spot, found next week  
By the baby, with a shriek.

Humdrum? No a big adventure, with a thrill,  
Cleaning, cooking, planning meals,  
A big machine wheels in wheels,  
One of life's big business deals.

**the general subject "Keeping Clean."**

The audience was held in rapt attention through to the close. A majority of the young people present came forward pledging themselves to a life of clean wholesome living. Monday night Rev. E. E. White, presiding elder of the Abilene district, brought us a great challenge on "Stewardship."

Brother White is not a stranger in our pulpit here, and the people come when they know he is to preach. Tuesday evening Rev. J. H. Hamblen, pastor of First Methodist church, Abilene, came to us and stirred our hearts again with an address on "Prohibition." The night being a stormy one, the crowd was small, but appreciative.

The remaining services are as follows: Thursday evening Miss Morton, daughter of Rev. W. B. Morton, and student in Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tenn., will speak on "Missions;" Friday evening Rev. J. Richard Spann, pastor St. Paul Methodist church, Abilene, will speak on the subject "Christian Education." Saturday evening Brother Morton will speak again on "The Church." Sunday morning Sunday School will convene at 9 a. m. At 10 a. m. we will have an old time Methodist "Love Feast" conducted by Rev. R. E. L. Stutts. At 11 a. m. Rev. W. B. McKeown, a superannuate Methodist preacher of Abilene, will preach. Sunday night is Laymen's Night at which time the laymen will have charge of the program. All our evening services begin at 8:15 p. m. We are pleased with the support being given these meetings, and again urge your presence at all the coming services.

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**Barn Destroyed by Fire.**

A barn on the J. A. Patterson place, about four miles north of Merkel, was destroyed by fire at 12:30 Wednesday night, the barn and contents being an entire loss. The place was occupied by R. R. Clark and the barn contained feed and harness. The loss is estimated at about \$600, with no insurance. Origin of the fire is unknown.

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Fort Worth, Texas, June 11.—Trading in the cattle division was rather slow Wednesday, beef steers meeting with a very poor demand, but the market was generally steady. Receipts were estimated at 2,400 head of cattle and 500 calves.

Two-year-old steers reached \$6.00. Other sales of beef steers were around \$4.00 to \$5.25. Fat cows of good quality notched \$4.00. Canners and cutters sold at \$1.50 to \$2.50. The best yearlings available moved within a spread of \$6.50 to \$7.35. Several cars of light calves brought \$6.50 to \$7.25 and a few choice weighty calves made \$6.00 to \$6.50.

Prices paid for hogs were steady, only 200 head arriving. A short car brought \$6.35 and the same value was paid for the best truck consignments.

Sheep and lambs held steady with the week's decline. Around 6,000 head were on offer. Lambs brought \$4.50 to \$5.75, 2-year-old wethers were taken at \$3.00 to \$3.25 and aged sheep went at \$1.50.

**Cattle Movement.**

Jasper McCoy has trucked two loads of cattle to Fort Worth this week, shipping 12 head on Tuesday and 10 head on Thursday.

On Friday of last week C. M. Largent and Sons sold four registered Hereford bulls to Raymond Dickson, who trucked them to Old Mexico. During the week they also shipped 7 head of registered Hereford heifers to a Sugarland breeder.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank our many friends for the tender evidences of their love as revealed in the many kind acts of assistance during the illness of our beloved wife and mother; for their helpful sympathy in our bereavement, and also for the beautiful flowers in tribute of love for our dear one and consolation for us.

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**Vetoes Pink Boll Worm Appropriation**

Austin, June 11.—Governor Ross Sterling has filed his veto of the \$1,000,000 appropriation for repayment to farmers for losses occasioned by the campaigns against pink boll worm and cattle ticks.

The bill originated as a measure to reimburse West Texas farmers in accordance with an agreement by which they withdrew contemplated litigation over the pink boll worm regulations. In the legislature it was amended to include losses sustained by other cotton farmers and by cattle owners due to tick eradication work. These additions swelled the total from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000. Governor Sterling said the original appropriation probably was justified, but that it would be wrong to include a tick refund.

**Menger Hotel Sold.**

San Antonio, June 11.—One of the oldest hotels in the southwest changed hands again here recently when the Menger Hotel Operating company was sold to Horace Groom and associates. The Menger for several years has been a unit of the Baker hotel chain. Confirmation of the sale was made by Paul McSween, vice presi-

dent of the Baker Hotel corporation, but the consideration was not made public.

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## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

### SLUMBER PARTY.

Doreen Scott entertained eight of her friends with a slumber party last Saturday night. After staying up all night, the guests enjoyed a sunrise breakfast. Those participating in the affair were Misses Mildred Steadman, June Gafford, Helen and Vera Bright, Lena Mae Moore, Kathlyn Shannon, Elizabeth Winn and Joan and Doreen Scott.

### COMPLIMENTING MISS TITS-WORTH.

Miss Thelma Titworth of Rankin was the honoree of a gay and most enjoyable slumber party Saturday, June 6, when Mrs. Buddie Burks and Mrs. T. G. Hamner were joint hostesses in the former's home. Games, music and contests furnished diversion until ten o'clock when a dainty plate of pimento cheese sandwiches and iced tea was served. The amusement for the remainder of the night was singing and telling ghost stories. At 3 a. m. delicious cake and cream was served. The guests then retired for a few hours to be awakened for a sunrise breakfast consisting of coffee, bacon and eggs. Those enjoying the occasion were Mesdames John A. Woodard, Glen Hamner, Misses May Hamner, Sallie Freeman, Ola Duncan, Sarah Julia and Fama Maude Johnson, the honoree and the hostesses.

Miss Myrtle Driggers and Floyd Perlins were married Saturday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. U. S. Sherrill officiating. Their many friends wish for them a long and prosperous married life.

Mrs. J. I. Leamon had as her guests all day Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bankhead of Hobbs, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Adcock of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barnett and children of Dallas, who had been visiting her for several days.

Mrs. Joe Boone and baby, who have been visiting here for the past several weeks, went to Hermleigh to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English, before returning to her home at Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Armour and three boys of Rankin are spending their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armour and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Mrs. Ethel Rainey of Woodvine spent last week as the guest of Mrs. T. G. Hamner.

Dr. A. L. Anderson of Brownwood stopped over Thursday for a short visit with his sister, Mrs. J. R. Gafford.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry and son, Tookie, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods, Mrs. J. A. Brown and Miss Winnie Brown attended services Sunday night at the Trinity Baptist church at Abilene and heard Rev. Johnnie Lovell preach.

Mrs. J. C. Churchwell had as her guest last Tuesday her niece, Miss Ida V. Estep.

Mrs. J. H. Hale is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jim Mathews, of Sweetwater this week.

Mrs. L. Z. Titworth and daughters, Thelma and Peggy of Rankin, are guests of the former's parents, also visiting other relatives and friends.

Miss Medeah Rawlings left Saturday to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. Evert Biggs, of Pecos.

Rev. Landreth and wife of Wheeler were here Monday greeting old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock and son, T. G., spent the week-end at Odessa as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Murdock and their son, Eugene.

Miss Pearl Martin spent the week-end visiting at Hermleigh.

Miss Estelle Terry left Saturday to enter school at Lubbock for the summer.

Mrs. A. C. Terry had as her guests last week her sister, Mrs. Jeff Evans, and two daughters of Spaulding, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rutherford and son, Junior, of Abilene were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley Sunday. They visited in the Bowers home also before returning home.

Miss Mattie Scott of Abilene was the guest Sunday of her brother, Surgeon Scott, and family.

Messrs. Ed Sherman and Ellery Smith are attending the state firmer's convention at Bryan this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ideal Howell and daughters of Fort Worth were week-end guests of Mrs. R. B. McRee.

Miss Ida Mae Reneau honored Miss Edith Hale with a birthday luncheon on May 31. The guests were Misses Medeah Rawlings, Helen Rabbe, Messrs. Irvin Reneau, Jimmie Grand, Leonard Stribling, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart and children, Mr. and Mrs. Reneau and the honoree and hostess.

Rev. Marvin Burton and wife and baby boy of San Antonio are visiting

## BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Will Campbell, who has been real sick for several days, is getting along some better at this writing.

Mrs. Rex McLean, who underwent an operation at an Abilene sanitarium several days ago, is getting along as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reeves and Mrs. Coon Huston of Knox City are visiting in the home of their mother, Mrs. Minnie Reeves, and are also attending the bedside of their sister, Mrs. Monroe Whisenhunt, at an Abilene sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield have been attending the bedside of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Ed McCrary, who has been in an Abilene sanitarium for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore have enjoyed several days visit from their sister and brother-in-law from Los Angeles, Cal., also a midsummer visit from their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Mayberry and children, from Abilene.

Messrs. Ransome Meek and Tom Head of Post City came down and spent one day recently with their brother and sister, Messrs. and Mesdames John Meeks and Elbert Barnes and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Sowell and family of Hamlin came over and spent several pleasant hours in the home of their relative, Mr. and Mrs. John Latimer. Leonard and Gansey remained over for a week's stay with their cousin, Odell Latimer.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips have had a pleasant visit from their son, Dewey Phillips, and family of Iton. Mrs. Lena Thompson and children of Abilene will stay for an indefinite time with her parents also.

Freda Farmer of White Church spent the week-end with her cousin, Phylene Burks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scott and daughter of Trent visited Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer Thursday, coming over in the afternoon.

Elder Charles C. Bankhead of New Mexico filled the pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour at the Church of Christ Sunday and Mr. Bankhead will preach this week-end at the Blair Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family motored over to spend Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton, of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Walker and son, Harold, enjoyed a week-end visit from their nephew and cousin from Abilene.

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burton, this week.

Mrs. Tom Hardison and son, Junior, of Vernon came over Sunday for a visit with the former's parents, and Tommie, Jr., remained over to spend the summer with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford. Returning Monday Mrs. Hardison was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Gafford and children of Hobbs, N. M., who had been visiting here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Moore and children, and Mr. and Mrs. James Bright left Monday for a trip to Colorado.

Mr. E. E. Woods and wife of Sulphur Springs visited in the Gafford home Sunday.

## White Church News

Cotton chopping is the order of the day here.

Mrs. A. D. Wilson of Levelland spent the week-end here. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. W. H. Brown, who will spend the summer there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles West of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Huse Clark of Merkel, Route 2, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. West Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson attended the bedside Sunday of his sister, Mrs. Rex McLean, who is in the hospital at Abilene. She is reported doing fine at this time.

Mr. Johnnie Frazier is sick at this time.

Mrs. M. H. Farmer has been attending the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Monroe Whisenhunt, who is ill in Abilene. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Quite a few of our farmers are real busy cutting their grain. Small grain is extra good here.

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## Hodges Happenings.

Mr. Sam Phillips from Slaton spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bruton.

Miss Oneta Finch gave a party Saturday night, which was enjoyed by everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Marian Spradlin spent the week-end with relatives in our community.

Mrs. Thelma Thomas and daughter of Blair are spending a few days with relatives in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagan of Stith spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Cody Stevenson the past week.

Friends and relatives of Mrs. L. M. Walsh honored her with a surprise birthday dinner Sunday. Mrs. Walsh came home from church to find the table loaded with food. She then went into the bedroom to find a friendship quilt spread on her bed. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Walter Ford, M. L. Spradlin, Stanley Walker, Rob Pentecost, C. M. Walsh, Mesdames Sam Mashburn, Daisy Diggins, Ida Campbell, Nelly Spradlin, C. E. Thomas, Thelma Thomas, Messrs. Bruton and Hollie Bruton.

The young folks were Hazel and Jewel Thomas, Eva, Lena and Peggy Bruton, Ray Ford, Martha Jo Armwine, Hattie Mae Diggins, Mary Helen Mashburn, Haughty, Joe Nell and Dell Bartley, J. C. and Winona Thomas, Charles, Jr., and Jimmie Walsh, Nell Thomas, George Spradlin, Harold, Marie and Pete Walsh and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh.

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

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

## DORA DOINGS

The click of the reaper can be heard from early morning to late in the evening, saving the grain crop, which is very good.

John N. Robins has a crew of men here overhauling the gin.

At the Methodist conference here Saturday Brother O. P. Clark presided at the morning hour. Wyatt Hanks of Lockney preached Saturday night and Brother Clark again at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Myrtle Whisenhunt continues to improve slowly at the Baptist sanitarium in Abilene.

A. D. Cross and family had as their guests last week Mrs. L. E. Lee and daughters of Abilene.

Mrs. Lee Magee returned home Monday from an extended visit with relatives in Abilene.

Quannah Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dudley, is suffering from a fracture on his leg by a lick from a baseball bat received about two weeks ago. He is under treatment of Dr. C. B. Gardner of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huff were visiting in Trent Sunday.

Brother and Mrs. Hibberts and mother and sister of Cisco were here visiting the week-end.

Cotton is doing very nicely since the warm days and the jumbo grasshoppers are feasting on it as well as on poison. Several farmers began to put out poison Monday.

## UNION RIDGE NEWS

We were glad to have the O. C. B. quartette with us Sunday and will welcome them back.

Mrs. Vester Sibley and daughter, Mae, and son Marvin, Jr., of Arling-

ton, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Shelton and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and son and the latter's mother, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, motored to Sweetwater Sunday. Mrs. Taylor will spend a few days there with her granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West of Merkel visited relatives in the Canyon Sunday afternoon.

Mr. D. T. Shelton returned the latter part of the week from New Orleans.

## RURAL SOCIETY

### BLAIR ADULT 4-H CLUB.

The Blair Adult 4-H club will have their next called meeting at the Baptist church on June 17 and the projects to be discussed will be: the importance of vegetables in the daily diet, importance of succulent vegetables, and starchy foods.

At our last meeting Miss Chambers, county demonstration agent, demonstrated frozen desserts of pineapple ices and apricot sherbert and Mrs. Jim Maddera was the charming hostess to some thirty-five club members and five visitors. The guests were Mesdames Henslee, Cleve Bush, Misses Francis and Eunice Henslee, Canyon, and Ida Mae Derstine, Merkel, H. H. Price, Merkel. We welcome those visitors back and want all visitors to feel welcome.

—Press Reporter.

### FAMILY REUNION HELD AT BLAIR.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mathews was the scene of a happy reunion on June 6, gathering together nieces and nephews and cousins for an enjoyable day together. The affair

was in the nature of a surprise to the host and hostess, but the guests brought well filled baskets and palatable desserts from the hostess' table were added to provide a bounteous luncheon.

Among the relatives and friends assembled were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bankhead and children, Walker, Elaine, Homer Gay, Ribble, N. M.; J. C. Barrett and family, J. C., Jr., Vernon, Luther Gene, Rosemary, Dallas; Ernest Massey and family, Wickford, Jimmie Ed, Earnestine, Jerry, Jeanine, Hamlin; Mrs. J. I. Leamon, Trent; Mrs. T. E. Collins, Merkel; Francis and O. J. Adcock, Jr., Merkel; and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Mathews, Mr. Lloyd Mathews, Nubia, sons and daughters of the host and hostess.

Following the luncheon we talked of old times and happy days gone by and, wishing for many more such pleasant reunions in the future, the guests departed for their homes.

—Contributed.

## Wylie-Neill Election Is Set for June 27

Voters of the Neill and Wylie school districts will ballot Saturday, June 27, on a proposed consolidation issue of the two schools.

The election was ordered Saturday by County Judge Tom K. Eplen upon petition of voters in the two districts. Signatures of 14 patrons, a majority of the qualified voters in the district, were attached to the Neill petition and 51 voters signed the Wylie request for election. Notices of the election were posted Saturday at the Kilpatrick store at Wylie and at the Neill schoolhouse.

C. A. Cockrell has been appointed election manager at Wylie and I. C. Cox at Neill.

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### Signs Bill Placing Motor Trucks Under Railroad Commission

Austin, June 11.—Governor Ross Sterling Saturday morning signed and filed the bill putting motor trucks under more complete supervision of the state railroad commission. A companion bill governing dimensions and loads has not yet been acted upon. The truck bills were among those hardest fought before the recent sessions of the Texas legislature.

Secretary of State Jane Y. McCallum holds that the bill takes effect immediately.

It changes the former law which provided for class A and class B trucks as well as contract trucks. The new law abolishes the lettered classes and provides only two divisions, common carrier trucks, which include the former A and B trucks and contract trucks. The bill puts all that are operated for hire under the railroad commission supervision if they run between two incorporated municipalities.

Under the old law the commission could not regulate the rates of class B trucks, though it issued permits for them. Class B trucks were ones which did not operate over established routes with regular stations.

#### Get Licenses in Oklahoma.

Durant, Okla., June 11.—Of 240 marriage licenses issued during May by L. W. Hughes, Bryan county clerk, approximately 200 were to Texas couples, evading the Texas law requiring three days notice of intention to wed.

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### Outline of Projects Under Way by WTUC

Abilene, June 11.—Electric, gas and water service in the territory served by the West Texas Utilities company will be extended, strengthened and improved, according to the current construction report of the company, made available from its general offices here yesterday. Work on the projects outlined in the report is going forward at the present time.

The chief activities planned are in San Angelo and the San Angelo operating district, where 2,000 feet of water main will be installed to improve service; a single-phase 4,160 volt rural extension will be built, and a 3-phase 2,300 volt bank transformer and primary metering equipment will be installed to serve a new ice plant.

Increased oil field activity is indicated by the building of a 12 Kv. line and a 3-phase 2,300 volt line in the South Vernon oil field. The latter construction is to serve power and lighting demands of the Magnolia Pipe Line company. A 440 volt 3-phase line, near Iraan, will serve central power equipment on the Corvette Oil company lease.

Electric extensions will be made at Rule, where a 2,300 volt single-phase primary line will serve new customers, and at Robert Lee, where a similar line will connect new rural homes.

At Baird, a new parkway cable for

the street lighting system will be installed, and at Stratford, 12 new lighting standards and 3,500 feet of underground cable placed in service.

Distribution systems will be strengthened, improved or extended at Vernon, Medicine Mound, Jayton and San Angelo, and two-inch gas mains will be built to the Breezedale Addition in Cisco.

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**Personal Mention**

Sterling Sheppard has returned from S. M. U. to spend the summer at home.

Mrs. Tom Allday spent the week-end with Miss Hattie Marie Harris in Abilene.

Miss Mary Lou Turner of Dallas is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster.

Miss Ouida Mae Hulseley returned Sunday from a visit with Miss Alice Church at Tahoka.

G. F. Turner has returned home after a six weeks' visit with his son, Hayden Turner of Dallas.

Miss Roberta Sloan of Dallas, a former teacher in Merkel High, is a guest in the J. E. Boaz home.

Misses Ione and Margie Redd of Amarillo are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

Miss Weldon Bell has returned from Spur where she visited for several days with Miss Himalaya Swafford.

Misses Mary Collins and Christine Boyd and L. D. Boyd, Jr., have returned from a visit to Pampa and Amarillo.

Miss Madeline Murray, while visiting her aunt, Mrs. Willie Stalls, in Dallas, is also attending summer school.

Mrs. Bob Hobbs and son, Robert Dean, whose home is in Missouri, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Gilbert.

Mrs. Wesley Edwards and Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Rudd of Maryneal were guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. George White.

Week-end guests of Mrs. Lucy F. Bumpas were her grandchildren, G. Burton Fain, Jr., and Dorothy Fain, from Abilene.

Mrs. W. A. Akin and son, Griffin, from Carnegie, Okla., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and family.

Mrs. H. M. Merritt of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sanders of Sacramento, Calif., are guests in the F. A. Sanders home.

Weston West, who has been employed in Shawnee, Okla., until recently, is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry West.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Curb returned Monday to their home at Pampa after a pleasant visit with his mother, Mrs. C. S. Curb, and other relatives.

Misses Lois Clark and Vera Richie



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returned Sunday from Lampasas where they had visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry E. Townsend.

Mrs. L. F. Jones of Sierra Blanca, who is visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Moore, at Trent, has also visited recently with friends here.

Mrs. T. D. Riddle and son, Stanley Lee, are visiting relatives in Dallas. Mr. Riddle will drive down Saturday to join them and they will return with him.

H. M. Warren and family of Knox City are visiting his mother, Mrs. J. B. Warren, also in the home of Mrs. H. M. Warren's sister, Mrs. M. L. Estes.

Willie Joe Largent returned Wednesday from Fort Worth where he had been in the interest of the Texas Hereford association, of which he is president.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swafford and two daughters, Ruth and Doris, of Kansas City, Mo., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, and other relatives.

After spending the week-end with their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey were accompanied on their return to San Angelo by her little brother, Billie Bob, for a visit.

W. E. Wozencraft, who has been in Pecos and Pyote for the past two years with the T. & P. railroad, has returned with his family to Merkel and will be associated with his father at Woozy's Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones and Miss Ola Ellen Smith spent the week-end in Austin and San Antonio. Returning they were accompanied by J. T. Darsey, Jr., who is home from the University of Texas for the summer.

Miss Louise Pannell was dismissed from the hospital at Dallas Friday and will accompany her mother, Mrs. Jack Pannell, home soon. She will spend two weeks with her parents and then return to her position as cashier at Walgreen's Drug Co. at Dallas.

Misses Ruth and Marie Pinckley

have returned from a week's visit with relatives in Denton. They were accompanied by their sisters, Misses Pauline and Marcella Pinckley, who have been attending the North Texas State Teachers college for the past year, and their cousin, Miss Helen Fry, of Denton.

**LOCAL BRIEFS.**

For the monthly meeting of the rural letter carriers and ladies auxiliary of Taylor county at Abilene Wednesday there were in attendance from here Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King and Rufus Adecock. Mrs. King was elected one of the delegates from this county to the state meeting of the ladies auxiliary.

To officiate at the funeral of R. O. Rush, a deacon in the Baptist church at Brady, Rev. J. T. King, who was formerly pastor of that church, went to Brady Thursday.

Reports from Mrs. Ed McCrary, who underwent an appendix operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene last Saturday, are that she is doing nicely.

Mrs. M. C. Graham has received the sad news of the death of her oldest sister, Mrs. J. W. Matlock, of Muskogee, Okla., on Saturday, June 6.

Saturday night, June 13, 1931, is regular meeting night for the Eastern Star. The installation of new officers will take place and all members are urged to be present.

Although rain Tuesday night covered a wide area, with precipitation in Abilene amounting to 1.10 inches, Merkel and this vicinity received only thunder showers. It is reported that about one-half inch of rain fell at

Stith and the rainfall was heavier from there to the north.

Mrs. J. S. Blair, who has been seriously ill for the past few days, was reported much better Thursday morning.

Favorable reports are received from Mrs. Ed Turner, who is in the Medical Arts hospital at Dallas for treatment of a corneal ulcer. Mr. Turner remains there with her.

**Artistic Display of Rodden Photographs**

The exhibit of photographs from the Rodden Studio in the corner window of the Bragg Dry Goods company attracts the attention of all passersby.

The display shows a number of photographs artistically tinted and retouched by the local photographer and reveals the fact that the very best in studio work can be had right here in Merkel.

Mr. Rodden announces in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue that special reduced prices are in effect for the summer months.

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**Merkel Youth Given Damages for \$3,000**

Judgment of \$3,000 was awarded Jack Huddleston, 12-year-old Merkel youth, from the Austin Brothers Bridge company by a jury in 42nd district court at Abilene Friday.

Fred B. Huddleston, suing the company for \$25,000 for his son, charged that the youth was permanently injured when struck on Front street by a truck operated by an employe of the defendant company.

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Austin, June 11.—A graduated tax on oil production going up as production increases was a new plan for keeping down the oil supply suggested to Governor Ross Sterling Tuesday. The suggestion came in a telegram from C. I. Francis of Wichita Falls.

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