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ECONOMIST SAYS DEPRESSION HAS TOUCHED BOTTOM

Roger Babson Sees Another Period of Prosperity; Change, "Within a Reasonable Time," Slow But in Right Direction.

New York, June 18.—Economists scanning the economic horizon told the Advertising Federation of America Wednesday of their optimistic views of the future.

Roger Babson, whose prediction of the stock market crash in 1929 aroused widespread interest, asserted he was willing to stake his reputation that business has seen its worst; that although the change will be slow it will be in the right direction and that "within a reasonable time the country will again enter into a period of marked prosperity."

"The old law of action and reaction teaches now that unparalleled prosperity will again follow the depression."

His paper warned the advertising men of the opportunity newspapers now have to render a real service of telling the truth. He chided the newspapers for not printing gloomy statements when prosperity was at its height, although certain economists predicted a depression and tried to sound a warning.

Dr. Lewis H. Haney, director of the bureau of business research of New York university, cited seven reasons for his hope that the bottom of the business recession is not far distant. The first was that the country "has ceased to listen to bunk about business and is now at last facing the facts."

Five directors were nominated for reelection, and three new ones were named. The latter are G. R. Schaeffer, Chicago, Turner Jones, Atlanta, Ga., and Frank G. Huntress, San Antonio.

Merkel Has Already Shipped 9 Cars Grain

Grain shipments out of Merkel for the season thus far totalled nine cars up to Thursday morning.

Besides A. J. Canon, who is buying individually, C. D. Hutchins is representing Bland and Pratt of Abilene, making two grain buyers in the local market.

Price paid Thursday here for No. 1 wheat was 37 cents; oats, 17 cents, and barley, 20 cents.

Rainfall Over an Inch.

Rains and electrical storms have alternated with sand storms, during the past week, locally, with one or the other as regular daily visitors. Late Friday afternoon more than an inch of rain fell in Merkel, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer B. M. Black, while on Sunday afternoon the precipitation was one-quarter of an inch. The June total is one and one-half inches so far.

MERKEL 22 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 18, 1909.)

The following are regular contributors to the funds of the Commercial Club and Civic Improvement League. Dr. J. A. Adkisson, I. S. Allen, H. C. Burroughs, J. S. Burkhead, Geo. S. Berry, Jr., Dr. W. E. Brown, Geo. W. Boyce, W. R. Brown, Comegys and Hunt, G. M. Cauthern, Dr. J. O. Crenshaw, Mr. Dupree, Dr. Fessell, L. G. Gazzaway, H. F. Greene, C. W. Holcomb, R. H. Locke, H. T. Merritt, Merkel Hdw. Co., O. Z. Nesbitt, Parton-Cochran Co., E. W. Perkins, W. H. Potter, Rust and McCauley Co., S. H. Scott, West Texas Hdw. Co., W. W. Wheeler, W. R. Walker, J. M. Williams, R. C. Young, M. Armstrong, R. D. Anderson, J. B. Bell, C. L. Barker, J. S. Berry, Banner and Son, A. B. Boney, Behrens-McMillen, C. C. Campbell, City Drug Store, W. H. Craig, J. E. Faucett, Austin Pitts, J. D. Gaither, Hogue Hamilton, S. A. Johnson, Ben Merritt, Merkel Mail, J. M. Norris, D. W. Parton, Bob Phillips, H. L. Propst, J. Provine, G. M. Sharp, Williams and Johnson, Woodroof Bros., O. W. Williams, A. O. Wisdom, J. A. Woodard.

T. R. Lassiter left Tuesday night for Murry, Ky., in answer to a mes-

Invitation Roquet Tournament Here Independence Day

The courts of the Merkel Roquet club in South Merkel will be the setting on July 4 for an invitation roquet tournament that will bring some of the best teams in this section here.

Invitations have been sent to Mansfield, Fort Worth, Breckenridge, Cisco, Baird, Lawn, Loraine, Lamesa, Tahoka and Post City and a large number of players is expected.

It will be recalled that the Merkel team, Joe Hendricks and little Joe Higgins, recently won the championship at Breckenridge in tournament competition with 23 teams.

The Independence Day tournament here will start at 9 o'clock. Merkel will probably have eight teams entered.

FISH FRY GOES OVER IN BIG WAY

Members of Lions Club Compliment Ladies Tuesday Night In Open Air Affair at Golf Club.

Ladies' night for the Lions club, sometimes an annual affair, sometimes semi-annual, took the form of a fish fry on Tuesday evening at the local golf club grounds. The fish had been provided by volunteer Lions, who week-ended at Paint Rock for the purpose, and they brought back an abundance of the choicest varieties.

The fish fry lacked nothing. The night was ideal, the picturesque knoll at the golf club offered proper setting. Cotton Owens fried fish as they have never been fried before, all the accessories were there; the guests served themselves and feasted camp style about a long table—they feasted long and plentifully and guests were admonished not to cease eating until they were satisfied.

The affair was strictly informal; there was no speech making. Music was furnished by a negro stringed orchestra and merriment ran high throughout the evening. Games that took the participants back to school days followed the picnic supper and a quartet of Lions sang "Good-night, Ladies," before the hour of departure and the ladies responded happily with "Till We Meet Again."

The committee on arrangements consisted of Dee Grimes, chairman, A. T. Sheppard, Booth Warren, E. Yates Brown and S. D. Gamble, assisted by others from the club. They functioned par excellence.

The complete guest list follows: Messrs. and Mesdames Dee Grimes, H. H. Jenkins, Mat Dillingham, S. D. Gamble, J. S. Bourn, Ted Nichols, C. W. Delmer, C. H. Jones, W. W. Haynes, Booth Warren, E. Yates Brown, Tom Largent, W. L. Diltz, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes, Dr. and Mrs. (Continued on Page Four)



KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Byron Parrish, 55, former chief of police at Ranger, dropped dead at Rankin Wednesday.

Citizens of Big Spring Tuesday approved a \$200,000 bond issue for construction of a city hall, auditorium and fire station building.

Mrs. Jack Shannon, 31, was killed by lightning at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning as she was opening a wire gate on her husband's farm, one mile north of Hawley.

Navarro county officers are seeking to trace 116 joints of two-inch pipe, totalling more than 2300 feet in length, stolen from the Mildred yard of the Shell Oil company.

The founding of the city of Bastrop, 100 years ago, following the coming of Baron de Bastrop, will be commemorated in a celebration at the Firemen's Park there on Wednesday, June 24.

None the worse for his travels, Dayton Thorn, age 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Thorn of Fort McKavett, Menard county, was found by one of the 300 men who had hunted him for 15 hours after he had wandered off alone on the Texas prairie.

Frank A. Jones, veteran newspaper man of Eastland county and until recently editor of the Eastland Telegram, has reestablished the Weekly Chronicle of Eastland county, a pioneer paper which was originally established in that county in 1887.

The state of Texas began Wednesday operating on a deficiency basis, which State Treasurer Charlie Lockhart estimates will reach the \$5,000,000 mark before the state's revenue collecting machinery begins assembling funds in the treasury again.

Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam, whose autogiro was wrecked at Abilene last Friday when she was forced to set it down due to a slow take-off, Tuesday flew from Oklahoma City in a new plane back to Abilene and from there to Dallas landing at Dallas at 5:30 p. m.

When three Mexican killers die in the electric chair at midnight Thursday, it will be the second largest number ever to be electrocuted at one time in Texas. In 1924, when the chair first replaced the gallows as the means of execution, four men were killed in one night.

Miss Belgium, Miss Netta Duchateau, was crowned beauty queen of the universe at the 12th annual international beauty pageant at Galveston Tuesday night, defeating Miss United States, Miss Anne Lee Patterson, of Ludlow, Ky., on the last ballot of the judges.

Total tank car shipments from the Lathrop, Kilgore and Joiner fields since January 1 now amount to 52,790 cars, it was learned Monday. Shipments were divided as follows: from Longview, 2,470 cars; from Kilgore, 22,025; from Arp, 220; from Willow Springs, 1,825, and from Henderson, 26,140 cars.

Austin was chosen as the 1932 convention city by the Texas State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's association at the Bryan convention last week; E. P. Hall, mayor and fire chief of Weatherford, was elected fourth vice-president, while E. V. Easterling of Del Rio, first vice-president, was elevated to the presidency.

Carl H. Doerr, 43, past state president of the fraternal order of Eagles, Leo Darmstadt, 52, a state official of the order and Fred Olman, 22, painter and decorator of Abita Springs, La., were killed when an automobile driven by Olman was struck by a T. and P. passenger train about eight miles from Fort Worth.

VETOES NEARLY FOUR MILLIONS

Governor Pares \$2,801,580 From Appropriations Bills; Had Already Vetoed \$1,000,000 Item.

Austin, Texas, June 18.—Gov. Ross S. Sterling vetoed \$2,801,580 out of the appropriation bills. This, added to his previous veto of \$1,000,000 of pink bollworm and tick eradication refund items, brings his total to \$3,801,580 and reduces the estimated deficit by that much.

With the new tobacco and gas tax and increased sulphur tax the auditors figured the deficit at \$5,255,640 Aug. 31, 1931, and at \$5,935,411 Aug. 31, 1933, at the close of the biennium for which these appropriations were made. By his vetoes the governor has reduced the prospective deficiency in 1933 to a little more than \$1,000,000, which will enable him to hold down the state tax rate when made next month, possibly to his desired 27c, and depend on an upward price in oil to restore much of the state's income.

Appropriations of the recent sessions aggregated \$52,262,654 and the governor's vetoes leave a net \$48,461,033.

Austin will get a new \$500,000 building for the highway department, to be paid for from highway funds, as that item was left in the departmental bill.

The hardest hit bill was that for the support of the educational institutions, from which the governor took \$2,144,120, including every new building allowed by the legislature. The eleemosynary institution bill lost \$171,650, state departmental support \$32,150, claims and accounts went out entirely for a total of \$380,660 and he vetoed the reappropriation of \$73,000 for the construction of a permanent hospital on the Wynne prison farm for invalid convicts and the Goree farm for women prisoners.

The reason for the vetoes was terse, that the condition of the state treasury does not permit it and requires the bills be trimmed as far as possible without crippling the government.

With the vetoed items eliminated the governor signed the general appropriation bills and thus obviated the necessity for a special session on that score. He probably set a record for the amount of vetoes with the exception of the session when Gov. Dan Moody vetoed all at one time and sent the bills for new passage. The late Governor Culberson did the same thing during his tenure.

Croft-Conner Well Produces 125 Barrels

Tests Monday of the Croft and Conner well, which was drilled in Saturday, showed a production of between 125 and 150 barrels daily. The test was drilled by Croft and Conner and the Tidal Oil company and is on the W. D. Swann place, about 1,000 feet west of Pope & Anderson's No. 1 Swann.

The new well calls for three offsets, but the Humble company has arranged for an extension of their lease. The Panhandle and the Julian companies own the other offsets.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bierra, residing south of town, Friday, June 12, 1931.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Smith, residing east of town, Saturday, June 13, 1931.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Rear, residing near Trent, Tuesday, June 16, 1931.

State Inspector Says Local Scales And Pumps Accurate

"Not a scale or gasoline measure short in the city of Merkel," is the report submitted by B. E. Owen, representative of the state department of weights and measures, who has just completed his inspection of gasoline pumps and merchandising scales in Taylor county.

In fact, he states that he found a small per cent of the pumps and scales were over, instead of short, which speaks well for the honesty and integrity of dealers of every class in this community.

Taking the county as a whole, he found more than 80 per cent of the pumps and scales to be accurate, while those that were off showed only a slight variance from standard.

PLEADS GUILTY 5,000 CHARGES

Noted Chicago Gangster Named For Evasion of Income Tax. Violation of Liquor Laws.

Chicago, June 18.—Alphonse Capone, scoundrel czar of Chicago's gangs, pleaded guilty to three federal indictments Tuesday, surrendering in a three minute federal court hearing to a mass of evidence and a striking record of prosecutions.

Two indictments charging him with evading income taxes and another naming him and 68 others for conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws on 5,000 charges were read in Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson's court. After each indictment the burly gangster meekly said "guilty." On a defense motion, the court deferred sentence until June 30.

Fifteen minutes after he had entered the federal court building, Capone was gone, escorted through the crowds by a squad of police, a monarch stripped of his realm, still the object of almost unparalleled curiosity. Thousands jammed the streets outside the federal building to see him.

In throwing himself on the mercy of the court, Capone became subject to a possible 34 years imprisonment and a \$90,000 fine. Maximum sentence on the liquor conspiracy count was two years. A 32-year sentence was possible under the two income tax in-

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EAST TEXANS PINCH WELLS VOLUNTARILY

Unitization Plan Adopted in East Texas Limiting Production to 300 Barrels Per Well; Saturday Time for Cut-Down.

Tyler, June 18.—Voluntary pinching by operators in the East Texas field as surcease for overproduction after efforts of the railroad commission to enforce proration apparently had failed, had been resorted to Thursday and the outcome was being watched by the oil world, made wobbly by what the industry claimed was the new pool's disregard for orderly marketing.

Should the latest plan work, production in the field was expected to be cut to from 200,000 to 220,000 barrels daily at the start. Latest figures available showed average daily production in the field about 330,000 barrels, more than twice the 160,000 barrels limit fixed by order of the railroad commission.

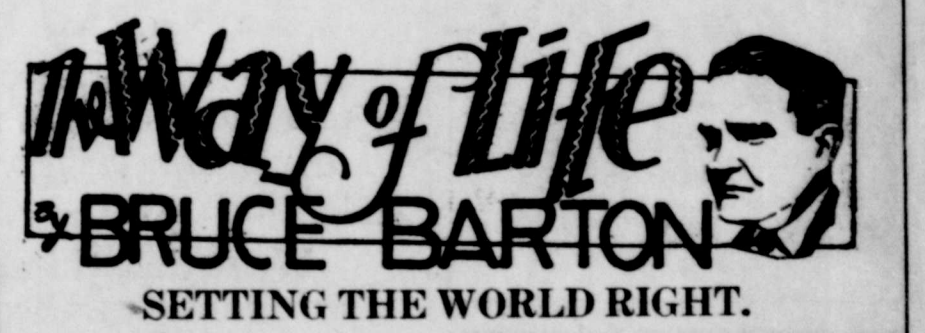
Saturday at 10 a. m. had been fixed by sponsors of the voluntary effort to reduce production as "cut down hour." All operators were appealed to limit their wells to 300 barrels at that hour.

Success of the unitization plan endorsed by a mass meeting of operators here Monday will depend on how generally the appeal is respected. Should all the operators join in the movement, Capt. J. F. Lucey of Dallas, chairman of the "arbitration committee" set up to administer the unit law, said he was confident the state, through the railroad commission, would take hold of the project and add its influence through a formal order placing the plan in effect in lieu of the violated proration instructions now extant.

Under the unit proposal all wells producing prior to June 10, irrespective average involved, would be permitted to yield 300 barrels daily and all wells brought in subsequent to that date would be limited to that amount of oil per unit of 20 acres.

INCREASED BUYING AT WICHITA.

Wichita Falls, Texas, June 18.—Increased purchase made by the Texas Company and other buyers in the field resulted in an increase of 10,000 barrels per day in the allowable oil in the Wichita Falls district. At a meeting held in the offices of Proration Umpire L. V. Hull, Monday morning, (Continued on Page Four)



Carle Conway, head of the Continental Can Company, has a customer in Massachusetts who makes cranberry sauce.

One day when Wall Street was thinking that the world was going to the dogs, Carle dropped in on this Yankee manufacturer and found him very serene.

They dined together, and after dinner the talk turned to world business conditions which, says Carle, "seem to have eliminated prohibition from conversation, so that there is that much to be said in favor of depression at least."

The cranberry man said: "During the war I was making cranberry sauce and we were not able to get sugar except at an exorbitant price. Every one in the industry said we had better go out of business because we had to have sugar to make cranberry sauce, and sugar at thirty cents a pound would stop sales."

"I went into a huddle with myself that night and came to the conclusion that I would let the customers decide whether they would buy cranberry sauce made with thirty-cent sugar; that I had just one job in the world and that was to run my business, and I was going to let the world take care of itself, and every one else take care of himself, and I was going to figure how I could take care of my business and solve the problems each day as they came along."

"I did not think I was big enough to help or harm the world's progress, but I did think I could help or harm my own business."

One thing which makes this depression seem more discouraging than others is the fact that all countries have been so closely knit together. In other periods of slow business we in the United States did not worry because the coffee market was bad in Brazil or the corn plaster industry had collapsed in Timbuctoo. We had our own troubles to fight.

This year our newspapers, through their truly wonderful news gathering forces, have brought us all the bad tidings from everywhere. The result is that the average American business man is going around trying to carry the troubles of the whole big world.

I may be all wrong, but my idea about the other countries is that they are all having serious difficulties, just as we are, but in every one of them there is a solid backbone of people just like you and me—hard working, sensible men and women who have their homes and families, who do not want to see the social order overturned and who are doing their individual best to solve their own problems.

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Dalhart Properties Purchased by WTUC

Abilene, June 18.—Acquisition of the properties of the Dalhart Public Service company, Dalhart, by the West Texas Utilities company has been announced from the general offices of the company here. Although the Dalhart properties have been operated by the West Texas Utilities company since December 1, 1927, the company has not been an actual owner. The transaction, which involves the electric, water and ice properties in Dalhart, places both the ownership and operation with the West Texas Utilities company.

Electric facilities involved in the purchase include the 1,500 kilowatt generating plant, a modern distribution system and other physical properties. The Dalhart system is interconnected with the transmission lines of the West Texas Utilities company. The water works system consists of a 1,000,000 gallon per day plant, 18.1 miles of water mains, an 80,000 gallon standpipe, a new 200,000 gallon elevated storage tank and two water wells of sufficient size to furnish an adequate water supply for the Panhandle city. A 90 ton ice plant, a 45 ton day storage vault, a season storage vault, an efficient delivery system and re-icing docks and equipment for the Rock Island railroad are the major ice properties.

The city of Dalhart has doubled in size during the past decade, 1930 census returns giving it a population of 4,691. The company serves, in Dalhart and suburbs, a population of approximately 5,100. Electric service is supplied to 1,226 customers and water service to 1,141 homes and business establishments.

This latest acquisition by the West Texas Utilities company marks another important step in the company's Panhandle development program. On June 1st, 1930, a new operating group, District D, was formed in the Panhandle and included the towns of Stamford, Dumas, Texline, Sunray, Conlen, Phillips, Chamberlain, Etter, Exum and Capps. Headquarters for the new district was located at Dalhart. Under the new management, the operation of these properties will be consolidated and more efficient and economical management will result, according to executives of the company.

SPECIAL OFFER.

Semi-Weekly Farm News and Merkel Mail for one year for \$2.00.

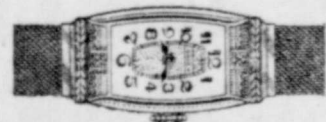
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For **ACHES and PAINS**
BALLARD'S
SNOW LINIMENT
Penetrates! Soothes!
Sold By Merkel Drug Co.

Paul Doumer Succeeds Doumerque as Head Of French Republic

Paris, June 18.—Paul Doumer, the oldest man ever to be elected to the position, succeeded Gaston Doumerque as president of the third French republic Saturday afternoon in the Elysee palace.

Escorted by two squadrons of cavalry, Premier Laval motored to the petit Luxembourg palace to bring the new chief of state to the French white house.

The premier and the 74 year old president-elect were cheered as they proceeded through the streets into the Rue Faubourg St. Honore where a battalion of infantry presented arms, a color guard dipped the flag and the band played the Marseillaise.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends for their kindness in the sickness and death of our dear daughter and sister, Mrs. Milbra Liles. We thank each and every one that helped in any way. God bless one and all is our prayer.

C. F. Suber and Family.
G. H. Suber and Family.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail



NEW QUICK-DRYING COLORS

LOWE BROTHERS QUICK-DRYING ENAMEL comes in many new and striking colors, designed for furniture, woodwork, metal work, toys and such surfaces. It is very easy to apply, flowing out freely and leveling smoothly under the brush. It dries in four to five hours. One coat of Quick-Drying Enamel is ordinarily sufficient.

We have a chart of the beautiful colors for you.

Come in and get a FREE PENCIL HOME DECORATION

Burton-Lingo Company
Merkel, Texas

Bill Limiting Size Of Trucks Approved

Austin, June 18.—Governor R. S. Sterling has signed the highly controversial bill limiting the size and weight of commercial trucks. The governor had been studying the bill since the legislature adjourned May 23.

Governor Sterling several days ago signed the first of the two truck bills which placed all trucks operated for hire under jurisdiction of the railroad commission.

The second bill limited the width of vehicles to 96 inches; height to 12 feet, 6 inches; length of single units to 35 feet and length of truck and trailer to 45 feet. The most hotly contested feature of the bill was the provision limiting the weight of loads to 7,000 pounds. This provision will become effective January 1. The load

limit provision further provided the weight should not be more than 600 pounds per inch width of wheel.

Plans have been made to test the constitutionality of both bills, truck operators have indicated. The bill placing trucks under the railroad commission will require them to charge not less than the rates charged by common carrier railroads.

THE WAY OF LIFE

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Ultimately, I believe, this silent majority will win.

In the meantime, when anybody comes into my office to discuss world conditions, I courteously ask to be excused. I am trying hard to work out my own salvation.

If everybody in the world does that the world will be saved.



OUR GRAIN CROP-

Isn't worth much on the present market and cotton, no doubt, will be as cheap in proportion this fall.

We do not like to be pessimistic and we firmly believe conditions will gradually be improved—yet it seems to us that a realization of exactly what this extremely low price will mean and a determination to keep the cost of production down to the extent that there still may be some margin of profit will help solve the perplexities of the situation.



"Nerves"

DO they harass you by day and keep you awake at night?

Don't neglect them. They'll ruin your charm and beauty, alienate your friends, interfere with your success.

When you're nervous, take Dr. Miles' Nerve. It's the prescription of a successful Nerve Specialist, put up in convenient form.

Dr. Miles' Nerve is now made in two forms—Liquid and Effervescent Tablet. Both have the same soothing effect on the nerves.

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INSURANCE

is like a spare tire. YOU may travel for miles without calling it to your aid, but sooner or later it will fill a very pressing need.

We write all kinds of insurance, backed by companies whose prompt service and dependability are well known.

Better have us write Hail Insurance on this Grain Crop.

W. O. BONEY
MERKEL, TEXAS

Farm Loans and all kinds of Insurance

Consult Your Insurance Agent as you Would Your Doctor or Lawyer.

Wake Up Your Liver Bile —Without Calomel

And You'll Jump Out of Bed in the Morning Rin' to Go

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

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

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

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

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



Pleases the Most Particular

EVERYONE has experienced that little feeling of nervousness when entertaining certain particular guests—the sort who "notice things"; the ones who are a bit fussy about the flavor of their coffee, and the way it's served.

When you entertain your "particular" guest, just plug in your gleaming Electric Percolator—you'll be surprised at your confidence—the little flourish and the smug little smile with which you pour. You'll receive the congratulations just a little complacently, for you knew success was assured—the electrical way.

Are you making the fullest use of your Electric Percolator?... The surety of always perfect coffee—always faultlessly served? There's not a chance of anything going wrong when you make your coffee in one of the delightfully convenient and attractive Electric Percolators.

West Texas Utilities Company

TIGER EYE

By D. M. Dower



TWELFTH INSTALLMENT.

"Well, nobody asked you to!" Nellie retorted. "You can suit yourself, you know."

"Shoah aim to, Miss Murray," the kid grimly assured her, and loped off down the canyon without once looking back.

He looked back up the canyon and rode the willows. At the fence the kid turned and rode toward the dry creek bed where the ground was rough and humpy, gouged with spring freshets and undermined by burrowing small animals. When he found a spot where the fence went up over a small ridge he dismounted and kicked the wire loose from three posts, forced them to the ground and anchored them there with a couple of rocks and led his horse across.

He kept going straight ahead until the willow growth ceased on higher ground and he could see what sort of place it was that had need of a fence like that.

Some one was running cattle in here, all right. The edge of the thicket was broken and trampled where stock had pushed in for shelter, and there was cattle sign everywhere.

The kid's nerves began to tingle a little. Cattle bawling!

Shoah would be funny if he was to run right onto her bunch of cattle. He betted if he'd let her come along. He reckoned. And somehow his spirits rose a little at the perfectly logical reason he had just discovered for wanting her with him.

The kid lifted his hat and swept the reddish waves of hair back off his forehead, settled his bullet-scarred hat at a careless tilt, pulled his holstered gun into position on his thigh and rode forward with an eager gleam in his eyes.

From the pole corral set back in a thin grove of cottonwood and box alder, a gray dusty cloud rose into the hot sunshine of noon. Within the corral fence a small herd of cattle tramped uneasily round and round, swerving and ducking aside when a cowboy's head swished out like a vicious flat hoop of a striking rattler.

A man on guard outside unhooked the chain and swung open the gate to let out a rider dragging a husky bull calf over toward the branding fire, where two calf wrestlers grabbed and threw him on his side with a thump.

A man lifted a branding iron deliberately out of the blaze, looked at it, looked at it and fro in the air, waved it at again and decided that it was about the right heat, and walked over to the calf lying there, with two sweating cowboys braced and holding him motionless; one half sprawled across his head, the other hanging for dear life to a leg.

"Aw'right," he signalled carelessly after he had branded the calf and turned to thrust the iron again into the fire.

It was at that moment that the three of them and the gate tender discovered that they had a new arrival in their midst.

"Well, I'm damned!" jarred from the slackened mouth of the man with the branding iron, Joe Hale, range foreman of the Poole.

"Howdy, Joe," said the kid, and felt for a match. He nodded to the calf wrestlers, who were on their feet and mopping their perspiring faces with soiled bandannas. As the man at the gate came toward him, the kid's yellow eye changed curiously to the steady stare of a tiger.

Babe Garner! Babe with hollow eyes and a sallow, indoor tinge to his swarthy face. Babe, with a question in his old gray eyes and a smile on his face.

"Hell's brass buttons!" cried Babe, swearing his very choicest oath kept for special occasions. "Where the hell did you drop down from, Tiger Eye?"

"Rain washed me down the canyon, Babe."

"Old man send yuh over?" Joe Hale, tried to make his voice sound casual, but there was an undertone of constraint which he failed to control.

"Nevah did see Waltah Bell since that night I toted Babe into the ranch."

"Oh," Joe studied on that. "Thought likely you come from the Poole."

"Awn my way to the Poole, but I done changed my mind!"

"Oh. Kinda odd the way this calf pasture, and I just kinda wondered. Want to see me for anything? Wanta go to work again?"

"Much obliged to yo'all. I taken a job riding, Joe."

"Yeah? Sorry to see yuh quit the Poole."

Polite. Too dawgoned polite to be natural. Peahed like Joe was getting kinda suspicious. Babe too. Babe was

edging round uneasy like, as if he wanted to get in back of the bunch or them. Had that cold look in his eyes. The kid knew that look now for the killer look. Get around behind and send a bullet into a man's back—that was Babe's stripe. The kid shifted his position a little and looked at Babe.

"What outfit yuh ridin' for now, Kid?" Joe looked up from kicking a half-burnt ember back into the fire.

"Ridin' foh Missus Murray, down in the valley. Widow woman. Old man that was killed and put the shot-ahs on the fight the time they shot Babe, that was her husband. The one Babe got the county on."

Eyes turned sidewise to meet other guarded glances. Babe's shoulders jerked backward as if from a blow on the chest, but no one spoke.

"Lost some cattle last night," the kid continued, in his purring drawl. "I come out aftah them."

The atmosphere of the Poole men froze for a second. Only Babe, knowing the kid of old, went for his gun and dropped it as the kid's pitiless bullet went crashing through the knuckles on his hand. The hands of the two calf wrestlers went up as if they had been jerked with pulley and rope. The man on horseback clapped spurs to his horse and galloped like mad away from there. Joe Hale knew better than to try a shot. He remembered too vividly how Jess Merkel had fared with the kid over at the Poole.

Babe remembered too, and a horror grew in his face as he stared at his numbed and bleeding hand. He'd rather be dead than crippled—he always had said so—and now his knuckles would be stiff and useless to pull a trigger. But when he glanced up and saw the kid looking after the fleeing horseman he chanced a shot with his left gun. But the kid didn't seem to need his eyes to tell what was going on. He caught Babe's movement and fired almost without looking.

"Line up with yoah backs this way," said the kid softly to Joe and the two calf wrestlers.

They did so in haste—all but Babe who had crumpled down limply in the sand, with his bleeding hands crossed above his head and his face hidden in his arms. The kid pulled their guns from the sagging holsters, emptied them of cartridges and tossed them into the bushes behind him.

The meekest-looking wrestler worked with trembling haste under the cool stare of Tiger Eye Reeves. When he had tied Joe Hale and the other wrestler to posts ten feet apart and had helped Babe Garner into a shady spot where he would be perfectly safe with his feet tied together, the kid was going calmly about the business of tying his assistant to a third post when Nellie arrived.

Her face was streaked with dust and what looked suspiciously like tears, and her hair had been clawed by the willows until it lay on her shoulders like a streak of sunshine. She sat on her back horse and watched the kid, and under her direct gaze he felt his ears and his face burn like fire. The kid did not look up, but he knew the exact instant when she turned her head to look at the newly branded calf which now wore a blackened and smarting window-sash brand where yesterday had been a tan-colored Reverse E. She reined her horse over to the corral and stood in the stirrups to look over the fence and inspect the milling herd.

"Well, they're all here, I guess," she remarked to the kid who, ten feet

away, was kneeling beside the calf wrestler and was yanking the last knot tight. "You made quite a haul, didn't you, Bob?"

"Might be bettah," the kid owned, with a covert glance from under his hat brim. "One got me ought to work together. But you kept on trying to pick a fight with me, you know. Looks like you got all you wanted of fighting here." She glanced around at the sullen captives. "I hope you're ready to admit now that the Poole outfit are a bunch of cow thieves."

"Shoah am," said the kid, his lips ready to smile the instant he forgot himself and let them go.

"What are you going to do now?" "Reckon I'll go aftah my hawse." She followed him, riding in silence while the kid went mincing along on his high heels, his spurs gouging up the loose soil at every step.

"There's something I've been wanting to say," she went on hurriedly, "only you just won't give me a chance."

"Peahs like I nevah do act the way I feel," said the kid. "Always did want to show yo'all I was a friend."

"I know that. I just want to say that I made an awful fool of myself that night when Babe began to shoot off his mouth about the both of you being Poole killers." She confessed, with a kind of shy defiance. "But it seems to me I had some excuse, with father to me I had some excuse, with I hadn't any sleep, remember, trying to get to Cold Spring and warn you to the neighbors were sending men over to kill you and Babe. And getting trapped that way—and then when Babe said you shot my own brother for five hundred dollars, why—I just simply blew up for a minute."

"Shucks! I nevah did think a word moah about it," the kid declared earnestly, looking her straight in the eyes.

"Well, I just want you to know I'm sorry."

"Yo'all needn't to be."

"I am just the same. You ought to know I never did class you with the Poole. It's just this ornery temper of mine."

"Shucks! If yo' call that a tempah, yo'all oughta see mine!" The kid gathered up the reins, mounted and swung alongside her.

"You? Why, Bob Reeves! You know very well I'm the meanest thing on earth! After all you've done to—do what I did and—talk the way I've talked to you, it makes me so ashamed—"

"Aw, hush! When yo'all talk that-a-way, yuh make me feel like battling my haid against a rock! Yo'all don't know how I felt this last month, think-

ing I had nothing but hate f'om yo'all—"

"Hate!" cried Nellie Murray, as one who stands aghast before so harsh a word. "Why, if you only knew—"

And then she stopped and began to blush furiously, so that the crimson flooded rushed up to the band of yellow hair on her temples.

The kid reached out and gathered Nellie Murray into his arms.

The kid sat on the ground with his back against a tree and drew his mouth organ across his smiling lips while he tapped the time with his foot. played the kid, over and over again, while his prisoners sat and listened, and wondered what kind of a man was Tiger Eye Reeves, who could shoot a man in cold blood, capture three others who had thought they were well able to take care of themselves, and then sit all the afternoon playing that darned mouth organ like he hadn't a care in the world.

The kid didn't know or care what they thought about him. The kid was living in a world of his own, where a girl with yellow hair loved him enough to marry him and settle down. Gone into Badger now after help and the sheriff, to come and take this bunch with the evidence of the cattle right there behind them in the corral. Gone to bring a doctor out to fix up Babe's hands. But she'd be back, all right. And when she got here, the kid would take her over to the ranch and they'd tell her mother there was going to be a man in the family that shoah would be right on the job.

He played "Listen to the Mocking Bird," with more warbles and trills and low happy notes than he ever dreamed of putting into the song. The rather bare and desolate ranch where Nellie lived he made a paradise in his dreams. All right. He'd send down to his mother and have her get him a pair of mocking birds. Take her and her mother's old enemies would want to go on with the feud and he'd have to kill somebody, up here.

The afternoon waned and the Poole men began to swear at the chill and the cramp in their limbs, but the kid

never heard them, he was so busy making plans for the future. Darkness came. He sat there very still, trying to realize the amazing truth that Nellie Murray was going to marry him. She loved him. She said she did.

He was still sitting there, two hours

later, when Nellie came with the doctor and sheriff and a half a dozen men, who worried the kid with questions and talk. But that ended, and he was riding away with Nellie, hitting straight for the valley and the ranch his dreams had glorified.

(The End.)

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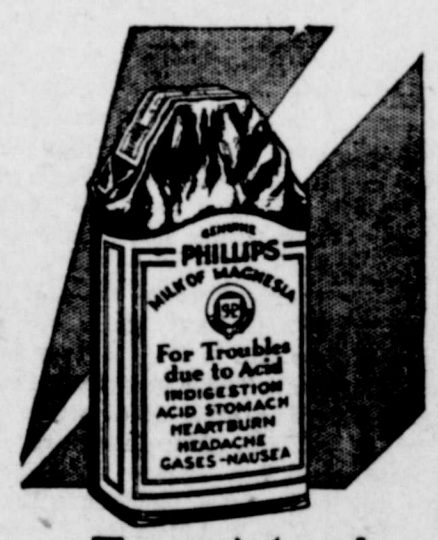
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Thanks to the bumper Texas wheat crop, two hundred men, unemployed for several months, returned to work Monday of this week in the Texas and Pacific railroad car shops at Marshall. All departments of the shops opened in order to be ready for the coming demand for cars to move the grain crops.

Capital amounting to \$14,417,000 was invested in 226 companies organized in Texas during May, as compared with \$5,562,000 that was invested in 168 new companies in May, 1930, a sizable increase within twelve months. In April this year 203 new companies were organized in Texas with a capital of \$8,690,000.

Mattresses made from Travis county cotton were specified for all beds in the jail of the new Travis county court house at Austin, as that county's contribution to the "buy-more-cotton" movement.

French-Canadian by birth and accent, Fifi Dorsay, film actress, will soon see France for the first time. After a vaudeville tour, which takes her from Hollywood to Louisville on to New York City, Miss Dorsay will sail for a two week's appearance in London and then on to Paris.

"Great oaks from little acorns grow." The world's surplus of cotton, equivalent in 1931 practically to the demand for one year, will not be eaten up in a day. But each step in the right direction helps. West Texas growers of certified sorghum seed will sack their seed exclusively in cotton bags. Let every group in Texas and the south find some new uses for cotton. We will have to help ourselves: the slogan is to use cotton by preference.

Daily one sees the beneficent effects of life insurance: providing means to the widow, education for the children, liquidation of debts. The huge amount of insurance in force in this country, \$100,000,000,000, is indisputable evidence of the individual thrift and foresight that is integrally American. A survey of life insurance in this country has produced the further fact that persons of limited means are the greatest beneficiaries of life insurance, more than 60 per cent of outstanding life insurance being upon the lives of persons earning less than \$5,000 a year.

Fish Fry

(Continued from Page One.)
W. T. Sadler, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker, Misses Christine Collins, Madge Dean of Dallas, Rev. E. L. Yeats, Messrs. A. T. Sheppard, Doyle Garrett, C. J. Glover, Jr., Marian Delmer, Merle Delmer, Robbie Walker, Betty Jane Diltz, Emory Diltz, Eleanor Maye Gamble, Horace Nix, David Gamble, Mat Dillingham, Jr.

Oil Compromise

(Continued from Page One)
attended by representatives of the various major purchasing agencies, the four-barrel marginal rule was lifted in order to meet the new demand. The change means a daily outlet of 64,000 barrels as compared with the 54,000 allowable. New rule adopted allows well under a depth of 2,000 feet ten barrels, and over 2,000 feet twenty barrels per day.

DAILY ALLOWABLE INCREASED.

Cisco, June 18.—Increased purchases by crude oil buyers in the Central West Texas district have resulted in increases approximating 5,000 barrels daily allowable, it was announced by J. B. Kennedy, district proration umpire. Present takings in the district total approximately 27,000 barrels and increase of marginal limits of wells from four, eight and 14 to 10, 20 and 30 will raise takings to around 33,000 barrels daily, Kennedy said. Companies increasing purchases are Humble, Texas, Gulf, Magnolia and Thurb Pipe Line company. Standard and Illinois had not announced their intentions, Kennedy said. Purchasers are showing willingness to take more oil from this district despite East Texas situation, he said.

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CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Due to the usual summer decrease, the attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel was only 806 last Sunday. This was, however, considerably more than on the corresponding Sunday last year when due to threatening weather only 690 were present.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer Service last Sunday was led by John Toombs; had a fine meeting—not as many men present as we would have liked to have had. Let us urge the men from all the churches to come and bring some unsaved man with you. If you love God, you love men; so let's all work together to bring some lost man to know Jesus and the forgiveness of his sins.

A word to the pastors that have not been attending our meetings; we need your help and presence with us. What would you think of us men if we did not attend the church and Sunday School? You would be after us, and you should be. So we ask all the pastors when you are in town to come and be with us, and to announce these meetings from your pulpits and urge your men to come and help make this a better town in which to live.

The meeting is to be at the Baptist church next Sunday. The scripture is St. John, 14th chapter, from the 21st verse to the close of the chapter. L. L. Murray.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. We have interesting classes suitable for all ages and, if you are not in a Sunday School elsewhere, we would be glad to have you join in ours. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Special song service.

The evening hour will be a song service by the choir, directed by Miss Christine Collins.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Come worship with us.

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

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Small attendance in Sunday School last Sunday—only 25 present. Real interesting lesson on the "Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus." Preaching the second and fourth Sundays of each month. You are welcome.

W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Bankers, business and professional men and men of all vocations and callings have been making investigations of the cause of the "world depression."

The Word of God says that, "the heart is sinful above all things and deperately wicked." I am making the plea, folks, that you go to church and face the gospel of the Son of God, that you may be able to search your "own heart" and face "your sin" and repent before it is too late.

The First Baptist church extends to all Merkel citizens an invitation to attend all of its services next Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Our B. T. S. meets at 7 p. m. and our Sunday School at 10 a. m.

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good."
James T. King, Pastor.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

The Western Union of the Epworth league had a wonderfully successful meeting with us last Monday evening. One hundred and forty-three young people attended. The program was given by the local leaguers. Talks were made by Addie Fae Patterson, Hazel Lee Rainbolt and Alvice Yeats. Games followed the business session. The next Union will be at Trent.

The semi-annual meeting of the western zone of the Abilene district Woman's Missionary Society met Thursday with the local W. M. S. Mrs. Tom Largent, zone leader, is proving to be an excellent leader. The program was well planned. Lunch was served to seventy delegates.

Next Sunday evening will be Laymen's service. Mr. W. E. Jarrett of Abilene, the district lay leader, will be the principal speaker for the hour. You will enjoy this service.

Pastor will preach at the 11 o'clock hour.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

We are having nice services and good attendance each service announced for the week. You are cordially invited to come be with us at any, or all, of our services.

Services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's Day at 10 a. m., communion service at 11 a. m. to 12 m., young peoples' program at 7 p. m., ladies Bible study Tuesday at 2 p. m. and Bible study and prayer service Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.

In love, The Elders.

Trent League Awarded Western Union Banner

June the 15th the Epworth leagues of the Western Union met at Merkel in their monthly meeting. The Merkel Senior league had charge of the devotional program. Those from Merkel Senior league on the program, "The Three-Fold Key to Happiness," were:

1. "Hearty Allegiance to Duty, (Christian Duty)" Addie Fae Patterson.

2. "Hearty Acquiescence to our Lot, (making good where we are)," Hazel Lee Rainbolt.

3. "Hearty Appreciation of the Wonder and Beauty in Life, (appreciating it as God's Gift to Man)," Alvice Yeats.

We then went into the business session, with Mr. Bennie McAdams, the president, in charge. After the roll call, the chapter presidents turned in their reports of the month. We found that three of the leagues had 100 per cent: Merkel Seniors and Merkel High league and Trent Senior league. The two Merkel leagues agreed that Trent should have the Western Union banner, as the Trent league has been organized only two months.

After receiving the banner, Trent extended an invitation to meet there, which was accepted. Other minor matters of business were attended to and then we went into the recreational hour, featuring several games. The meeting closed with the league benediction.

—Reporter.

Delegates Elected by Ladies' Auxiliary, Letter Carriers

On Wednesday, June 10, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Rural Letter Carriers of Taylor county met at Abilene and elected delegates to the state convention which meets in Waco in July. Mrs. A. C. Terry, chairman of the county organization, will go as delegate-at-large. Mrs. Stanley King of Merkel and Mrs. Owen Holly of Abilene will go as regular delegates.

Mrs. Joe Nalley of Trent, state secretary of the organization, was glad to state the county had been made 100 per cent in membership and that new counties were being added all along to the state organization.

Blue and white and the blue bonnet were selected as the colors and flower for the Taylor county unit.

The ladies decided to meet once each month in a general study club and social get together, and voted a fine of 25c for non-appearance on program except for a good cause.

After enjoying drinks furnished by the husbands, the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be at Lytle Beach where a picnic lunch will be served.

El Paso Publicity Man Touring Mexico

Jean Jacques, director of publicity for the Hotel Hussmann, El Paso, Texas, headquarters for aviation in the Southwest, has started on a personal tour of Mexico over the C. A. T. lines. Jacques is taking a few days each week, flies to a certain point along the air line and begins to function. Last week Jacques visited Chihuahua City, contacted J. W. Pettus of the Hotel Palacio, and toured the surrounding country. He found the locality packed with human interest material, material that he will use for general articles in national magazines. He intends to develop each article so that the hotels along the way will derive considerable benefit from the inspiration.

Jacques' studies for the tour was promoted by a desire to generate an interest in old Mexico travel and work it up so as to be beneficial to the Hotel Hussmann travel bureau. The C. A. T. lines are co-operating to the fullest extent and are liberal in arranging for photographs to boost the journeys.

Jacques leaves the 17th for Torreon. The following week he will hop to Monterrey.

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The French government has established a fund to provide girls with dowries of \$500 each on condition that they marry within a certain time.



ALSTON-ANDERSON.

The wedding of Miss Frances Anderson to Marvin Alston of Hereford was solemnized in elegant simplicity at eight o'clock Sunday morning in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, in the presence of only a few close friends and relatives, the Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church, officiating.

Pre-nuptial music was given by Miss Madeline Hunt of Haskell, cousin of the bride, who used Lohengrin's wedding march and continued its strains softly throughout the ceremony.

The vows were taken beneath a latticed arch of greenery, flanked by cathedral tapers in white floor candelabra, and massed white carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Alston entered unattended. An impressive ring ceremony was read by Rev. Walker.

The bride's brunette beauty was enhanced by beige colorings in her going-away suit and harmonious accessories; Miss Hunt wore white and Misses Marian Sheppard and Frances Veale, who lighted tapers, were also in white.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Alston left for an automobile trip to Carlsbad and other New Mexico points of interest and will return to Hereford to make their home.

Miss Frances Anderson is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson. Too much cannot be said for her popularity here and while in Texas Christian university, from where she was graduated this month as "Sweetheart" to the University of Texas annual "round up." A smiling, gracious personality, absolutely unspoiled, she will be remembered as one of the best loved girls ever to leave Merkel.

Mr. Alston is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Alston, lumberman of Sweetwater. In the athletic world he is known as "Red" Alston, acquiring that name in Texas Christian university where this romance had its beginning. He is also in the lumber business at Hereford and "Red's" friends here predict for him a brilliant future.

Out-of-town guests for the wedding were Mr. Lexter Alston, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Alston, Misses Alva, Jessie Lou and Charla Alston of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard and daughter, Modyne, Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard and Miss Marian Sheppard, Miss Roberta Sloan, all of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp, Horace Nix, Fort Worth, Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird, Mrs. Bob Echols, Albany, Mrs. Willie Davis, Mrs. Ray Booth, Mrs. Sam Parker, all of Sweetwater, Miss Marjorie Bland, Abilene, Miss Frances Veale of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt, Haskell, Mrs. Claude Young, Abilene, Miss Grace Pearl Sudderth of Leonard, and only intimate local friends and relatives of the Andersons.

IN-HONOR-BRIDGE

The attractive home of Mrs. W. T. Sadler was the scene of one of the most colorful parties of this summer on last Friday afternoon when Mesdames Claude Young, Bob Mayfield, C. H. Jones, and W. T. Sadler were combined hostesses to compliment Mrs. Marvin Alston, nee Miss Frances Anderson.

Party colors of green and orchid were most artistically featured at game tables and in floral decorations for the house. Bridge games were employed as the afternoon's diversion interspersed with dance numbers by Miss Betty Lou Grimes and Miss Louise Booth. Miss Madeline Hunt won high score and Miss Evelyn Curb was consoled for her low score and both gifts were most graciously presented to the honoree.

A most refreshing salad and sandwich course with iced drink, in which the party colors of orchid and green were reflected, was served by Misses Louise Booth and Missie Dye, attractively attired in orchid evening dresses. Table covers were laid in pastel tarleton covers centered with orchid sweet peas.

The guest list complete included Misses Frances Anderson, Marian Sheppard, Madeline Hunt, Doris Durham, Lola Dennis, Myrtle McDonald, Martha Bird, Addie Holler, Evelyn Curb, Mary Eula Sears, Lucy Tracy, Vennie Heizer, Jess Sutphen, Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Roberta Sloan, Grace Pearl Sudderth, Anna Lou Russell, Mattilou Largent, Ruth Swafford, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Mamie and Vera Walker, Marjorie Bland, Mesdames Sidney Foy, Bob Echols, H. H. Jenkins, Belle Kimbrough, W. S. J. Brown, Warren Smith, Charlie Largent, Jack Anderson, Ernest Old, W. V. Ramsey, George Overton, George White, R. O. Anderson, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland, Bill Sheppard, Doss Sheppard, Dub Johnson, R. I. Grimes, George West, Booth Warren, Claude

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BRIDE-ELECT HONORED.

(Sweetwater Sunday Reporter.)
Mrs. Sam Parker, Jr., entertained with a beautiful bridge party on Thursday afternoon at her home, 907 East First street, complimenting Miss Frances Anderson of Merkel whose wedding to Marvin Alston of Hereford, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Alston of Sweetwater took place this morning at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson in Merkel.

A pink and green color scheme predominated in the decorations and the bridal motif was featured on the score pads and tallies for the bridge games. House decorations were clusters of pink rosebuds.

Miss Sheppard of Dallas, house guest of Miss Anderson and a member of the wedding party, won the high score which was an attractive set of bath crystals. The hostess' gift to Miss Anderson was a set of crystal water glasses and little Miss Mary Elizabeth Murphy of San Angelo, sister of Mrs. Ray Boothe, presented her with an exquisite bouquet of pink rosebuds. Mrs. Willis Davis, a bride of the season, was presented with a handsome hand painted linen dinner cloth.

Delicious refreshments were served following the bridge games. Out of town guests were Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. Jack Anderson, of Merkel, Miss Madeline Hunt, of Haskell, and Miss Sheppard of Dallas. Tea guests were Mesdames C. H. Alston, Mrs. Sam Parker, Sr., Mrs. Herman Burge and Mrs. E. H. Wade. Others playing were Misses Brilla Mae Willis, Orlena Sanger, Alvah Alston, Lou Payne, Ena McQueen, Minnie Lee Mitchell, Mesdames Ray Boothe, Merlin Toler, Landon A. McCollister, Sterling Kendrick, Willie Davis.

RE-UNION.

The annual Baker-Watters reunion was held Sunday at Forrest Park in Fort Worth. The dinner speech was made by R. E. Watters of Houston. Dinner was served picnic style to six Baker children and seven Watters children with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, besides others more distantly related and several friends of the families.

Those attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker, (Mrs. Baker was a Watters,) Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson and son, Byron, Mrs. Claude Dye and son, Billy Gene, Mrs. R. F. Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Baker and son, Fred A., Jr., and daughter, Edith, and Mr. O. B. Leach. Mrs. Earl Beech of Henderson was also present.

MISS DUNCAN BRIGGS HOSTESS.

Miss E. Duncan Briggs entertained a few of her friends with a party at her home Saturday evening, June 13. The lawn was lighted and games and music furnished much amusement. They were then invited into the dining room where cake and punch were served to Billie Gardner, Wanda Hunter, Marie Stanford, Mildred Richardson, Helen Yeats, Billie Bernice Gambill, Rogene Dye, Annie Lee Owens, Clara Belle Mansfield, Lois Whiteley, Joyce Wheeler, Virginia Lake of Waco and Messrs. Jack Patterson, Neil Durham, David Gamble, Cullen Tittle, Cecil Clark, Wayman Richards, Clyde Brown, Kennedy Whiteley, Mac Tittle of Abilene, Horace Nix of Ft. Worth and the hostess.

CHANEY-PARRACK.

(Abilene Reporter-News.)
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Chaney, who married Friday in Chillicothe, arrived here Sunday to make their home at 450 1-2 Peach street.

The wedding took place in the home of the bride's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Ira Parrack, in Chillicothe, with Rev. Farrack officiating. The bride, who formerly made her home in Merkel, was graduated from Simmons university with the class of 1929. She was formerly Miss Mary Parrack.

Mr. Chaney was graduated this month from A. and M. college, College Station, where he completed his work as a civil engineer. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Chaney.

BAPTIST CIRCLE.

The Blanche Rose Walker circle will meet with Mrs. W. O. Boney in their Bible study Tuesday, June 23, at 4 p. m.

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Members of the Presbyterian choir will present an evening's program of sacred numbers at the evening service at 8:30 this Sunday. The anthems, of classical nature, are especially tuneful; music to please everybody will be rendered. The interested public is cordially invited to attend.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The Woodman Circle meets this (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. Members are urged to be present. The circle meets twice each month, on the first and third Fridays.

Dr. G. B. Fain reports that his wife, who was carried to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, because of serious illness, was much better Thursday morning.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Ed McCrary was sufficiently recuperated from an appendix operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, to be brought home Tuesday afternoon.

Reports Thursday morning from Carlton King, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King, were that he was a little better, with chances favorable for his recovery. He underwent an operation for appendicitis at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, Monday morning of this week and his condition was considered very serious for the first two or three days.

Doris Clyde Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller, was sufficiently recovered Thursday afternoon, following her appendix operation at the Merkel sanitarium Monday, to be carried home.

Miss Jess Sutphen, who underwent an operation for appendicitis Tuesday morning at the Merkel sanitarium, was reported Thursday as doing nicely.

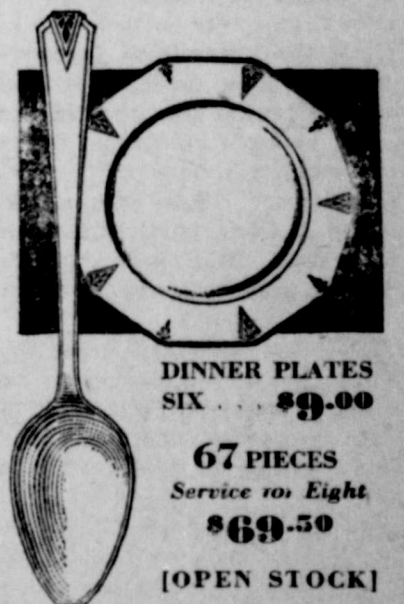
Following an operation for appendicitis last Friday morning at the Merkel sanitarium, Dewell McLean is reported as some better, although his condition at first was considered extremely grave due to the appendix having already ruptured.

Selma Jones, son of Ben Jones, underwent a serious operation at the Merkel sanitarium Thursday morning. At last report his condition was fair and it is hoped that he will improve steadily.

The fire boys were complimented with a bounteous supply of fish from the Lions club camp at Paint Rock and, following the fish fry for the ladies, the compliments of the Lions on Tuesday night the fire boys were given a big fish fry on the following night at the golf club grounds. Needless to say, "a good time was had by all."

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—1927 Ford coupe for milk cow or good note. O. B. Foster, Merkel, Texas, Route 1.

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Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, June 18.—Wednesday's live stock market was active, cattle and calves selling on a fully steady to shade stonger basis, hogs closing at an advance of 30c to 40c and sheep values remaining fully steady. The jump in hog prices was an outstanding trade feature.

Cattle and calf receipts were moderate, the estimate being placed at 3,200 head, of which 400 were calves. Everything met with a good demand and the supply was disposed of early.

Fed steers sold from \$5.00 to \$6.25 and good grassers went at \$4.25 to \$4.75. One car of choice, weighty cows notched \$4.50 and other sales were up to \$4.00. Cannerns and cutters moved around \$1.50 to \$2.25. Some choice yearlings made \$7.50. Bulls sold at \$2.00 to \$2.75. Choice calves of heavy weight reached \$6.85. Light calves notched \$7.50.

Hogs opened only 10c to 15c higher, but the close was fully 30c to 40c better than Tuesday's levels. Carlots made \$7.10 and truckers reached \$7.00. Sows went at \$5.25 to \$5.50. Receipts were limited to 300 head.

Good to choice fat lambs made \$5.00 to \$5.50, fat yearlings brought \$5.00 to \$5.25, common lambs moved around \$3.00 to \$3.50, 2-year-old wethers were taken at \$3.00 to \$3.25 and aged sheep sold at \$1.50. Sheephouse receipts were limited to 3,000 head.

Cattle Movement.

Jasper McCoy trucked two loads of mixed cattle to Fort Worth, total 19 head, during the week.

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

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

Personal Mention

Miss Mudge Dean of Dallas is the guest of Miss Christine Collins.

Mrs. J. A. Adkisson of San Antonio is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Orr.

Roy Elliott of Dallas is spending the week with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

Miss Willie Maye Schwartz is visiting her uncle, Arthur Duncan, at Roscoe this week.

John Schwartz, who has been working in Oklahoma City, for sometime, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Blair of Fort Worth spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brewster and two daughters of Sudan are guests in the J. S. Thomas home.

M. and Mrs. Joe De Mottier of Bryan are guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Mrs. Jess Wood and two daughters of Dallas are guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Willis.

Dr. Wm. M. Gambill has gone to Indianapolis and other northern and eastern cities on business.

Perry Curb returned Sunday to Phoenix, Ariz., after a visit with his mother, Mrs. C. S. Curb.

Miss Golda Anderson of Ralls, Texas, a former Merkel girl, is the guest of Mrs. Herbert Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Herring of Plainview were week-end guests in the Thomas Durham home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Blake and daughter, Anna Lee, visited relatives in Bonham last week-end.

Miss Eula Mae Hemby of Sweetwater is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniel of the Stith community.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Mayes of Eola, Concho county, were week-end guests of her brother, R. A. Ellis, and family.

Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig left Saturday night to visit the home folks at Ethan, S. D. He expects to be gone about ten days.

Howard Johnson of San Antonio spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. W. L. Johnson, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Conner and daughter of Fort Worth spent Wednesday with his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Conner.

Miss Doris Durham has gone to Houston as councillor for a Girl's Scout camp and will be away some six or eight weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin enjoyed a visit Sunday from her niece and nephew, Miss Nona and W. D. Calvert, of Sweetwater.

Miss Iris Garrett and her guest, Miss Katherine Cousins of Fort Worth have returned from a visit in the Bullock home at Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger have as their guests the latter's sisters, Mrs. Herman Davis and baby and Miss Friedman, of Houston.

Mrs. Mac Angus returned Saturday from a visit to Fort Worth and Dallas. She was accompanied by Miss Pauline Talley of Abilene.

Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw returned Tuesday from a visit with her mother, Mrs. M. L. Sadler, in Fort Worth and her sister in Cleburne.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock and family arrived Thursday from Stanton to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

R. J. Adcock has returned from an absence of several months, visiting his daughters and other relatives at Uvalde, Waco, Fort Worth and Weatherford.

Mayor W. M. Elliott and his son, Roy, who is here visiting from Dallas, spent Wednesday in tSamford with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Elliott.

Mrs. F. Y. Gaither and two daughters are visiting her mother, Mrs. H. A. Maloy, at Elk City, Okla. Forest drove over Saturday to take them, returning Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Arnold Seydler and little son returned Thursday to their home at Stanton after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Gilbert. She was accompanied home by Miss Theima Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lake returned Tuesday to their home in Waco after a visit with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple. Their daughter, Virginia, remained for a longer visit in the Caple home.

After a week-end visit here, Paul Causeaux and Howard Johnson were accompanied on their return to San Antonio by Mrs. W. V. Cranford, who goes to visit her daughter, Mrs. L. D. Gaither, there.

Raymond Earthman, who is now checking clerk for the Woolworth company at Port Arthur, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman. Raymond was reared here and graduated from the Merkel High in 1929.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey of San Angelo were week-end guests of their parents. They were well pleased to find their brother, J. T. Darsey, Jr.,

doing so well after his recent automobile accident.

Mrs. Len Sublett and W. A. McCandless left last Friday for an overland trip to California. They were joined at Big Spring by Mrs. Sublett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher, who had been visiting several weeks at Lamesa.

W. S. Slayden, popular and efficient carrier on Rural Route Four, and his family have gone to Nashville, Tenn., where they will visit Mrs. Slayden's parents. Mr. Slayden will go to Michigan and visit his parents also. They expect to be gone for a month.

Merkel Boy Seriously Wounded by Discharge Of Gun Accidentally

Seriously wounded by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of his father, W. H. Derstine, with whom he had gone on a hunting trip near their home west of town late Friday afternoon, Hale Derstine, age 14, was carried to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, where it became necessary to amputate his leg just below the knee. Several blood transfusions were required.

Thursday morning he was reported doing nicely and his father feels much encouraged over his rapid improvement.

The discharge of the gun entered the boy's leg just below the knee, crushing the bone and severing blood vessels.

Demonstration Club Organized at Stith

The women of the Stith community met Tuesday, June 9, to organize a home demonstration club. Mrs. Edgar Bradley called the house to order, introducing Miss Sue Bonner, Jones county's new demonstration agent; who made an interesting talk.

Next was the election of officers. Mrs. Guy Glenn was elected president, Miss Nora Kelso vice-president, and Mrs. Fred Ellis, secretary.

After serving refreshments the meeting was adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 23, at 2:30 o'clock.

Gin Bonds Still Required by Law

Austin, June 18.—To correct an apparent misunderstanding among ginners over the state, R. H. Fincher, gin chief in the department of agriculture, stated today the old state law requiring ginners to make bond was still in force and effect.

Fincher said the misunderstanding apparently arose when the governor vetoed the bill passed by the 42nd legislature which would have relieved ginners of the necessity of making bonds.

"Due to this veto," Fincher said, "we are still operating under the old law." He urged ginners to make applications and bonds as early as possible.

Broker Now Farmhand.

Seattle, June 18.—John G. Price, former wealthy Seattle investment broker, is now driving a tractor on a farm to support himself and his wife, it was disclosed when his attorney asked that a date be set for his trial on charges of grand larceny. Price, former head of the Northern Bond and Investment company, was accused of defrauding clients of about \$30,000.

Had Pleasant Accident.

Seattle, June 18.—LeRoy Dunakey never thought he would like to participate in a serious traffic accident, but he is now glad that he was in a car that overturned and burst into flames. He married the 17-year-old girl who helped pull him out of the wreckage and took him to a hospital.

Odd Fellow 68 Years.

Goodwin's Mills, Me.—Cyrus W. Murphy, 98, has been a member of the Odd Fellows for 68 years.

Tourists Get Pre-View.

Boston.—So prospective American tourists may obtain a preview of what they will see in Europe, a series of illustrated lectures has been arranged by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Causes For Divorce.

Washington, June 18.—Mrs. Josephine Hudgins, appealing to the district court to annul her marriage, said she has learned that her husband had been married before, that he had served a prison term, that he is 39 years old instead of 29, and that his real name is Jesse James.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

The Senior league went to Abilene Sunday afternoon for the council meeting at the First Methodist church. Those attending were Misses Imogene Mangum, Victorene Bishop, Lucy Burch, Helen McCormick, Mrs. John Payne and Ed Orand.

On last Sunday afternoon the Junior league met at the home of Aunt Sallie Williamson and rendered a very interesting program of songs, prayer and scripture reading. Those having part in this program were Kathleen and Cloys Shannon, Elsie Bishop, Lucille Howell, Gladys Roberts, Lillian Grace Reeves, Doris Margaret Steen, Gene Scott, Lois Orand, Margaret Ralihan and Ida V. Estep.

Miss Willie Orand entertained a few of her friends with a party Saturday evening. Games were enjoyed and at the refreshment hour delicious cream and cake was served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Orand, Misses Victorene Bishop, Florence Sherman, Lois Orand and Ed Orand.

Mrs. D. J. Rawlings is visiting in Merkel.

After attending the Firemen's convention at Bryan, E. M. Sherman went on to Houston to attend to business matters and visit friends.

Hanley Vessels, Jack Bowers, Chock Hutchison, Delmer McLeod and Cecil Dowdy left Wednesday for the C. M. T. C. camp at San Antonio, which will open the 19th.

Little Miss Avis Neill of Hamlin is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. E. M. Sherman, this week.

Miss Helen McCormick of Merkel is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse.

Mrs. Barba and son, accompanied by her father, Mr. Adcock, of Stephenville, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Waters.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Murdock of Mission spent several days of their vacation here as guests in the home of Carl and Marvin Murdock.

Mrs. W. J. Armour has returned from Coolidge where she was called last week on account of the serious illness of her brother, Mr. Booth. She reports him some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Still of Ropes were recent guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Clifford Estep. Mrs. Still will be remembered as Miss Lillie Harris.

Mrs. G. W. Minnis of Fort Worth and Mrs. Lucy Galloway of Barnhart are guests this week of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tid Smith, and sister, Mrs. Tom Williamson.

Mrs. Frank Stevens and children of Dallas were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens and Mrs. Jack Freeman.

Mrs. Charles O'Brian had a message Saturday that her father, who lives at Fairview Okla., was not expected to live. She left immediately and was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Byers.

L. C. Murray, who recently moved to Gatesville, was here Saturday looking after business interests.

Herbert Hudler, until recently manager of the Burton-Lingo Lumber company, and family have removed to

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Abilene where he has accepted a position with the same company.

Bill Springer, who has been at Roston for the past several months, returned aturday.

J. P. Orand went to Fort Worth last Thursday, where he expects to spend the summer.

Mrs. Hattie Boozer and children of Sweetwater returned to their home after a pleasant visit of several days with relatives.

Mrs. J. W. Weaver was called to the bedside of her son-in-law, Buster Higginbotham, of Roscoe on last Wednesday, who died and was buried Friday in the Trent cemetery. He leaves two little children, a girl about ten years old and a boy about six. His wife, who was Mrs. Weaver's daughter, died some four years ago.

TRENT METHODIST CHURCH.

Last week was a good week with us. We appreciated and enjoyed the coming of our visiting brethren, and the helpful messages that they brought to us. We reached the climax in our series of meetings Sunday morning. Sunday School met at 9:00 a. m. with good attendance and fine interest. We have never had a more consecrated, conscientious corps of Sunday School workers than we have in the Trent Sunday School. At 10:00 a. m. Rev. R. E. L. Stutts, conducted an old-fashioned Methodist "Love Feast," which proved to be one of the most helpful, uplifting and inspiring services we have had in the Trent church. Out of the fullness of their hearts the people told of the goodness of God to them. Sins were confessed, covenants renewed, and all were strengthened and encouraged to press forward in the Christian service. The Lord be praised.

At 11:00 a. m. Rev. W. B. McKeown preached a soul stirring sermon, and gave some of his experiences in the ministry in the early days of Methodism in Texas. They gave us another chapter,—out of their own lives—of the Acts of the Apostles. For three hours the people sat quietly and attentively. Men tire of twenty or thirty minutes of "canned church program," but they listen with hungry hearts to the gospel when accompanied by the power of the Holy Spirit. Sunday was a great day for us. Services next Sunday will be conducted as usual: Sunday School 10 a. m. Lee Keyes, Supt. Preaching 11 a. m. by the pastor. Junior League at 5 p. m. Senior League at 7 p. m. Preaching 8:15 p. m. by the pastor. We are always glad to have you worship with us.

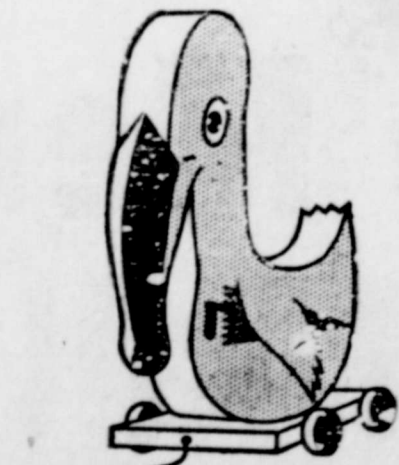
Ural S. Sherrill, Pastor.

MEETING AT TRENT IN PROGRESS.

A fundamentalist Baptist meeting is in progress at the First Baptist church at Trent. Hear Harvey Rankin of Tahoka, Texas, preach on "Sin," "Hell," "The Judgment," "The Pre-Millennial Second Coming of Jesus" and other Bible Doctrines. Ephesians 6:10-20. Services twice daily.

Christmas is said to have been observed as a holiday as early as the year 98.

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Blair Man Named on County School Board

County school trustees in monthly session Saturday appointed John Latimer of Blair to fill the place on the board made vacant by the resignation of W. H. Frazier of Merkel a month ago.

Mr. Latimer, who is a farmer and landowner in the Blair community, is a member of a pioneer Taylor county family and a former member of the school board at Blair.

Mr. Frazier was appointed to the board last September upon the resignation of L. R. Thompson, who became Taylor county auditor.

The board also appointed trustees for three county schools, and classified the schools according to the number of teachers and the grades to be taught.

J. W. Townsley was appointed to the Cedar Creek board to succeed M. A. Matthews, who has moved from the district. W. M. Shaver was appointed to succeed himself at New Hope, where no trustee election was held in April, and Clyde Latimer was named to take the place of W. C. Neill, who has resigned from the L. X. L. board.

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Coolidge to Quit His Daily Articles

New York, June 18.—Calvin Coolidge is to discontinue, temporarily, his daily newspaper articles.

The former President, believing "the brains of the country need relaxation and refreshment more than ever this season," will begin his vacation July 1, just a year after his first dispatches were published. He has not announced the date of his return to syndicate writing, but the organization handling his material said it would be some time in September.

In one of his recent articles, Coolidge suggested the nation's leaders make an especial effort this summer to obtain the benefits of a vacation.

"They owe a duty to themselves, their business and their associates to get more than the usual period of rest," he said. "The country will be further advanced in October if July and August find many visitors at the shore and in the hills. Just now we need that replenishment of body and soul that comes only in withdrawing from work and familiar scenes and seeking diversion in new activities and new surroundings.

"This year above most others the brain and the hand need to be replenished by rest."

No announcement was made as to where Mr. Coolidge plans to spend his vacation. It was said, however, he desired complete privacy.

The syndicate handling his articles also stated that during the first year of his contract, Mr. Coolidge had never been late with a dispatch nor had he exceeded the limit of words agreed upon.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads

Two White Flat Girls Win Trips to A. & M.

Misses Myrtle McElmurray and Louise Pierson of the White Flat girls' club won free trips to the farmers short course at Texas A. & M. College, scheduled to be held this summer, Saturday morning when they were given first place in the team demonstration contest held at the Municipal building at Sweetwater by the County Federation cooperating with the extension department of the college.

These girls were judged better dem-

onstrators than eight other girls, making up four other teams. Their demonstration work was for table service.

Other teams competing were from Divide, Brownlee, Ada and Maryneal.

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Adolph Menjou Puts Aside His High Hat

"The Front Page," Howard Hughes' picturization of the famous stage play coming to the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, on Sunday, marks the transition of Adolphe Menjou from high hat characterizations on the screen to that of a hard-boiled, ruthless person.

The first lesson in the art of news-gathering has been always given by editors to cub reporters as, "When a dog bites a man, that's not news; but when a man bites a dog—that's news!"

Now, they can point out to their budding young journalists: "When Adolphe Menjou wears silk hats and dress suits, that's not news; but when he portrays a hard-boiled heartless character,—that's news!"

For years, Adolphe Menjou has thrilled thousands by his faultless characterizations of men high in society. Ever since "A Woman of Paris," he has always been the well groomed, mild mannered "gentleman." But in "The Front Page," Menjou drops his familiar character for the first time in his screen career, and becomes a driving, ruthless hard-boiled individual as a managing editor of a great metropolitan newspaper, in which he submerges always his personal feelings, and drives his men heartlessly to "Get the news first."

It's a far cry from the drawing room to an office littered with paper; working in shirt sleeves, tie all askew, and hair ruffled! But it is needless to point out that Adolphe Menjou has turned in one of his finest performances in his entire career, and his fans, which are legion, will love him for it.

It's the fourth big thrill in his life, he says. The first was graduating with high honors from Cornell University, the second was receiving his commission as Captain during the War, and his subsequent service in Italy; the third was his entry upon a film career, and now his fourth, which he terms the biggest thrill of all.

Lewis Milestone, director of the famed "All Quiet on the Western Front," directed "The Front Page," and the authors of the stage play, Charles MacArthur and Ben Hecht, also assisted in treating the play for film fare.

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To Resume Airmail To Abilene July 1

Abilene, June 18.—Extension of airmail and passenger service to Abilene by Southern Transcontinental Airways (American Airways), beginning July 1, was announced Friday from Washington. Telegrams bringing word of the postoffice department order to the operating company to place Abilene on "A. M. 33," the transcontinental schedule between Los Angeles and Atlanta, were received here from Chase C. Gove, acting second assistant postmaster general, and Earl Wardsworth, chief of airmail service.

Restoration of commercial aviation service to this city is the culmination of a campaign waged since last October, when three passenger lines making Abilene a port of call daily discontinued their schedules after a series of giant mergers out of which emerged American Airways, holding the airmail contract on the southern trans-continental route. Effect of the shakeup was to "wash out" Abilene for the time being.

Plans are under way for a celebration when the first airmail plane lands here July 1.

Botanists have discovered on the Hawaiian Islands nearly 700 varieties of plants that are found nowhere else.

Hawaii expects a bumper sugar crop this year, one plantation reporting its biggest yield in 60 years.

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Mineral Wells Gets 1932 Press Meeting

San Aneglo, June 18.—Mineral Wells was selected as the 1932 convention city and R. L. Scott of De Leon was elevated to the presidency in the closing session Saturday morning of the three-day convention of the Texas Press association here.

Lowry Martin of Corsicana was named to the vice-presidency vacated by Mr. Scott.

Sam P. Harben of Richardson was renamed secretary for his twenty-fourth year and B. F. Harriger of La Grange was reappointed treasurer.

Resolutions passed included the endorsement for the Texas centennial project which would be staged in 1936; endorsement of the five-year program of Progressive Texans, Inc., sponsored by the three regional chambers of commerce, and declared the editors in favor of a revision in highway financing plans to secure a connected system of paved highways throughout the state.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

Auto Hits Baby Bug.
New York, June 18.—One-month-old Eugene Fowler, Jr., escaped injury almost miraculously when an automobile leaped the curb, struck his carriage, smashed it and hurled the baby 10 feet through the air to the soft turf of a lawn.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

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THE RED & WHITE STORES
In Merkel and This Territory
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Three people on an advertising campaign laugh their way across the country. Peter, the artist, is at the wheel. Little Bobby, the chaperon, forces Rowena out to the rumble. It's a wonderful trip, with laughs, thrills, gay escapades and other things that make it one of the best summer serials ever written.



Ethel Hueston is rapidly coming to the front as a writer on American life. She is that rare combination, a woman and a humorist.

ETHEL HUESTON
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JUNE 26

To everyone who has made, or who hopes to make, an auto tour of the United States, this serial will prove an absorbing story of

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Start with the first installment June 26 in

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All kinds of auto work.
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A HUNDRED
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When mighty armored fishes swam over PENNSYLVANIA

THE Devonian Age which occurred more than a hundred million years ago was the source of two wonders—mighty, armored fishes and the Bradford-Allegany crude oil which is now being manufactured into Sinclair Pennsylvania Motor Oil. Sinclair Pennsylvania is de-waxed and freed from petroleum jelly at as low as 60° F. below zero—Sinclair Pennsylvania is a year-round Pennsylvania grade oil. Ask the Sinclair dealer.

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Phone 288

Merkel, Texas

THE RED & WHITE STORES

Convince Yourself of Our Better Foods

Compare Red & White foods with any foods at any price and you will join the millions of women who buy all their foods at Red & White Stores.

SPECIALS
FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
JUNE 19 AND 20

New Potatoes 5 lbs For **7c**
FRESH FROM SOUTH TEXAS

EXTRA QUALITY
GREEN BEANS per lb. **5c**
LIMIT 5 POUNDS

EXTRA FANCY TEXAS
Tomatoes per lb. **5c**

Watermelons per lb. **2½c**
Fresh

GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR, BUY BANANAS BY THE POUND
BANANAS per lb. **4c**

Oranges nice size per dozen **24c**
FLORIDA—FULL OF JUICE

GRAPEFRUIT 4 FOR **25c**

PEACHES, Melba Halves, No. 2 1-2, per can **19c**

PINEAPPLE, sliced or graded, No. 1 flat 2 for **23c**

RED AND WHITE
GELATINE DESSERT or **ICE CREAM POWDER**, 3 for **23c**

GRAPE JUICE pint **21c**

TOMATO JUICE 10 oz. can per can **9c**

SUGAR 10 lbs. for **48c**

RED AND WHITE
BROOMS each **98c**
ONE 35c WHISK BROOM FREE WITH EACH BROOM

1000 SHEETS
TOILET PAPER 3 rolls for **25c**

OXYDOL lg. pkg. **19c**

FLOUR 24 lb. sack **69c**
48 lb. sack **\$1.24**
Extra High Patent—Every Sack Guaranteed

FRUIT JAR CAPS, doz. **27c**
RINGS, doz. **7c**

BACON, sliced per lb. **19c** **JOWLS**, dry salt per lb. **9c**

LUNCH MEAT per lb. **23c** **ROAST** per lb. **15c**

Fishermen Provide Abundance for Feed

There are fishermen and fishermen, and, per se, fish stories and fish stories, but those ten, who pitched tent Sunday at the Lions club camp at Paint Rock, augmented by some four other brave souls on Monday morning, brought back the bacon, (metaphors a little mixed, that's all.)

The staff correspondent for The Merkel Mail certifies to at least 100 pounds of good, fresh, eatable fish, as the result of the two days' outing, and, thanks to Cotton Owens as chef and his assistants, some forty satisfied customers at the ladies' night affair of the Lions club Tuesday night at the golf course can testify to the adjective, "eatable."

The preliminary outing afforded rare sport for the participants, besides fishing, and predilections of Booth Warren for buffalo, Dee Grimes for gar, Mat Dillingham for hickory shad and W. L. Diltz, Jr., for suckers, were notable among the highlights.

Charlie Delmer brought back the honors as champion, landing a catch of 24 in his first night out—it was an all night job, however, which accounts for his championship, as no one else could go for endurance with pole fishing.

The original party of ten included Dee Grimes, Booth Warren, C. W. Delmer, Mat Dillingham, S. D. Gamble, David Gamble, Horace Nix of Fort Worth, Bill Sheppard, Tom Largent and W. L. Diltz, Jr. Those joining the gang Monday were Rev. R. A. Walker, E. Yates Brown, A. T. Sheppard and Frank McFarland.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.

In preparation for your vacation trip, you will find the laundry most convenient. We are prepared to call for your work and finish it at just the right time before you leave. Then you will have everything fresh and clean. Besides you will avoid having to spend so much time washing and ironing when you could devote that time in getting things ready for leaving. Thank you.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.
Mrs. Jay, Manager.

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

The pneumatic tire was invented by a horse doctor.

Former Merkel Man Is Killed at Anson

Anson, June 18.—In a double shooting, which occurred a few minutes before 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon in front of Saffel's blacksmith shop, J. W. (Will) Windham, 54, was killed and his double cousin, Frank Windham, was shot and seriously wounded.

Complaints charging murder and assault to murder against Jim Saffel, 52-year old Anson blacksmith, were filed soon after the shooting in which a single-barrel 12-gauge shotgun was used.

The city of Anson is 43 years old and a homicide has never been enacted anywhere within its limits. Saffel's shop is about a quarter-mile south, this fact keeping the town's proud record clean.

Will Windham, who was killed, formerly lived in the Salt Branch community, near Merkel, but had been in Anson for many years. He is the owner of farm lands, retiring several years ago. He leaves his wife and four children, all married.

Frank Windham, the wounded man, was taken to the Stamford sanitarium, where she is reported resting well.

Canon Becomes Agent Continental Oil Co.

Effective Monday, June 15, A. J. Canon became agent for the Continental Oil company, succeeding Mack Buzbee.

Cyrus Pee will assist Mr. Canon and those needing oils and gas can phone the Continental station, No. 99, as usual, or Mr. Canon's residence, No. 139.

Jack Canon is well known to everyone in Merkel and this section as a business man of ability and high character and that the Continental Oil company will continue to be well represented here goes without saying.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends and all those who assisted in any way for their loving kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister; also for the beautiful floral offerings. May God's richest blessings be upon you all.

Mrs. Effie Rider and Florene.

Interesting Meeting Of Salt Branch Club

The Salt Branch Demonstration club met Friday, June 5, at the club house with 16 members and 12 visitors. After a song led by Edith Baker, the club went immediately into a business meeting. Roll call was answered with hints as to new ways to cook vegetables and then Miss Chambers demonstrated cooking and serving of mashed beets and stuffed squash. Ice cream and cake were served to those present by Mesdames Algie Daniels, C. L. Daniels, Hobson Robertson and Miss Norah Foster. The next meeting will be June 16 when cotton and its products will be discussed.

T. & P. Continues Two-Cent Fare to Sept. 30

Extension of the two cent triff on day passenger trains from Fort Worth to Big Spring on the Texas & Pacific railroad has been granted by the Texas railroad commission. The extension is for three months, from July 1 to September 30, announced J. C. Childress, local agent for the T. & P.

The fare of two cents a mile is good only on trains 3 and 4, operating on day schedules between Fort Worth and Big Spring. Train number 3, westward, leaves Merkel at 2:08 p. m. and number 4, eastward, leaves at 3:04 p. m.

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

Get that good PIT BARBECUE on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. At Yellow Jacket, next to Gulf Station, on highway.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Al Capone

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dictments, but precedent would indicate a much lighter sentence.

The longest sentence for income tax evasion on a plea of guilty has been two years.

For Capone the hearing was a severe blow, the certain abdication for a time at least of the throne he has held for ten years. With the exception of a year spent in Philadelphia jail for carrying concealed weapons and a federal sentence of six months still under appeal, for contempt of court, Capone had gone his way, working to the head of his own gang and then wiping out the others almost un-molested by the law.

Queen Elizabeth of England, died at the age of 77.

PALACE THEATRE
A Hughes-Franklin Theatre

SWEETWATER
Week of June 21

Sun., Mon.
Adolphe Menjou
"Front Page"

Tues., Wed.
Dorothy Mackaill
"Kept Husbands"

Thurs., Fri.
Victor McLaglen
"Annabel's Affairs"

Saturday
Paul Lukas—Kay Francis
"Vice Squad"

Our cooling plant keeps this theatre "COOL AS A CAV-ERN" with water washed air.

SPECIALS
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

- FLOUR, Supreme, best grade, 48's \$1.25
- FLOUR, Supreme, best grade, 24's 65c
- MEAL, Supreme cream, 20 lb. cloth 45c
- SPUDS, new crop, strictly No. 1, 10 lbs. 18c
- SPUDS, old crop, good cookers, 10 lbs. 10c
- BEANS, green tender, snaps, lb. 5c
- TOMATOES, solid, firm pinks, lb. 5c
- LARD, compound, 8 lb. pail 85c
- SOAP, P & G, C. W., 10 bars limit 35c
- OATS, Redi cooked, full 3 lb. package 20c
- COFFEE, White Swan, 2 lb. tin 85c

WE BUY CREAM

J. M. Collins Cash Grocery
Phone 69 Prompt Delivery

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

Opens Saturday

Our new Ice Station at the corner of Elm and Lamar Streets, across from Rodden Studio will open Saturday.

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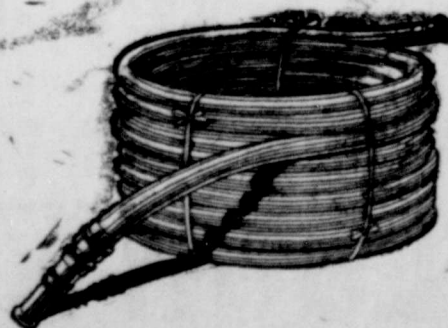
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Black moulded garden hose—50 ft. 5/8 inch. Complete with Brass Nozzle and couplings.

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\$3.95

WEST COMPANY

Measured In Miles

SUPPOSE for a moment that advertising didn't exist—that there were no trade-marked goods—that everything you bought had to be judged solely by its look or feel or taste.

Imagine yourself setting out to do the morning's shopping under such conditions. You'd drive down the street, looking in windows for the articles you needed—the blouses for Johnny, the half-dozen bath towels, the toilet soap, the ginger ale for tomorrow's picnic. You'd stop, ask questions, examine the towels, smell the soap, wonder if here was your money's worth or if you might find something better farther on. And though you followed this procedure mile after weary mile, you could never be SURE.

Computed simply in terms of gasoline and tires and shoe-leather, advertising saves you a startling sum every year. And if you add the value of your time the amount is vastly increased.

When you buy a product that is advertised you know in advance what you will get, how much it costs and where you can obtain it. That is why, in millions of modern homes, the newspaper advertising columns are a constant guide to purchases.

Read the advertisements, decide what you need, then buy with assurance. Let advertising save you time and money.

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