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HEAR ABILENIAN TELL OF TRIP TO MEET AT TORONTO

President Clark of Lions Club of
Neighboring City Pays Visit
to Merkel; Judges in Contest
Guests of Honor.

At their Tuesday luncheon, Merkel Lions had the pleasure of hearing an interesting account of his recent visit to the Lions International convention at Toronto as told by C. W. Clark, president of the Abilene Lions and well known in Merkel.

There were 118 Texans to leave Dallas on the Lions Toronto special and when the convention was called to order 168 delegates from Texas were registered. This number included those who traveled by regular trains or by automobiles. En route the Texans enjoyed a tour of Chicago and a visit through the Ford factory at Detroit. They were accompanied by the Lions Cowboy orchestra of San Angelo. The first evening of the convention was Texas night and, the speaker said, when the Texas delegation entered their section of the convention hall singing "The Eyes of Texas" they took the house by storm. The section, reserved for Texas, was at the front of the hall, but was not large enough to accommodate the delegates and more room had to be arranged. When Julian Heyer of Fort Worth, the newly elected president, entered, he received a wonderful ovation, Mr. Clark said.

The speaker was accompanied to Merkel by Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons university, who made a short talk to the Lions, but explained that this was one of the times when someone else, not he, was going to do the speaking.

Other guests at the luncheon were Mesdames Roy Savage, Ray Taylor and O. C. Williams, all of Abilene, who had served as judges in the Yard and Garden contest, sponsored by the Lions club, the final judging having been completed Tuesday morning.

Mesdames Len Sublett, chairman of the ladies committee assisting in the contest, and Mesdames Dee Grimes and Booth Warren, members of the committee, were also guests of honor at the luncheon.

Mrs. Savage, speaking for the ladies, responded happily and expressed the pleasure it had afforded them to serve as judges in the contest. She referred to the splendid co-operation manifested by home owners and renters throughout the city and congratulated Merkel on its many beautiful yards and flower gardens.

In the absence of the president, H. H. Jenkins, vice-president, presided at the luncheon. J. S. Bourn, was toastmaster, his assistant being Booth Warren. Special piano numbers by Mrs. C. W. Delmer were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Delmer also played accompaniment for the club singing, which was led by H. H. Jenkins.

G. L. Baker and daughters, Mrs. A. B. Patterson and Miss Callie Baker, of near Warren's school house paid us a pleasant call Tuesday afternoon.

Luther Watson and wife, Jim Black and wife, Messrs. Jenkins and Turner, Alex Wisdom, J. P. Sharp, Parker Sharp, Merle Alsbrook, Rufford Evans, Webster Ernest, Misses Dethel Jenkins, Inez Sharp, Clara Moore, Ethel Williams attended church at Trent Sunday.

Walter Barclay is in Merkel for a day or two.

CITY CHAMPS OF ABILENE BESTED BY MERKEL 2-1

Two factors combined in making possible Merkel's 2-to-1 victory over Dub Wooten's nine, champions of the Abilene city league, in their seven-inning battle here Tuesday afternoon. One was the superb pitching of Tannie Jones, who allowed the visitors only two safeties, while he whiffed nine batters, and the other was a corking triple by Andy Shouse in the last half of the seventh inning, which brought in the winning run and broke up the ball game.

The Wooten run in the second inning was the result of a Merkel error. The boys tied up the game in the fourth and Shouse's three-bagger in the last frame cinched the game.

Merkel hitters got to Joe Bailey Lewis for seven hits. He had two strike-outs to his credit.

The score by innings: R H E
Wooten 010 000 0-1 2 0
Merkel 000 100 1-2 7 1

Lewis and Rushing; T. Jones and Shouse. Umpires, Dowell and Jenkins.

RESULTS OF OTHER GAMES.
Thursday—Methodists 8, Baptists 8 (tie.)

Friday—Clyde 3, Merkel 2.

Saturday—Trent 9, Union Ridge 3.

Wednesday—Noodle 6, Merkel (not the regulars) 4.

City Marshal Takes Woman in Custody

Mrs. Ethel Heptinstall, former cafe operator of Abilene, was taken in custody here shortly before noon Tuesday by City Marshal P. P. Dickinson, upon information from Sheriff Burl Wheeler that she was traveling west from Abilene on Highway No. 1 with her sister and a niece in a small automobile, and that she was wanted to serve a 100-day sentence imposed several months ago for contempt of court.

She was sentenced for alleged refusal to testify in connection with the trial of Ed Blosson when the latter was on trial in 42nd district court charged with a statutory offense.

Mandate from the court of criminal appeals, directing Sheriff Wheeler to take the defendant into custody, had been unserved for several weeks while Wheeler was making inquiries as to Mrs. Heptinstall's whereabouts.

House Committee Wants
Reduce Cotton Acreage
Austin, Aug. 6.—The house committee on agriculture Wednesday voted to report favorably a bill to decrease cotton acreage by prohibiting planting of cotton on the same land on successive years. The committee report was unanimous.

Efforts will be made to get the bill up for action Thursday or Friday. The bill was endorsed at the conference of representatives of cotton growing states here Tuesday.

A bill with similar provisions is pending in the senate.

J. P. Sublett and the family of H. R. Hicks, Jno. Wynn, Miss Bertha Wynn, G. W. Boyce, Carl Evans, and Geo. Ferrier spent a day or two fishing on the Clear Fork the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Saddler, who have been visiting in Coryell county, have returned home.

Miss Alida Townes of Huntingdon, Tenn., is expected to return to Merkel in a few days and will have charge of an art class in our schools this year.

D. G. Ash has our thanks for a nice peach. He also brought a nice bowl of cotton.

Mrs. J. W. Newberry and children visited in Tye the first of the week.

Miss Jessie McPeak returned to her home in Floydada Tuesday morning after spending several days with Mrs. Dr. Armstrong.

Mrs. Vol Martin and Mrs. Perkins and little Miss Fay Perkins have returned from their trip along the Pacific coast.

Miss Florence Spears of Albany is visiting in the home of Dr. Powell.



HOUSE PASSES WAGSTAFF BILL

Administration Oil Conservation
Measure Carries by Vote of
120 to 14 in House.

Austin, Aug. 6.—The administration oil conservation bill was passed in the house late Wednesday by a vote of 120 to 14 under suspension of the constitutional rule.

The senate, meanwhile, was locked in a storm of debate, arising over efforts to abolish several state departments and add their duties to the duties of a new conservation commission proposed by the Woodward administration supported bill, companion to the Wagstaff house program.

The upper branch adjourned at 5:30 p. m. with the Woodward bill still unadopted and the amendments proposing consolidations still pending.

The Wagstaff bill was sent to the senate Thursday morning. A bill similar to the Wagstaff bill has been given a favorable report in the upper body.

Several attempts were made to amend the bill after it was voted out of committee but only one was adopted. It specifically provides the commission should not consider market demand or storage, except for prevention of physical waste, in setting the allowable.

The bill recommended by the house was introduced by Representative Robert Wagstaff of Abilene. It would empower the regulatory commission to consider production, transportation and storage in fixing allowable production. The commission also would be authorized to fix an oil-gas ratio to prevent dissipation of gas.

Oil suits would be given preference in the courts over all other cases. The commission would have the right of injunction to compel obedience to its orders and the right to receiverships of properties operated in violation of its order after they had been held valid. The bill also would provide for bond to protect the state and adjoining property owners from damage pending determination of an injunction suit to restrain enforcement of the commission's order.

Following passage of the Wagstaff bill the house started consideration of a bill to establish an appointive commission of three to administer the conservation laws. The house adjourned without acting on this bill.

Filling Station Arises From Blacksmith Shop

One of the landmarks of the city and reminder of the days before the auto era, the J. M. Meeks blacksmith shop on Front street, was torn down the first of the week to make way for a stucco filling station and garage.

Connie Lepard and Johnny Jacobs have leased the property from J. M. Meeks and will erect at once a modern filling station and garage. The size of the building will be 25 by about 60 feet.

Messrs. Lepard and Richards state that they are negotiating with parties desiring to lease their building for operation of a filling station and garage, but contract has not yet been closed.

Advertising Pays.
Another testimonial for Merkel Mail classified ads came the past week from Rev. G. W. Parks of Roscoe, who placed a lost advertisement in last week's issue and reports that he was notified at once by the finder. It cost just 25 cents for the insertion of the notice in The Mail.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Charles Manning, 25, truck driver of Eustace, was killed when the truck he was cranking ran over and crushed him.

Upon conviction of the slaying of her estranged husband, John G. Sperro, Mrs. Ziona Cholvin, Dallas, was sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

When his horse shied, Tom Hogue, 56-year-old Dallas huckster, was fatally injured, sustaining a fractured skull when his head struck the curb.

Water sold Monday for 50c a barrel in Wrightstown, boom town near Henderson, five times as much as some Joiner pool producers are getting for their oil.

Mrs. Mary Wood Albee, 88, last surviving daughter of George T. Wood, second governor of Texas, died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. E. Moss, in Fort Worth.

Mrs. N. G. Williams, 41, an invalid, perished when flames swept the interior of her home at Texarkana Sunday, her husband and daughter being away from home at the time.

Robert Franklin Smith, 73, professor of mathematics at Texas A. & M. and holder of the longest continuous service record of any faculty member, died suddenly Saturday from a heart attack.

Five persons, J. W. Keene, Curleson, his three daughters, and Keene's father, were killed Saturday when their automobile was hit by a passenger train about 28 miles northwest of Fort Worth.

Judge Robert B. Allen of Dallas has ruled in district court that the new barber law was constitutional, denying an injunction sought by a group of Dallas barbers to restrain enforcement of the statute.

Nearly 300 coaches from all parts of the Southwest are attending the Texas Technological college annual coaching school session, at Lubbock starting Monday of this week, conducted by Wallace Wade of Drake university.

A lead pencil brought tragic death to Doris Imogene Ware, 16-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ware of Snyder, when she fell from a rocking chair in her home, driving the lead pencil down her throat and piercing her jugular vein.

R. B. Masterson, Sr., 77, pioneer West Texas cattleman and capitalist, who had been actively engaged in the cattle business in West Texas for fifty years, with large ranch holdings in Potter and King counties, died Saturday at his home in Amarillo.

When this country's new and largest dirigible, the U. S. S. Akron, completed at a cost of \$5,500,000, is placed in commission, it will be commanded by Lieut. Comm. Charles E. Rosendahl, appointed to the naval academy from the Cleburne, Texas, district.

Nine-month-old Curtis Loftin, who swallowed a brass safety pin about ten days ago and was brought to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, has every promise of being soon a well baby after the pin was removed from his larynx by a bronchoscope.

Ray Brown Passes Away Early Thursday

News was received here Thursday of the death of Ray Brown, age 35, at a Wichita Falls sanitarium at 1 o'clock Thursday morning. The body will be brought to Merkel in the Barrow funeral car and funeral services will be held at White Church Friday morning at 10 o'clock, with interment also at White Church.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife and one child. His mother, Mrs. A. M. Brown, of White Church and three brothers and four sisters also survive.

QUARTER FINALS BEING PLAYED IN CITY TOURNAMENT

By defeating Ashby two sets, 6-3 and 8-6, Cullen Tittle advanced to the semi-finals in the first bracket of the city-wide tennis singles, while W. Sheppard, winning two straight sets from Riddle, 6-2 and 6-3, gained place in the semi-finals of the second bracket.

The two first round matches, unplayed at the time of the last report, resulted in Warren's defeat of West 6-2, 2-6 and 6-1 and Cullen Tittle's victory over Delmer in two straights, 6-0 and 6-1.

The winner of the quarter-finals between Warren and Tucker will meet Cullen Tittle in the first bracket semi-finals, while W. Sheppard will have as his opponent in the semi-finals the winner of the Garrett-Harkrider set.

Play in two doubles has been completed. M. Mellinger and Glover lost to the Tittle brothers two straight sets, 6-0 and 6-0. Case and Riddle defeated I. Mellinger and W. Sheppard, 8-6 and 6-3. Doubles matches yet to be played are Durham and Ashby vs Harkrider and West and Warren and Delmer vs Tucker and Garrett.

Pairings for girls singles are:
First bracket: Lona Bryan-Christine Boyd; Jess Higgins-Gladys Middleton.

Second bracket: Mrs. Milton Case-Mary Hutcheson; Audrey Farris-by.

Following the girls singles, mixed doubles will be scheduled.

Judges to Announce Awards Next Week

The judges in the Yard and Garden contest, sponsored by the Lions club, completed their third and final scoring Tuesday morning, but it was not possible for the reports of the three judgments to be tabulated and averaged in time for announcement in this issue of The Mail.

The awards will be published next week.

Service for Men and Boys.
A special service for men and boys is announced for 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Stith tabernacle, where a revival is now being conducted by Rev. E. E. White, presiding elder of the Abilene district. Every man and boy that can possibly do so is urged to be present at this service.

Record of Births.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Vol Bryan, Noodle Dome, Thursday, July 30, 1931.

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BONDSMAN GETS HIS MAN AFTER 2 YEAR SEARCH

Jack Howard, Wanted by Taylor
And Jones County Officers,
Arrested by Patrolman in Tennessee; Brought to Abilene.

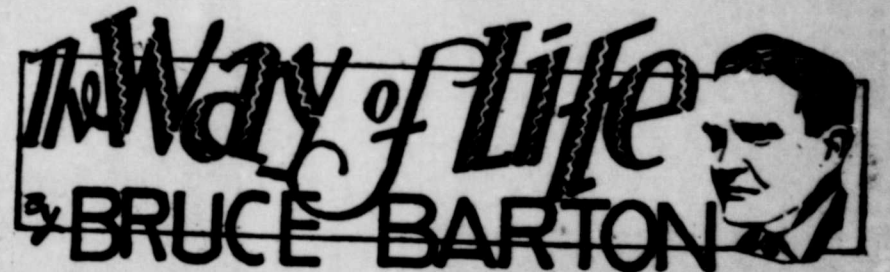
Merkel has a Frank Norfleet all its own. The story of how Claude Derrick, after a tireless search of nearly two years, got his man reads like the experiences of the more famous Texan.

When Deputy Sheriff Ben L. Peavy and Claude Derrick arrived in Abilene Tuesday night, bringing with them J. W. (Jack) Howard, under indictment for possession and sale of liquor in Taylor county and in Jones county for operating a gaming table, it ended a long period of sleuthing by Taylor and Jones county officers and bondsmen. The search had lasted nearly two years, the Taylor county indictment against Howard having been returned in October, 1929, in 104th court at Abilene. Howard had been sought ever since the fall of 1929, shortly after making bond.

Claude Derrick was one of the bondsmen. Waldo Cox of Noodle was another. Derrick was originally on bonds totalling \$6,500 for Howard, but he was not indicted on all the counts. A third bondsman was Tobe Adams, now living near Big Spring.

The search for Howard culminated successfully last Thursday with his arrest at Alamo, Tenn., by a highway patrolman, because the Orgeon license plates on the car he was driving were outdated. When the officer stopped Howard, he told that the car belonged to a man in Memphis, Tenn., who had a receipt for new highway plates, purchased in California and which were being mailed to Memphis. When the patrolman found the party in Memphis, referred to, he learned that Howard was wanted in Abilene and notified the Taylor county sheriff's department. When confronted with statement of the Texas charges, Howard is said to have admitted them and Taylor county officers asked that he be held. Howard waived extradition and was brought back to Abilene by Deputy Sheriff Peavy and Claude Derrick.

Through all these two years Derrick had pursued Howard's trail without any let-up. He had a clue that Howard was headed to Memphis and



IF.

John Golden, who is a swell fellow as well as a smart one, told me that when he was in Chicago producing Turn to the Right one of the theatre attendants came to him and said a visitor wanted to see him.

"What does he want?" asked John.

"He wants to read you a play."

John threw his hands in the air. He was having enough troubles putting on one play without letting some unknown author inflict another.

The author returned two or three times, but John refused to see him. When the job in Chicago was done, he boarded a train and shut himself up in a drawing room, tired out. There came a timid knock; the door opened, and through it walked a young man with bushy hair, who looked fresh from the farm.

"Mr. Golden, my name is McAvoy," he said. "You were too busy to see me in Chicago, so I found out what train you were taking and I bought a ticket and want to ride with you as far as Cleveland. I want to read you my play."

John fussed and fumed, but finally surrendered. The young man started to read, but John's tired mind absorbed nothing.

After a while the young man said: "Any time you are not interested, I'll stop."

"You can stop right now then," John answered.

With a pained look, the young man put away the manuscript and started for the platform. The train was pulling into Gary. He stepped off, took another train, and rode patiently back to Chicago.

When the next theatrical season opened in New York, John saw in the papers the advertisement of a play called The Potters. The author's name struck him—McAvoy. Could it be the same young man who had bored him from Chicago to Gary?

It was the same young man. The play ran for months. If John had listened to McAvoy he would have added another big hit to his list of successes.

If, when I was editing a magazine, I had taken time to glance at a certain manuscript which came in from an unknown writer, I should have had the satisfaction of publishing The Sport of Kings, the story that started Arthur Somers Roche on the road to fame.

If I had listened carefully to what the president of a certain big company was saying to me one afternoon I might have made a great many thousand dollars.

If . . . if . . . if . . . we all have these bothersome little words in our record. It's folly to waste time regretting them. The only intelligent attitude is to say: "While I could have done much better, still

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New York Clipping Tells of Big Throngs At Beaches Sundays

Under the caption, "Fine Weather Draws Great Throngs to Beaches; Temperature at 84; Ten Fatalities in Day," a newspaper article, descriptive of Sunday at the New York beaches, has been furnished The Mail through courtesy of Supt. Roger A. Burgess of the Merkel Public Schools, who is attending summer school at Columbia university, New York City. The Merkel educator is up there where they deal in large figures: attending a summer school with 15,000 enrolled while the total enrollment for the year reaches 30,000; where a million people flock to one beach and more than 600,000 found joy and respite at another.

The article, typical of the Sunday crowds at Coney island and other New York beaches, follows:

"A third of New York's population fought its way to metropolitan and suburban beaches yesterday, setting new crowd records at Coney Island and the Rockaways. More than 1,000,000 persons flocked to Coney; 600,000 more were at the Rockaways; Westchester and other Long Island beaches attracted a like number.

"The finest week-end of the summer, from a weather standpoint, had its inevitable anticlimax last night in the slow and nerve-racking process of home-coming. Staten island and Brooklyn ferries were low in the water, heavily freighted with human cargo. Highways leading from Westchester, New Jersey and Long Island were burdened with slow-moving traffic.

"During the twenty-four hours ended last midnight, 50,000 vehicles had

passed through the Holland Tunnel, a greater number than that of July 4. "Ten fatalities occurred during the day, seven due to automobile accidents, two to drowning and one to the heat. John Makay, 84 years old, of 459 Manhattan Avenue, died from the heat. Alexander Mosklusk, 30, of 318 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, and Frederick Hafelfinger, 33, of 49 Third Street, Weehawken, N. J., were drowned in Gravesend Bay, Brooklyn.

"The official temperature attained its maximum of 84 degrees at 3 p. m., after climbing steadily from 70 degrees at 5 a. m. It dropped later in the afternoon and was down to 76 at 9 p. m., while the humidity, low during the day, rose to 66 points.

"From early morning dwellers of the metropolitan section were deserting the city in automobiles, boats and trains. By noon every bathhouse and locker at Coney Island and Rockaway Beach had been taken. Life-guards and police were kept busy all day rescuing adventurous swimmers and treating the injured at first-aid stations. About 750 persons were

treated for injuries in the Rockaways alone."

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offerings of their goods.

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ware
Abilene, Texas 209 Pine St.

THE WAY OF LIFE

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I have had my share of good luck, and shall not grumble. Only, in the future, I'll try a little harder to keep my eyes and ears open."

For it is very difficult to tell when some wild and annoying visitor may be trying to force fortune upon us.

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CREAM
White, Flesh and Rachel Shades

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2 Persons - per Room \$3.00
3 Persons - per Room \$4.00
4 Persons - per Room \$5.00
All Outside With Bath
Ceiling Fans
Circulating Ice Water
Special Summer
Weekly and Monthly Rates
\$50.00 per Month for 2 Persons
Coffee Shop Cooled
with Water Washed Air
Only Hotel in El Paso
using Soft Water

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HUSSMANN
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EL PASO, TEXAS

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It Adds Distinction and Prestige to Stay
"In Stopping at the HUSSMANN"

Wake Up Your Liver Bile —Without Calomel

And You'll Jump Out of Bed in the Morning Rarin' 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.

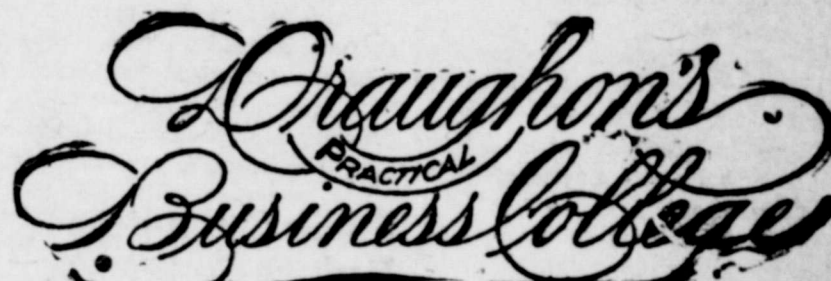
Hot Off the Bat

It is no easy task to THINK this hot weather. It is even harder to WRITE. But it is three times as hard to get it READ after it is written.

That is why we try to put an occasional "kick" in our advertisements. A little wholesome humor does not hurt anybody. There is a lot of information in the Dictionary, but you seldom read it. We want you to READ our Ads every week. If you like 'em hot off the bat, we'll try to pitch our prettiest.



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\$150 A MONTH Our Affiliated Employment Departments, in closer touch with thousands of business concerns than any other, has evolved a plan that enables many young people, still in their teens, to command salaries of \$1,500 to \$2,400 a year in positions that are golden with opportunities for still further promotion. Hundreds of positions annually to select from when you master the nationally known Draughon Training. Mail coupon for details of this unusual plan today.

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And a more liberal dose of Castoria is always better for growing children than strong medicine meant only for adult use.



"Nerves"

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

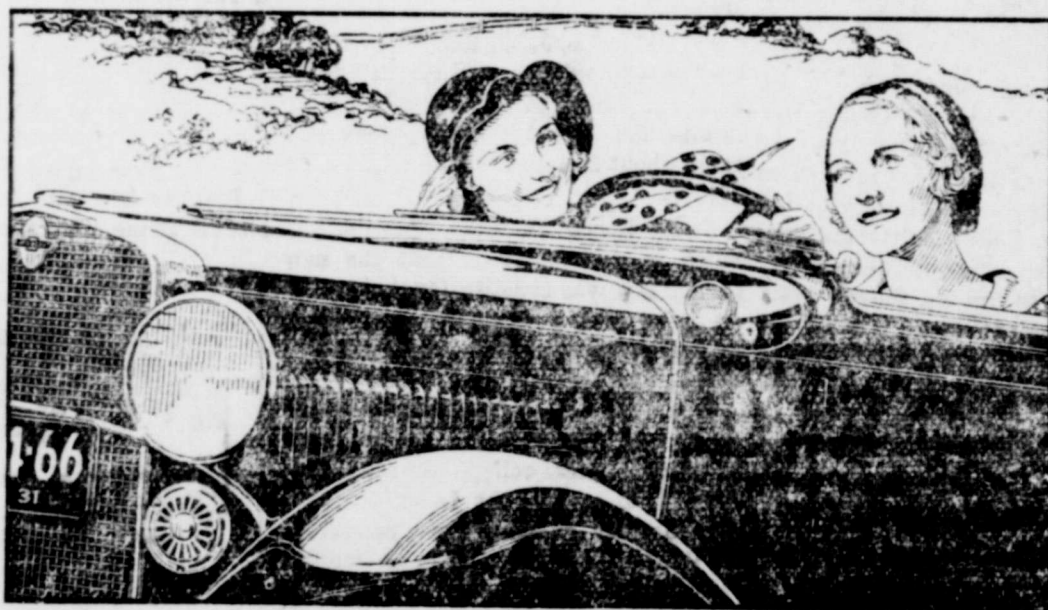
Don't neglect them. They'll ruin your charm and beauty, alienate your friends, interfere with your success.

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

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

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because it takes six cylinders to give the smooth, silent power that makes driving really enjoyable

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Merkel, Texas

ROWENA RIDES THE RUMBLE

BY ETHEL HUESTON



SEVENTH INSTALLMENT.

Rackruff Motors hire Rowena to accompany Peter on a nation-wide stunt. At the last minute Little Bobby is engaged to act as chaperon.

A few miles out Bobby becomes tearful at being parted from her sweetheart and Rowena insists on taking her place in the rumble so that she can ride with Peter and have him to talk to about Carter. Rowena gets Peter to consent to divide the expense money each week as soon as it arrives and astonishes Peter by eating too economically.

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

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

They resume the trip the next day and are overwhelmed by a cloudburst in an arroyo and are thrown out of the car. A party of tourist campers gives them dry clothes and food.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"Oh, that'll fix us up just fine,"

said Peter gratefully. "Thanks very much. Here you are, Rowena, a la Biltmore."

"It will do for you both with a little squeezing," said the farmer's wife pleasantly. "Jim and I camp on one the same size."

"So it will," said Rowena. "Lots of room."

"Make your bed close to the fire," said Farmer Jim. "Turns cold up here nights."

"And don't get nervous if you hear things wriggling around," called some one else. "Sometimes the rattlers go crawling around nights like this."

"Peter," whispered Rowena, "perhaps—perhaps after all—you had better sleep on the edge of the mattress—the farthest edge. After all, I suppose we're as good as married. And I shouldn't like to have you bitten by a rattler."

Peter laughed at her. When all the others had said good night and gone away to their beds, he spread one of the blankets on the mattress, and rolled up his coat to make a pillow for her.

"I'll just lie here on the grass beside you," he whispered, "and they'll never know the difference."

"Good thing it's dark!"

"Are you comfortable, Rowena?"

"Oh, it's perfectly wonderful. You take your coat, Peter. You will be cold on the ground with just that one thin rug."

"Nonsense. Why, I'm snug as a bug. Snuggler, for that matter. Isn't this great? Isn't it just corking?"

"Better than last night isn't it?"

"Well, rather—Better than almost any night I ever saw."

Slowly the full night settled over the mesa and a crescent moon rode high. Little night sounds echoed loudly in the great silence. Owls hooted. A coyote whined. Now and then a wolf barked in the distance. Little footed creatures scurried past them in the grass. Suddenly Peter felt a little shiver in the blanket roll on the mattress beside him. He

touched it gently with his hand. Rowena was noiselessly sobbing in the darkness. He put his arm over her and pulled himself up until his lips were close to her ear—so close that a little bronze perfumed curl touched his face.

"Don't be afraid," he whispered softly.

"I'm not afraid."

"Please don't cry."

"I'm not crying. I just feel sorry."

"Because I smashed the car?"

"No. Because you are so nice, Peter, and it is so awful to hate a nice person so very, very much."

Peter laughed. "If that's all, cheer up. It should comfort you to know that at least there's no love lost between us." He patted the blanket kindly.

"And I really do admire you, Peter, for ever so many things. Nobody else in the world could ever make me half as mad as you do. Really, you're just wonderful."

One slender hand wriggled out from under the blanket and felt about until it found his, which closed over it warmly. It was hours later when she fell asleep.

Although Peter awakened very early the next morning, almost before the dawn of pale gray light, he found the big farmer standing near and looking down upon them with a quizzical, friendly grin.

Peter got up rather shamefacedly, dropping his blanket on Rowena's mattress, and the two men strolled down for a look at the river.

"Don't begin wrong, youngster," said the farmer kindly. "Don't make life too easy for 'em right at first. Let 'em have their share of the hard knocks. Does 'em good."

"Sh-she's not very well," said Peter, floundering desperately for a suitable excuse. "I—want her to be—careful."

"Oh, is that the lay of the land, eh?" The man was cordially interested. "Golly, I hope that wetting didn't hurt her. She's got spunk, that one. You should 'a told my wife. She'd 'a give you a hot-water bottle and a nip of whiskey."

"I think she'll be all right," said Peter uncomfortably.

"You better take these rough roads a bit easier, youngster. You passed us yesterday like a streak o' greased lightning. Bumps is the worst thing for 'em. We lost one that way."

"Uh—that so? Too bad," stammered Peter awkwardly.

The flood had subsided over night and barely a foot of water now trickled over the rocks where the torrential flood had rushed. Camp on the mesa was quickly broken. Breakfast was hurriedly prepared and hurriedly eaten. Cars were loaded, children and dogs collected, for all were anxious to take to the road at the earliest possible moment. But the big farmer, although himself as eager as the next to be off, put a peremptory veto on the suggestion that it would be sufficient for them to send a trouble car back for Peter and Rowena, leaving them a supply of food for emergency.

"We can't leave them kids up here alone in the fix they're in," said the farmer firmly. "It's his wife,"—with a broad wink.—"Wouldn't be fair no ways."

So the men fell to with right good will. Half of them down in the river pried and tugged and pulled at oar while the others up on shore worked with pulleys and ropes and chains, and at last a great cheer went up as the Rackruff rose slowly, groaning, over the rocks and was drawn inch by inch up the side of the arroyo.

Both Peter and Rowena were pro-

fuse in their gratitude.

"You're just wonderful," said Rowena. "I never knew that people could be so kind." And there were tears in her lovely blue eyes, and something of a quiver stirred the pleasant voice, just because she was so glad to learn that the people of earth were so very good.

And they smiled at her and told her to take good care of herself and not get "run down," and with many such friendly farewells and admonitions the caravan forded the dwindling creek and wound off over the mesa behind the hills. But before the Kansas farmer and his wife had gone far they turned back and pulled up beside the dripping roadster. The woman got out and went close to Rowena.

"You mustn't catch cold, child," she said in a confidential voice.

"Your clothes are pretty short and pretty thin. It gets awful cold evenings up here in this high altitude and you're not dressed for it. Now you take this little wool blanket and soon as you feel the cold coming on, you bundle yourself all up snug in it. It's old, but it's all wool and warm as toast. You mind now. Catching cold is the very worst thing you can do."

Rowena thanked her and promised to be very careful and not catch cold whatever she did, and then stood high on a boulder waving the blanket after the farmer's car until it rounded the hill and disappeared. Then she turned to Peter with a puzzled air.

"Aren't they all queer?" she asked wonderingly. "I don't look sickly or anything do I? They seem to have a complex on catching colds out here. And what difference does it make if I do get tired? Everybody gets tired, don't they?"

Peter was working very hard on the car at that moment and mumbled something quite indistinguishable about not knowing what it was all about.

"Well, of course, they meant well," declared Rowena. "And I'll be careful to please them. But I do hope I'm not beginning to look anemic or anything."

A day of ecstatic, heavenly calm followed. Peter worked on the car. Finally they got under way again.

At last in the early evening when they approached the town where they had agreed to spend the night, Rowena put her hand on his arm in tender appeal.

"Peter," she said gently, "I do realize how very embarrassing it is about the hotels. It is for me too, though I dare say you don't believe it. How would it do for us to go in separately and registered each for himself? I could go in first and ask for a single room and go right on up, and they wouldn't even know we came together."

Peter turned it over reflectively. On the whole it seemed the best way out. Certainly anything was better than their first experience. So when they pulled up to the hotel Rowena stepped quickly out with her bag and hurried up to the desk. She asked for a single room registered "Miss Rowena Rostand, New York City," and was taken upstairs. Peter, meanwhile, put the car in the storage and then sat on the veranda half an hour with a cigarette and a paper. When at last he ventured in to the desk his request for a single room aroused no undue interest, and he was handed a key and a telegram. The telegram was from Messrs. Rack and Ruff, written by the former but signed by both to make it more official. He read it and then inquired if a Miss Rostand had registered at

the hotel. Upon being told that she had and was in her room, he called her on the telephone and asked her to come down to the lobby.

"I have a wire from the Company," he explained, "and I think you had better see it."

Rowena left off her unpacking and hurried down.

"Did you get a room O.K.?" she whispered.

"Yes. Everything's jake—but this," Rowena read the telegram.

"The red-headed persecution," it said, "just came in to announce that all is forgiven. Says the chaperon left you at Denver and is on her way back to New York. What do you mean by continuing alone? Entirely against our orders and our wishes. If facts are as stated, please consider contract canceled. Send Miss Rostand to New York by first train and you bring car back immediately."

Peter looked quite worried about it all, but Rowena laughed gaily.

"Tish, tosh, and even tush," she said brightly. "It's nothing. They don't know we're married. Come on—let's give them the low-down on it."

So they went to the telegraph desk and with a great deal of laughter and many foolish suggestions and much scratching out of words they finally worked out an announcement to their satisfaction.

"Everything's jake with us. We were married in Denver. Who wants a chaperon on a honeymoon? Cody tomorrow night. Love and kisses from Peter and Rowena Blande."

This dispatched, and pretty well pleased with themselves on the whole, they got into the elevator and went up to their rooms.

Their tour of the park was uneventfully delightful, auspiciously free from embarrassing complications. "Isn't everything turning out just gorgeously?" demanded Rowena.

But Peter and Rowena had not yet come into the fullness of their emotional experience. They left the park by the northern route. They went to Butte and Helena, and all was well. They started for Spokane. A succession of untroubled days had

given them new confidence and they were sure their worries lay all in the past. They pulled up to the hotel in Spokane without inner qualm or morbid presentiment.

Peter asked for two singles and

signed the register. The clerk looked at the names and smiled broadly. "Oh, how do you do?" he exclaimed cheerfully. "Just a moment, please."

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Committee of Three Named to Cooperate in Audition Activities

Is there a Marion Talley or a Lawrence Tibbett hidden among the young singers of Merkel?

These two young American opera, concert and radio stars were compelled to fight their way to success, Miss Collins today told a group of prominent citizens she had called together to act under her chairmanship in promoting local participation in the Fifth National Radio Audition. By means of these auditions, sponsored by the Atwater Kent Foundation of Philadelphia, Miss Collins said, the way to fame and fortune is being made easier for all really talented young singers.

"Throughout the country, in almost every community, active search is going on for young, non-professional singers between the ages of 18 and 25 years, who may compete for aggregate awards of \$25,000 in cash and ten scholarships in recognized conservatories of music of their own selection," Miss Collins told the members of her prospective committee. "No special condition is attached to the competition, save that the young people shall not be professionals in any sense. The purpose is to find young amateur singers. In the past four years many thousands of young people have competed in the National Radio auditions. The forty who became national finalists—all of them absolutely unknown outside their local communities before the auditions—are now well on the road to success.

"I believe that we have young singers here in Merkel whose ambitions should be encouraged. I believe the National Audition offers them an opportunity for further study and for real success. As the first step, we must have our community represented in the state audition, which will take place in October. Hence I ask you to assist me in the work. We must all help."

At the conclusion of the meeting the following committee to cooperate in audition activities in Merkel was announced: Mesdames C. W. Delmer, C. E. Gardner and E. Y. Brown.

Largent Show Cattle Start Annual Circuit

Covering a period of the next four months, fifteen head of show cattle of C. M. Largent and Sons will be exhibited at fine stock shows and fairs all over the Midwest and Southwest.

They were shipped out of here Monday and will be in charge of Willie Joe Largent, who left on the Texan the following morning.

Aurora, Ill., is the place of first exhibit and other points to follow are Springfield, Ill., Des Moines, Iowa, Lincoln, Neb., Topeka and Hutchinson, Kans., then into Texas at Lubbock and the State Fair at Dallas, back north to Omaha, Neb., Wichita, Kans., and finally the Royal at Kansas City, Mo.

Merkel-Dora Road Being worked Over

Work of cutting down the roadway to make the grade easier is now in progress on the Merkel-Dora road under the direction of County Commissioner Philip Diltz. The road is being worked over and rocks and other obstructions are being removed, following the cutting out of this road over the mountain a short while ago.

Since Rural Route No. 5 out of Merkel was extended to Dora, much road work has been done in this section. One of the most needed improvements is now receiving attention in the grading up to a lagoon on this road.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of thanking our many kind friends for the help and loving sympathy shown us at the death of our beloved husband and father, May God in His goodness reward them as they so richly deserve. We also wish to thank those who remembered us with so many beautiful floral offerings.

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CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Last Sunday, which was observed by all the churches as Church and Sunday School day in Merkel, saw an attendance of 1,011 at the four reporting Sunday Schools, this being an increase of 231 over the previous Sunday. No Sunday School was held at the Nazarene church. While the attendance last Sunday passed the 1,000 mark and may be recorded as a highly successful achievement, it fell short of the record of 1,184 present on Mother's Day this year.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service will be held next Sunday at the Methodist church. J. B. Foster is to be the leader and the lesson will be the seventh chapter of Acts. The attendance through the summer months, which always means several absentees on account of vacations, is holding up remarkably well. All the men in Merkel and surrounding communities are invited to attend and take part in these services.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Our revival begins Sunday, August 16. Rev. J. H. Hamblen, pastor of the First Methodist church at Abilene, will conduct the services.



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Our revivalist says:
"What is a Revival?"
"This question has often been asked and many answers given.

"We all know what a revival is in nature: when we see the rain come on the dry grass we see a revival; so it is in religion, when the Spirit of God comes on the people and they respond to his quickening grace, a sense of guilt, a repentance for all sin and a cry to God for his mercy and forgiveness, this is a revival.

"There is not a thinking person, saint or sinner, in this community who does not know that the greatest need of this whole nation and the world is just such a revival of religion."

Regular services Sunday. Preaching by the pastor at morning and evening services.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Song.
Scripture, Guy Manscill.
Bible story, Marvin Hunter.
Story, Murray Toombs.
Story, Joe Young.
Song.
Benediction.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. All of the churches appreciate the response to the invitation to attend Sunday School and church last Sunday. We extend to you another invitation to be with us next Sunday.

There will not be a preaching service, as the pastor will be at Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

All the regular services at the usual hours at the Baptist church Sunday and all of next week. The pastor will preach in his own pulpit both morning and evening. You and all your friends are urged to attend and will be most cordially welcomed.

J. T. King, Pastor.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: Deacon Philip.
Scripture reading, Vernie Derrick.
"In a Great Meeting," Willie E. Boaz.
"Winning on the Highway," Clara Plicher.
"In Spite of Difficulties," Mabel Plicher.
"Anxiety for the Lost," Mary King.
"The Human Touch," Himalaya Swafford.
"After Conversion, What?" Harold Boney.
"Only One Convert," Lona Bryan.
"If," Margaret canon.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

We had an increase in attendance last Sunday, at both the Bible study and the preaching service, of something like thirty per cent. The services were fine all through the day and we appreciated having all you people with us. Come along each Lord's day and enjoy the programs with us.

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

In love, The Elders.

THE POETS CORNER

THE WEIGH OF A MAID.

The poets have sung of the lovers of old,
When maidens were fair and knights were so bold;
Like a vine and an oak, they romanced,
We are told;
But mine is a tale of today.

A maid loved a man, not too bold,
Not too shy,
And thinking of him, always heaved a great sigh,
But she failed to gain favor in boy-friend's eye,
And that was because of her weigh.

For she was a plump and a blooming young maid,
And her weight on his lap could not be gainsayed,
And she stepped on his foot one day as they played,
So all his love faded away.

Now the maid asked him why, and his answer was this,
I delight in your cooking; there's lure in your kiss,
But my auto was made for a less hefty miss,
And for springs I must pay and yet pay.

Now a woman in love, and determined to win,
Is a thing hard to beat; so the gal started in,
And within a few weeks she was svelte and thin,
And eating but one meal a day.

And when errant lover returned to the fold
He found he had lost her to lovers more bold,
For her love for him had grown clammy and cold,
How he wished he had not gone away!

—M. A. D.

Funeral Services For W. W. Campbell

Funeral services were held last Friday for W. W. Campbell, prominent Merkel grocer, at the Methodist church at 10:30 o'clock, with Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. At the request of the deceased, Dr. M. Armstrong, his family physician and close, personal friend made a short funeral talk, paying tribute in touching manner to the high Christian character of Mr. Campbell and his eminent fitness to go to the world beyond.

Pall bearers were: Marvin Smith, Will Toombs, H. H. Toombs, J. H. F. Jones, Ed Kelso and Jim Burns.

His aged mother, Mrs. E. J. Campbell, and one sister, Mrs. Riley Womack, of Castor, La., and the daughter, Mrs. J. G. McFarland, her husband and baby, came from Friona for the funeral services. The McFarlands returned to their home Sunday and when Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Womack left Monday they were accompanied by the granddaughter, Lucille Campbell, who will visit with them for sometime.

CARD OF THANKS.

I want to thank the business men of Merkel for the appreciated gift they presented to me recently and to wish them the best of luck and success in the coming year. I also want to express my appreciation of the kindness of Slat's Bourn, who has provided conveyance each Sunday morning, making it possible for me to attend Sunday School.

Tannie Jones.

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ZEHNPENNIG-KADING.

Friends of Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig will be greatly surprised to learn of his marriage to Miss Mabel Laverne Kading, which was solemnized on July 19, 1931, at Vernon, Texas, the Rev. J. M. Perry, minister of First Christian church of Vernon, officiating. Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Zehnpfennig to Chillicothe, where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Grimes, who completed the wedding party.

Miss Kading is the daughter of Mrs. J. H. Kading of Dublin, Texas. She received her education in Casper, Wyoming, before entering the nurses' training school, which vocation she has followed for the last three years. She is very beautiful, gracious and Merkel is anxious to welcome her.

Dr. Zehnpfennig located here a little over a year ago and in that time has made a host of friends who offer heartiest congratulations. He finished high school at Ethan, S. D., and college at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebr. Dr. Zehnpfennig is a most popular member of Merkel society, friendly, is much respected as a sportsman, musician, clubman and in his profession.

The Mail is very glad to announce Dr. and Mrs. Zehnpfennig will make their home here in the near future.

ALATHEAN AND DORCAS CLASSES.

The members of the Alathean and Dorcas classes met in their monthly social session in the home of Mrs. Pick Allen on Tuesday afternoon.

The devotional opened with a song, followed by a prayer by Mrs. J. S. Swann. Mrs. Causseaux led the devotional. A business session preceded a social hour in which the hostess entertained with games and contests.

Iced melon was served to Mesdames J. S. Swann, C. M. Largent, Johnson, C. P. Stevens, Frank Hamm, Ash, McDonald, Ensminger, Barnett, Matthews, Porter, Meeks, Polley, Causseaux, Swafford, Allen. Visitors were Mrs. Durham, Mrs. Jack Allen and Miss Myrtle Barnett.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Miss Mildred Richardson graciously entertained a few of her friends with a birthday party at her home Saturday night. The guests assembled at 8 o'clock and from then on games were enjoyed. Watermelon was served to Duncan Briggs, Marie Stanford, Joyce Wheeler, Caribel Mansfield, Rogene Dye, Helen Yeats, Imogene Middleton, Lois Whiteley, Julia Proctor, Billie Bernice Gambill, Wilma Gardner, Wanda Hunter, and Messrs. Kennedy Whiteley, David Gamble, Milton Shannon, Jack Patterson, Carroll King, Horace Nix of Fort Worth and the hostess.

LANDRETH-EVERETT.

(Hedley Informer.)

Miss Johnnie Lee Landreth became the bride of Joe Everett Sunday when the beautiful ring ceremony was held in the home of the bride's brother at Wheeler, with Rev. E. D. Landreth, brother of the bride, officiating. The house was beautifully decorated. Tall baskets and vases of lovely garden flowers formed the archway.

The wedding march by Lohengrin was played by Mrs. E. D. Landreth.

Miss Verda Gilliam, maid of honor, wore orchid crepe. Miss Jewel Everett, sister of the groom, bridesmaid, wore orchid crepe. Era Joe Bryant, bridesmaid, was beautiful in green crepe.

The groom was dressed in conventional black. The best man, Wendal Meeks, wore black also.

Merle Landreth, nephew of the bride, acted as usher.

Guests for the wedding included Mrs. J. M. Everett, and children, Doris, Merle and Bucky, Mrs. R. B. Adams of Hedley and Mrs. Homberg.

After the ceremony a buffet supper was given in the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Landreth.

For her going away suit the bride chose brown crepe with accessories of white.

Mrs. Everett has a large number of friends in Hedley, having lived here for two years. She was a talented member of the 1930 graduating class of Hedley High School.

The groom has resided in Hedley since childhood and has been a popular member of the younger set for a number of years. He was also a member of the 1930 class of Hedley High School and now holds the responsible position of assistant postmaster.

The many friends of this splendid young couple welcome them to Hedley where they will make their future home.

DELAYED SOCIETY

CHOIR SOCIAL.

The members of the Presbyterian choir and a few visitors were most

delightfully entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry West at their rehearsal date of Thursday evening of last week. A round-table discussion of choir methods and a short choral rehearsal preceded the entertainment features planned for the evening.

A clever contest, in which the naming of old hymns from pictures, was first in the evening's fun. Another contest, built around the names of famous musicians, was highly enjoyed. A. J. Tucker, attired as a clowning soap-peddler, entertained with a humorous reading. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer gave a number of duo-piano selections and the singing of old favorites by the choir was the next on the program. Christine Collins gave "Signs of the Highway" and guests were asked to name the slogans as she sang them.

Mrs. West was assisted by Mrs. Sidney Foy in serving delicious cream and cake to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott, Burneal and Nancy Jean Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer, Marian and Merle Delmer, Mr. and Mrs. John West, Misses Mamie, Vera and Velma Walker, Christine Collins, Nina Belle Russell, Evelyn Curb, Messrs. A. J. Tucker, Byron Curb, C. J. Glover and Mr. and Mrs. Henry West.

MORNING MUSICALS.

Mrs. C. B. Gardner presented her piano students in a Morning Musicales on Wednesday of last week, assisted by several pupils of Miss Christine Collins. The program was of the highest type of music and displayed rare ability on the part of the pupils. At the culmination of the following program, guests and pupils were served delicious punch and wafers:

"Love Came Calling," sung by Mamie Walker.

"Tender Flower," by Burgmuller, "Rococo," by Bach, "Pickaninny Dance," by Bilbro and "Minuet in G," by Beethoven composed a group played by Clara Frances Largent.

"Oh Dear What Can the Matter Be," was charmingly rendered by Becky Gardner.

"The Ghost," sung by Mollie Frank Touchstone and played by Norman King, was followed by "Paul Plays his Sax," played by Norman King. Mary Helen Lancaster played "Impatience" and "The Avalanche," both by Heller. Molly Frank Touchstone sang, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" and Duncan Elizabeth Briggs gave "Tar-

antelle in A Minor," by Dennee. Misses Vera and Mamie Walker closed the program with a vocal duet "Sweet Summer Days."

GIRL SCOUTS.

Mrs. C. W. Delmer, who is councilor for the Girl Scouts, sponsored a most enjoyable outing for them week before last at Buffalo Gap from Monday until Wednesday. All outdoor scout activities were enjoyed and swimming lessons were indulged in daily. Those composing this camping party were Mrs. Delmer, Misses Iri Garrett and Oneda Bell, Billie Bernice Gambill, Dot Swafford, Robbie Walker, Elma Tucker, Marian Delmer, Elma May Gamble and Master Merle Wade Delmer.

Chisholm Trail Camp To Open August 18th

With the opening date less than two weeks off, plans for the annual summer camp for Boy Scouts of the Chisholm Trail area will be brought to completion this week. The camp will run from August 18 to 27th, and if registration warrants, a second period will be conducted.

The camp fee will be less than \$10 for the entire period, this registration covering all costs except incidentals. Every scout must take a physical examination by a doctor before registering.

New features are to be added to the camp program this year, including canoeing, pack hikes, and making of rustic furniture. Archery tournaments are to be held, and medals will be given this year for winners in horseshoe pitching tournaments.

Work of constructing the mess hall, started Monday, will be rushed, for completion at the opening of camp.

Executive Ed Shumway will be camp director and will be assisted by a group of trained adults. Every phase of the Camp Tonkawa program will be supervised by adults who will be on duty every minute in the day.

The council camping chairman, Ed Stewart, will have charge of all meals.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

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

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

Burl Wheeler.

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

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 6.—Wednesday's cattle market was slow, but held generally steady with cows alone facing a 10c to 15c decline. Receipts were estimated at 2,500 head of cattle and 600 calves.

Desirable steers went at \$5.00 to \$5.65 and the low range of steers was around \$3.75. Fat cows went at \$2.75 to \$3.00 and some canners sold as singles down to \$1.00. A car of choice yearlings brought \$8.50. The best calves were taken at \$5.00 to \$5.25.

On hogs the market was 20c to 30c down, the top being \$7.80 on truckers at \$7.65 in the rail division. Receipts amounted to only 200 head.

Sales in the sheep and lamb division were on a steady basis. Good lambs sold at \$5.00 to \$5.25. The estimate was for 4,200 head.

3,106 OIL WELLS ARE SHUT OFF

Governor Murray of Oklahoma Invokes Martial Law; Producers under Proration Affected.

Oklahoma City, Aug. 6.—Martial law was invoked Tuesday night by Governor William Henry Murray to choke off the flow from 3,106 oil wells in prorated fields of Oklahoma.

His executive order, issued after national guardsmen had entered the Oklahoma City field and brought about the closing of many of its gushers, established martial zones for 50 feet around all but "stripper" wells in the state. It directed that the national guard maintain military control "against all orders whatsoever except an order from the president or the supreme court of the United States."

The drastic move was Murray's long-awaited answer to purchasers of crude oil who refused his demand to post \$1 per barrel prices. The present top price is 50 cents.

Fourteen wells, including several of the Sinclair Oil and Gas company, and the Champlin Refining company, avowed opponents of the shutdown, were closed before the order was signed and sealed at 5:25 p. m. Offices of the I. T. I. O., dominant field producer, were not visited, but the company closed in 14 wells voluntarily.

About 100 officers and enlisted men were in the field late Tuesday. It was the first oil producing area of the state to see the troops.

No opposition to the closing of the wells was expected in the fields themselves, but the oil purchasers and others have indicated they will lose no time seeking injunctive relief from the courts.

The voluminous order declares the shutdown is necessary to conserve natural resources of the state. It includes a spirited attack on the Sinclair and Champlin companies, which have transportation, refining and marketing facilities for their production. It charges an intrigue by Sinclair to seek a means of impeaching Murray, "because the governor blocked efforts to repeal the oil laws," allegedly made in order to depress the price of oil against the best interests of school children of the state, who benefit on a price percentage basis from oil produced on state school lands.

Governor Murray had delayed the decree since Saturday night, the deadline he set for higher oil prices.

North Offset to Pope-Anderson Rigging Up

Cuiberson Brothers have completed the rig for a test as the north offset to the Pope-Anderson well on the W. D. Swann farm, northwest of Noodle Dome.

They are now rigging up and will probably spud in early next week.

Derrick Gets Man

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would have landed him there any way, he thinks, even if the highway patrolman had not beat him to it.

Derrick says that early in the chase he sat for four days in the postoffice of Oklahoma City, expecting Howard to call for his mail. His tip came from San Angelo, where Howard sent a check for lodge dues with request that receipt be mailed to Oklahoma City. On other trips Derrick was not behind Howard at Texarkana, in Illinois and Nevada.

Six weeks ago he had a tip that Howard was in Los Angeles, sent pictures to officers there and through a friend learned that Howard promised his sister, also in California, to attend a family reunion at their mother's home in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on July 29. He had also been told that Howard was enroute with a traveling companion from Los Angeles eastward and that automobile license plates obtained by them had been mailed to Memphis. He believes that either clue would have been fruitful.

Scarcely more than two weeks ago, according to information that Derrick received too late, Howard and a man companion passed through Abilene, traveling in a Ford Coupe with an Oregon state license. This led to a trip to Kilgore, where Howard's wife, Mrs. Helen Howard, was known to be operating an apartment house. Derrick was accompanied on the trip by Perry Dickinson, Merkel marshal. Prior to their going they had learned that Mrs. Howard had summoned her husband by telegram from Los Angeles when her house burned and that he wired her from a New Mexico point that he was enroute.

But Howard had gone on—to New Orleans they were given to understand. Derrick continued to rely however, on the Tuscaloosa and Memphis clues.

Personal Mention

Miss Reta Tarpley of Hawley is the guest of Miss Ethelda Yeats.

Miss Ruth Copeland visited in San Angelo and Cisco last week.

Mrs. J. B. Warren is visiting her son, Tom Warren, and family at Waco.

Miss Eula May Parker of O'Donnell is the guest this week of Miss Addie Holler.

Misses Neda and Zada Bell spent the week-end with friends in Baird and Cisco.

Guests in the Henry West home are Mrs. Sidney Foy and her sister, Miss Doris Foy, of Baird.

C. E. French of Dallas is here visiting his sister, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Boyce, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reagh have as their guest her nephew, C. B. Whately, from Brownwood.

Miss Louise Booth has as her guest her roommate at C. I. A. Miss Elizabeth Evans, of Waco.

Miss Hallie Pike has arrived from Bogota for a month's visit with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Pee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Chadwick of Los Angeles, Calif., are visiting friends here and at Anson.

Mrs. R. L. Scott and daughter, Mary, of San Antonio are visiting her mother, Mrs. N. Causseaux.

Miss Imogene Hayes and Mrs. Maurine Tipton have gone to Denton to spend the week with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eiland of Stanton are visiting Mrs. Eiland's brother, Marvin Smith, and family.

Barney Garrett, attorney at law of Waco, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, this week.

Miss Neoma Grayson spent the week-end in Clyde with her friends, Misses Mary and Lena Webb.

Misses Bernice, Elsie and Pauline Lasater have gone for an extended visit with relatives in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harris and son, Joe, of Oak Cliff, Dallas, are visiting in the J. M. Cook home at Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Mat Dillingham and children are spending the time of his vacation with relatives at Jayton.

Lankford McCracken returned Monday to his home at Hamlin after a visit with the Reidenbach family.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Buckner returned to Fort Worth Tuesday after spending a few days with friends here.

S. D. Gamble, joined by Bud Sears of Abilene, left Thursday for a vacation trip to South Texas and Old Mexico.

Rev. E. L. Yeats and family and Johnnie Middleton and Thelma McAninch spent Monday and Tuesday in Roby.

Mrs. J. S. Birkhead and son, Finice, of Eastland are guests of her mother, Mrs. M. F. Bell, and the M. B. Bell family.

Miss Ruth Steadman, who had been the guest of her cousin, Mrs. H. H. Jenkins, left Friday for her home in Bonham.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard and Modyne, of Dallas, are spending the week with his parents and other relatives here.

Miss Betty Lou Grimes returned Monday from a visit with Mrs. Holland Teaff and Miss Vennie Heizer at Canyon.

Q. Brown and daughter, Miss Erma Ruth, have returned from a two weeks' visit with another daughter in Roswell, N. M.

Miss Melba Lee Watts has returned home after a visit of several weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. R. Brown, of Hobbs, N. M.

Following an operation last Thursday at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, Mrs. S. O. Patton is reported doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowan Hudson and little daughter, Doris, are spending the week-end visiting friends and relatives at San Angelo.

Mrs. Zeddie Johnson and little son, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. L. A. Watts, spent the week-end in Big Spring visiting relatives.

Miss Maymie Webb is visiting her sister, Miss Lena Webb, and her friend, Altie Grayson, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg are away on a two weeks' vacation which will take them to Junction, Glen Rose, San Antonio and other Texas cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Walden and baby of Big Spring are spending the week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Waiden.

Rev. E. L. Yeats accompanied his mother, Mrs. R. A. Yeats, of Winters to Mineral Wells Wednesday, where she will remain for sometime for her health.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye, Jr., and baby daughter, Peggy, and Claude Dye arrived Wednesday from California, to visit their parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann, Mesdames J. S. Swann, J. T. Warren and A. R. Booth and Miss Nell Swann left Wednesday for a camping trip to the Concho.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nunnally and little son, Sam, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redwine of Abilene visited their aunt

and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Compton, this week.

Yates Brown returned Wednesday from Dallas where he attended the autumn buying season and style show and also the regular meeting of Federated managers.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Dean and son, Robert, and daughter, Darcey, of St. Louis were guests early in the week of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann, as they were en route to Los Angeles.

Since returning from summer school at Boulder, Colo., Miss Grace Pearl Sudderth of Leonard is the guest of her sisters, Mrs. Jack Anderson here, and Mrs. Claude Young in Abilene.

W. S. Hester and family of Monroe, La., are visiting Mrs. J. S. Hester.

Mrs. Frank Martin and daughter have returned to their home in Fort Worth after a pleasant visit with Mrs. J. R. Hester.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. O'Leary and daughter, Dorothy, returned to their home at Dallas Monday after spending the past week with Mrs. Inez Chadwick near Merkel.

After a visit of several days with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jenkins, Mrs. Maude Steadman, who is buyer for Grissom-Robertson, Inc., Abilene, left Saturday for Chicago and New York markets.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George White were Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Edwards, and her two brothers, Allen and O. J., of Maryneal. Her mother and O. J. remained for a longer visit.

Returning from California, where they had spent the past two months, Mesdames Len Sublett and W. A. McCandless and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher were met at El Paso by Mr. Sublett. The party arrived here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fugate, C. R. Tittle and family and Mrs. Florence Berry and daughter, Jessie Margaret, were a party that left Wednesday for Junction. Mr. and Mrs. Fugate will go from there to spend the rest of their vacation in South Texas.

With the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Walker and baby daughter from Paris, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker are enjoying the presence of all of their children with them this week.

The other son, Ralph, and family have recently removed here to make their home.

Mrs. Yates Brown has as her guests Misses Joy and June Tippet of San Angelo and Misses Dora Wall of Midland and Frankie Fernandez of Odesa. The latter two, with Mrs. Brown,

spent a few days with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Calloway, at Ft. Chadwin near Bronte.

Elaborate Wardrobes To Play Butler Role

It costs just as much to be an English butler as it does to be an admiral in the navy, at least as far as uniforms go, according to Robert Montgomery.

In "The Man in Possession" Montgomery plays the part of a British blade who impersonates a butler in the home of a dashing young widow. For the role he sought advice about wardrobe needs from the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer research department.

To Montgomery's astonishment he learned that the well-dressed English butler must have five complete changes of uniform. For morning wear he has a severe frock coat with a striped vest. Then there is the afternoon uniform with brass buttons, standing collar, four-in-hand black tie and high-cut vest. For evening he wears a uniform tailored in navy full-dress style with low vest, wing collar and black bow tie. In addition he must

also have an informal uniform with sleeved vest for working about the house and a white-coated outfit for bachelor service or stag dinners.

Sam Wood directed the picturization of the H. M. Harwood stage hit which will open Sunday at the Palace theatre, Sweetwater. Irene Purcell plays opposite Montgomery as the widow and Charlotte Greenwood heads the supporting cast which includes C. Aubrey Smith, Beryl Mercer, Reginald Owen and Alan Mowbray.

Texan Heads Druggists.

Miami, Fla., Aug. 6.—Installation of Walter D. Adams of Forney, Texas, as president of the American Pharmaceutical association, was the high spot of the closing business session of the association's seventy-ninth annual convention here.

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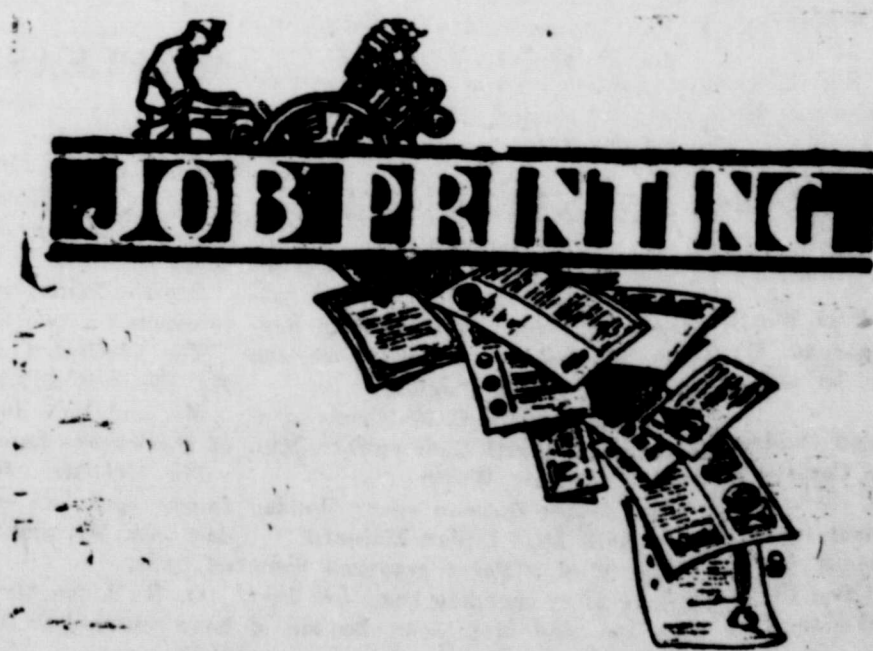
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The Merkel Mail

Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Last Thursday the regular Bible study class met at the Baptist church. After the lesson period, the members showered Mrs. A. C. Terry, the teacher, with a number of birthday gifts, after which ice cold melon was served to Mesdames Roberts, Churchwell, McDonald, Walsh, Burks, Woods, Vessels, Williamson and Vessels.

A number of little girls remembered Grandmother Williamson on her 79th birthday August 3 with gifts of various kinds which came by way of a great surprise to her. The guests included were Mrs. John Casbeer, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Pass and Peggy Jo from Abilene, Hazel Wanda Williamson, Dorothy Jo and Willa Dean Strawn, Wilma and Wanda Stribling, Helen McLeod, Johnnie and Gladys Roberts, Mark Williamson, Jake Roberts, Mrs. Pauline Freeman and Sallie and Opal, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Alex Williamson. Ice cold lemonade and cake was served by Miss Helen Raabe, assisted by Mrs. Pass and Elizabeth Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Winn and children went to Dallas Tuesday.

J. C. Roberts has returned to his home at Jefferson after a visit in the home of his brother, Jake Roberts.

W. E. Hamner and John A. Woodward left last Tuesday for Taft and Robstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott have as their guests this week Misses Hatie and Cora Scott, Fannie Aldridge of Abilene, Mrs. G. W. Scott and son, Carroll, of Anson.

Mrs. Buster Edwards has as her guests her two sisters, Misses White, of Byers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rogers and family have returned from California where they have been for some time.

Mrs. Ted Norton of Sterling City is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eiland and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eiland of Stanton were guests in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hale from Friday to Sunday. Mrs. Ed Eiland visiting relatives in Merkel also.

Mrs. Mollie Winn had as her guests last Wednesday, July 29, her cousin, Mrs. Houston James of Hale Center, her sister, Mrs. M. E. Weems, and other relatives, Mrs. T. A. Weems, and Miss Pearl Weems, Mrs. Chorn and daughter, Jimmie, and Mrs. Cummings, all of Hermleigh.

Ernest Massey and family left Friday for a visit with his parents at Denton.

Mrs. John A. Woodward left Sunday for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linebarger, at Lubbock.

Mrs. Volley Vessels has as her guest this week her mother, Mrs. Russell, of Slaton.

Johnnie Terrell and Bob Howell returned Sunday from C. M. T. camp at Fort Sill, Okla.

Gene Murdock, who is working at Odessa, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock. On his return Sunday, his parents accompanied him as far as Big Spring where they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Murdock.

J. R. Gafford, who has been ill for the past week, is reported much improved at this writing.

J. B. Winn made a trip to the Plains the first of the week.

Mrs. G. W. Minnis of Fort Worth was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Smith, and her sister, Mrs. Tom Williamson.

Mrs. W. E. Norwood and children are visiting her parents at Comanche. Mrs. J. A. Brown and daughter, Miss Winnie, have returned from a pleasant visit with relatives at Clyde. Miss Zada Lee Akins of Cross Plains was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armour returned last week from a visit with their sons at Rankin and Del Rio. They were accompanied home by Miss Janie Armour, who plans to spend the rest of the summer here.

Mrs. Ben Howell and little daughter, Betty Lou, of Corpus Christi were guests of friends here on last Thursday.

ROUTING ON SWEETWATER CREEK ENJOYED.

Messrs. and Mesdames Clifford Estep, T. G. Walker, Pap Burks, I. M. Renshaw, Clifton Rogge, Misses Rowone Perkins, Dollie Walsh and Nathalie Walker had a pleasant outing, fishing and swimming, on Sweetwater creek last Wednesday afternoon and night.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Jake Roberts honored her daughter, Gladys Alice Roberts, on her 13th birthday with a party at her home last Saturday afternoon from 2 to 6. Many nice little gifts were received.

ceived, games were played and refreshments served to the following guests: Dot Steen, Wilma and Wanda Stribling, Dorene and Jean Scott, Lois O-rand, Elizabeth Winn, Lucille Howell, Elsie Bishop, Margaret Rolahan, Hazel Wanda Williamson, Vera Bright, Helen McLeod, Odessa and Veneta McDonald, Willine Jewell McDonald, Johnnie Roberts, Janie Armour, Del Rio, and the honoree.

REVIVAL STARTS.

A revival starts this (Friday) night at the Trent Church of Christ, with Brother L. E. Carpenter of Corpus Christi doing the preaching. The singing will be under the direction of local leaders. Services will be held twice daily and everyone is given a cordial invitation to attend.

White Church News

Maize heading is the order of the day here.

Friends of Mrs. W. H. Brown will be glad to know she is greatly improved at her daughter's, Mrs. A. D. Wilson, of Levelland.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris entertained with a party Saturday night. Everyone reported a nice time.

Mr. Howard Brown of Blair and brother, Fred Brown, of Sweetwater visited their brother, Ray Brown, in Wichita Falls over the week-end. They found Mr. Brown seriously ill but the doctor spoke encouragingly of his condition. We all hope he can soon be well and at home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Perry of Dora visited their mother, Mrs. H. West, recently.

Charlie Coats is sick at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and sons, Woodrow and Doyle, and Mrs. A. H. Barnes of Route 3 have just returned from a very pleasant visit to different parts of New Mexico.

Quite a few from here are attending the meeting at Blair.

Brother John Reynolds will begin a revival at the Butman tabernacle next Sunday night. Everybody come and make this meeting one of the best on record. We urge the public far and near to come and be in these services.

HEBRON NEWS

The revival closed at the water Sunday afternoon. Ten were baptized and several reclaimed during the services. Rev. Sam Morris of Stamford, who did most of the preaching, certainly delivered fine sermons. People came from far and near; some came in wagons eight miles and came regularly. Sam's mother was at the baptizing Sunday afternoon—no wonder he is such a fine man with such a grand mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and Lenalee of Blair visited Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Zercher at the Pannell's home Sunday afternoon.

Richard Kemper Zercher, Jr., arrived at the home of his mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell's, Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Mrs. Maurine Pannell visited Mrs. Evalyn Zercher and baby Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Carr, Mrs. Melvin Jones and Annamae Harris were afternoon guests of Evalyn (Pannell) Zercher and baby Thursday.

CANYON NEWS

Brothers Mainard and Reynolds are holding a meeting at the Butman tabernacle this week. Brother John Reynolds will begin a Baptist meeting there next Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews spent last week-end with their mother, Mrs. Dowdy, of Fort Worth.

Miss Mabel Butman spent Monday night with Miss Lillian Mainard.

Miss Evelyn Perry returned home Sunday after spending some ten days with Mr. and Mrs. John Barbee of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Griggs of Dora spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry.

Miss Essie Lee Gray returned Saturday from Cisco, where she has been visiting the past week.

Mrs. J. L. Perry is on the sick list at this writing.

Play at Mt. Pleasant.

"Beads on a String," a three-act comedy drama, will be presented at Mt. Pleasant Saturday, August 8. There will be no admission charge.

Mae Murray Seeks Divorce.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 6.—The long and apparently happy romance of Mae Murray, dazzling blonde of the screen, and Prince David Z. M'Dvane came to an abrupt end Saturday when the actress filed suit for divorce in which she revealed many instances of cruelty and beatings.

The Old Testament contains 23,214 verses, while there are 7,959 verses in the New Testament.

BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Monroe Whisenhunt, who underwent an operation and who is staying with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Reeves, is not doing so well at this writing.

Miss Clarice Rosson is also on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Price and family of New Mexico visited their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddera and Mr. and Mrs. Huse Price, recently.

Master Clovis Sandifer of Tuscola came up on the Santa Fe Sunday to spend the week with his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan.

Miss Novice Malone of Clyde is staying an indefinite time with her uncles, Messrs. Bob and Mark Malone and families.

Roy Doan of Rotan spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, and was accompanied back by Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scott of Trent. Mr. and Mrs. Scott attended services at the Baptist church.

Sherman and Hollis Rosson have returned home after an extended visit the past week to Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks and son of Butman spent the week-end in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavette and family of Rotan visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavette, the past week.

We are glad indeed to announce that the efficient Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the First Baptist church, Merkel, is conducting the Baptist revival, which started July 31 and will close August 9. Brother King needs no introduction, as he is known to be one of the most sincere, successful pastor-evangelists. We sincerely appreciated the presence of the large membership of this great man's church of Merkel at the Sunday evening service, also the visitors from other churches in the surrounding communities. Come again, friends, and assist us with your presence and your prayers.

Rev. John Reynolds and family of Dripping Springs visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes, Sunday. Brother Reynolds filled the Baptist pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour and preached to the satisfaction and delight of all who heard him. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackburn and daughter, Mrs. Hester Reeves and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery of Butman, were also guests in this home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis and family of El Paso are the charming houseguests of the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer, and other relatives for the week.

Howard Brown and his brother, Fred, visited the bedside of their brother at the Wichita sanitarium over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears have with them for the week as houseguests: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears and family, Valera, and Mrs. Chalmer Patterson of Lubbock.

Paul Stanford of Colorado had a pleasant week's stay with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Peterson, and family.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS

The crops are looking fairly well, considering the drouth.

Little Miss Laura Campbell has just recovered from a serious spell of sickness.

Brother Pruitt has gone to Frank L. to conduct a two weeks' meeting.

The Methodist conference met at Mt. Pleasant Saturday, August 1.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Davis and family of Mexico are here visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and family spent an enjoyable visit Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thornton of Caps.

O. B. Boden, Jr., and Lee Darden have returned from a visit at Wichita Falls.

Miss Adelle Ward spent Saturday night with Miss Emma Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Smith entertained the young folks Monday night with a party.

Miss Adelle and Lois Ward and Mr. Ford Smith, Jr., took dinner with Miss Dollie Hay Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ward visited relatives at Buffalo Gap.

Bond Refund Proposals.

Austin, Aug. 6.—A resolution requesting Governor Sterling to submit to the Texas legislature the question of state refunding of county and road district bonds through the gasoline tax was passed Saturday by the senate. A similar resolution already had passed the house. The senate resolution was by Senator W. R. Poage of Waco.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Hodges Happenings.

Several from our community have been attending the meeting at Stith. Brother White is doing the preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Coda Stephenson and son, C. E., and Mrs. Collins spent the latter part of the week at Monday attending the Baptist association.

Mrs. Stanley Walker spent the past week with her brother and family at Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Spradlin and baby of Tye spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Walsh.

Clarence Hudson of Boehlar, Okla., is visiting friends and relatives in this and surrounding communities.

Shorty Bruton is spending the week with his brother, Harvey Bruton, at Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas and children are visiting relatives in Clark county, Ark. Mr. Walsh was called there on account of the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. B. N. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bruton visited Mr. and Mrs. Underwood near Hawley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones, Abilene, spent the day with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bell, Travis and Anita Bell, Mrs. Sam Moorman and children, Lemuel and Billy, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Simmon and children have returned to their homes in Gurdon, Ark., after spending several days with friends and relatives here and at Merkel.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

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.

DORA DOINGS

Brother McLaughlin closed a revival at the Nolan Baptist church Sunday at the morning service with several additions to the church.

Brother J. H. Hibbert began a revival at the Methodist church Sunday that will go through the week.

George W. Hawkins and son of Stanton are here visiting relatives and friends.

V. T. Smith of Wood county is here for a two weeks visit.

Work on the gym and school building is progressing nicely and we hope to be ready by the first for school.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Pruitt of Brecken-

ridge are visiting John Dudley and family this week.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Monroe Whisenhunt not improving as we wish she could.

Mrs. J. K. Porter returned home Wednesday after a visit in Plainview.

Miss Ima Joy Wright of Sweetwater attended church here Sunday night.

H. S. Wright and daughter, Gretta, Grandma Hanks, A. D. Cross and E. G. Hanks are visiting in Lampasas and Florence this week.

Corn and blackeye pea canning is the order of the day, several hundred cans being put up each day.

Crops are good, some late feed needing rain.

NOTICE

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Lubbock, Aug. 6.—Everything is all set for the West Texas Press association convention, W. S. "Bill" Cooper, president of the association and editor of the Colorado Record, announced on August 1, after a conference with Chas. A. Guy, vice-president and chairman of the program committee. Gene Howe, of Amarillo, champion under of lost cats and dogs, and widely known for his controversies with such national figures as Mary Garden and Col. Charles Lindbergh, is on the program for a talk on "Reader Interest and the Value of Promotional Features."

Col. Dick McCarty, editor of the Albany News and recognized as the official orator of the Texas Press association, will speak.

Hickman Price, the world's largest wheat grower, advocate of large scale farming in West Texas, will speak on the agricultural trend in this country.

Other talks and discussions will be made and led by E. B. Miller, Plainview; Ralph Shuffler, Odessa; Marvin B. Smith, Farmersville; Joe Kempton, Jr., Dallas, and others.

The Lubbock Avalanche and Journal and the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce have planned plenty of entertainment for the convention.

The Lubbock Avalanche and Journal starts the entertainment program with a luncheon at the Hilton hotel at noon, Aug. 14. That evening the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce entertains with a banquet and dance at Hotel Lubbock.

Sweetwater Announces Plans for Exposition

Sweetwater, Aug. 6.—Plans were worked out here during the week-end whereby the annual Midwest Exposition, Sweetwater's fall fair, will be carried on this year, with the gates open to all.

Financing of the fair is expected to be accomplished by sale of concessions, as cash prizes are being eliminated and ribbons for first, second, third and fourth places are to be substituted.

The fair was not held last year, due to drouth conditions, and Lon Greer, president for last year, is carrying over as chief executive.

Mr. Greer has named committees to begin active work toward making preparations for the event. They are: Charles Lewis and Ed Darley, badges and prizes; Dr. H. W. McIntyre and John Hendrix, football; W. W. Davis, Guy Morris, Ben Roberts, booths and concessions; Walter Trammell and Tom Wade, horse races; and Miss Edna Cordell, women's department.

A canning show, exhibiting some of the products put up by home demonstration club members, and a poultry and rabbit show event are planned to be carried out in connection with the event. The canning exhibit is to be under direction of the board of city development, which has sponsored the extensive program this year, while the Lions club, which annually sponsors a poultry and rabbit show, is to have charge of that part of the program.

A person's pulse rate over a period of time may vary 10 to 15 beats a minute without causing particular reason for considering him abnormal.

Fisherman's Luck

By Albert T. Reid



To Teach Apprentices Mechanical Crafts

Plans for the building and operation of a Chevrolet apprentice school of mechanical craftsmanship were announced yesterday by W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager of the Chevrolet Motor company.

The school building, which will provide approximately 10,000 square feet of floor space, will be erected adjacent to the Chevrolet Detroit gear and axle plant. Work on the proposed building will be started in the near future.

When completed the school will be equipped with every type of machine necessary to all the finer mechanical arts and crafts, and the work will be directed by C. E. Wetherald, general manufacturing manager of Chevrolet.

The Chevrolet course will be an exact duplicate of the school operated by Chevrolet, in Flint. While preference will be given to sons of Chevrolet employees, all boys, mechanically inclined, between the ages of 16 and 18 years, will be eligible to enter the Chevrolet school. The normal course will occupy four years and the class will be limited to fifty boys.

The course, as outlined by Mr. Wetherald, includes instructions in

tool-making, die-making, pattern-making and general machine shop practice.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Acreage Cut Bill Gets New Support

Austin, August 6.—Declaring he had been against acreage regulation by law but "the time has come for whatever is necessary to meet the situation," C. O. Moser, vice-president of the American Cotton Cooperative association, pledged his support to pending legislation to reduce cotton acreage.

A surplus of cotton has been accumulated and pyramided, Moser said, until it will equal an entire year's production by the end of the coming season, and at the same time the world has the lowest buying power that any living man has ever known.

"It is not a time for normal measures," he said, "but a time for whatever it takes to meet the situation." He added that it was up to the Texas legislature, representing the great-

est cotton state, to "meet the issue squarely." He pledged the cooperative would do everything to get other states to follow Texas leadership.

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A MASS OF GORGEOUS SCENERY

Beauties of New England States Beyond Description

From their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carvel Tucker, who are attending summer school at Columbia university, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tucker have received a most interesting letter telling of their many exciting experiences, including the thrills of the city, the wondrous scenery to be found along the Hudson and in the New England states and impressive visits to many points of historical and literary importance in the early days of our country. Mr. Tucker is teaching at Santa Maria, Texas, near the New Mexico border.

Their letter from New York, dated July 24, follows:

Hello, Folks:

Since we last wrote we have become a little better acquainted with New York City. We have seen some new things, done some new things and learned some new things. Our work in Columbia keeps us mighty busy, but if we have one hour off we are out sight-seeing. Being up here (even for six weeks) is certainly worth while. If anything, as Dan says, this school work is interfering with our education. Mixing and mingling with people from all over the world, seeing how they work and how they play reveals the living conditions of the shut-up masses. On Sundays, those who have cars get out into the country as early as possible in order to get a breath of fresh air. As you drive along, there is somebody under almost every tree. Those who do not have cars take the subway, go to the beach, lie in the sand and water all day and return home at night, sometimes bleeding from such a severe sunburn—anything to get out of the city.

A week ago last Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, Dan and I took a boat down at the battery and went around Manhattan island; thus all the way around our New York by water. The guide on the boat pointed out the things of interest as we sailed along. Each interesting skyscraper building was noted: the Flatiron, the Chrysler, the Metropolitan Life building, the Singer building, the Equitable building, Woolworth's and the tallest, Empire State. We saw the slums of New York, the negro district, Jewish district, and sailed under Brooklyn bridge. Then the most beautiful part of our trip was the ride down the Hudson; it's wide and clear. Grant's Memorial tomb could be seen on the bank near the Rockefeller church. The "Les de France" was leaving dock under the burden of a merry crowd. We came home on an elevated train. High above the ground we crawled around among the tall buildings. When we got home I want to tell you about our trip to the boat—I was glad to say we were from Texas. Story is too long for this time.

I'm dragging the people from their studies out to see a good Broadway

play once in a while. We went to see "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" last Thursday. It was a portrayal of Mrs. Browning's invalid life in her harshly ruled home and of her secret marriage to Robert Browning. Then Saturday we saw "Green Pastures," a revelation of the old Southern darkies' conception of creation, of the Old Testament stories and of heaven itself. Since I was a member of the Play Production class, we were allowed to go behind stage in these theatres, meet the characters, find out just how they felt while they were acting, learn something of their lives on the stage and study scenery, stage and lighting.

We took an interesting trip last Sunday; got our car out—we keep it in live storage. (New York driving isn't nearly so bad as we heard.) We drove through the Holland tunnel, which goes under the Hudson. Then, over in New Jersey for miles and miles along the riverside. We ached at the beauty. The Hudson is a picture, tall stately trees on one side and the palisades on the other. We went on to West Point and drove through miles and miles of grounds. I can't describe the beauty of the country on our way back, across Bear Mountain bridge, in and around Tarrytown, among the Catskill mountains. We passed the estates of John D. Rockefeller and of Mrs. Shepard (Miss Helen Gould); visited the tomb of Washington Irving; drove around in Sleepy Hollow, and crossed the Headless Horse bridge where Ichabod attempted to cross on the fatal night. We'll tell you more when we get home and show you pictures.

Monday—Well, I didn't finish this letter last week; so I'll have to tell you something about Boston. We left here Friday at 1:45, got into Connecticut, and about 4 o'clock it began raining. We were in the most beautiful hills and valleys, but the rain came down in torrents for an hour. Mr. Burgess' car came very near drowning out. We pushed him up every hill until finally, finally, the rain

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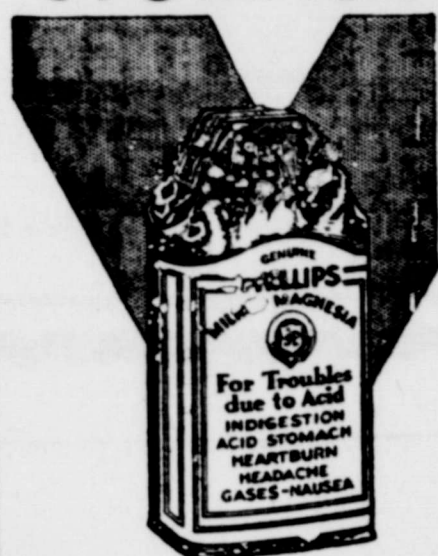
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ceased. Boston was an interesting place. We saw Paul Revere's home, the church where the lantern signaled, the Bunker Hill monument, where the battle was fought; then went out to Harvard, near Longfellow's home. Concord and Lexington were interesting places. We drove out to the battle ground, taking approximately the route Paul Revere took when warning the people that the British were coming. In and around Concord are Hawthorne's, Emerson's and Thoreau's homes. Walden Pond is near also. I understand now how those men could write such poems and think such thoughts. The New England states are just a mass of gorgeous scenery. Pictures can't reveal the beauty. Our stay in Maine was a new experience for the last of July. We camped right on the shore of the roaring Atlantic; cold, cold, cold. Everybody took one coat, but we each wished we had two. Our trip home was a trying experience. From Hartford, Conn., through New Haven, on to our apartment in New York the traffic was fierce. Sometimes it took us almost an hour to go a mile. We came back on Highway No. 1, it was a solid mass of slow creeping autos. We are all sore and stiff this morning.

Dan and Beulah.

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