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LOAN EXTENSION IS MADE POSSIBLE TO TEXAS FARMER

Secretary of Agriculture Hyde Advises West Texas C. of C. Each Case to be Considered on Individual Merits.

Stamford, Sept. 24.—Texas farmers who received crop production loans from the federal government will not be compelled to make repayment, when the loans are due, upon maturity dates, where such repayment will work undue hardship, but will be granted extensions in whole or in part, it was announced Tuesday from the headquarters office of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

A statement of the attitude of the government as to the 15,030 loans made in 67 Texas counties, aggregating \$2,418,103.90, was made public in a telegram from Arthur M. Hyde, secretary of agriculture, to Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth, and released by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Tuesday. Carter is chairman of the W. T. C. C.'s loan committee. After a lengthy exchange of telegrams and letters between Carter and Hyde, in which the former asked the government to adopt a policy toward repayment of loans "enabling our farmers to make another crop," Hyde telegraphed:

"Department makes allowance for picking and ginning expenses and also allows borrowers to store crop and deposit warehouse receipts as collateral, borrower determining when crop is to be sold.

"All our field representatives have instructions to consider each loan on its individual merits, granting extension of time in part or all where repayment would work undue hardship. Our desire is to occasion minimum amount of disturbance."

"This statement of policy by Secretary Hyde is most human, practical and constructive," Carter said Wednesday from his Fort Worth office.

"It needs, however, another step to make it thoroughly effective in view of the secretary's desire to have such case considered on its merits. That is to resurrect the various county production loan committees, to work with the district representatives of the U. S. Seed Loan office and now stationed in areas where government loans were made. The West Texas Chamber of Commerce is asking Secretary Hyde to authorize these counties committees to start functioning again, and is asking the department of agriculture to prescribe regulations for conducting the committee's work in renewing these loans."

Fourteen agents of the U. S. Seed Loan office have been placed in Texas areas in which loans were negotiated. They are working under Carl C. Ellis, state supervisor, who has opened offices in Abilene.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 22, 1911.)

OLD TIMER MAKES LAND DEAL.
T. J. Coggin of Merkel disposed of his ranch of ten sections north of Escota to a land and cattle company of the west for 60,000 acres of land and 1500 head of cattle, all the property located about 35 miles south of Douglas, Arizona, and about 12 miles south of the national boundary line.

The full consideration of the deal is not known but the local citizen received \$90,000 for his Merkel country ranch or about \$15.00 per acre.

R. E. Edmison and son, Guy, were in the city last week from Ovalo making the trip in Mr. Edmison's Speedwell car.

Nice line of evaporated fruit just received to go with White Crest flour. Hamlet and Rogers.

Carload of new furniture at Behrens-McMillen next week.

Miss Ova Teaff left Wednesday for Abilene to enter Simmons university.

Miss Lizzie Calvert is quite sick at her home in South Merkel, compelling her absence from the W. L. Harkrider clothing store.

Faul Cranford, who has been traveling for many months over many

CHARGES FILED AGAINST 4 MEN AND WOMAN HERE

Merkel City Marshal Lays in Wait for Party of Five, as They Come Out of Gulf Warehouse; Four Taken in Custody.

When Jack Huffman heard the noise as of someone breaking into the warehouse of the Gulf Refining company, south of the T. & P. tracks, at 1:30 Thursday morning, he notified City Marshal P. P. Dickinson, resulting in charges of burglary being filed in Justice of the Peace Wheeler's court against four men and a woman. One of the men had not been arrested shortly after noon Thursday.

The Merkel city marshal, when notified by Huffman, waited in the weeds near the warehouse until those inside came out and when he attempted to cover them the five scattered, he said, but he succeeded in holding two of the men. One of those, standing on the running board of his car, made a dash to get away and after chasing him for some time through the cotton yard Dickinson lost him around the Toombs gin. The Merkel officer emptied his gun in an effort to stop the fleeing man.

Ernie McFarland was the name of the man held by City Marshal Dickinson and his brother, John Newton McFarland, was arrested in a pasture west of Abilene later Thursday morning. Two others, a man and a woman, giving the names of A. M. Geary and Mrs. Cecil Gahwiler, were taken in custody at a Beech street residence in Abilene. The fifth against whom charges was filed is a brother of the two McFarland boys, Benton McFarland, but who had not been arrested at the time of going to press.

Ernie McFarland in a statement to officers said that the three brothers live at Brady and that the car they were driving, a Buick sedan, belonged to the father. They were out of gasoline, he said, and were en route to Oklahoma where the wife of one of the brothers was ill. The man and the woman joined them at Abilene and were en route to Sweetwater, it was said.

W. F. Golliday, agent for the Gulf Refining company, states that about twenty gallons of gasoline had been taken and probably three and one half gallons of lubricating oil. The safe in the warehouse was not tampered with and nothing else disturbed. Entrance was made by breaking the lock to the warehouse.

Autoist Hit By Golf Ball.
St. Louis, Sept. 24.—Miss Olivia Prante was driving her automobile near a golf links. A golf ball struck her in the face. She was taken to a hospital, where it was found her nose had been broken.

LEAGUE PROGRAM.

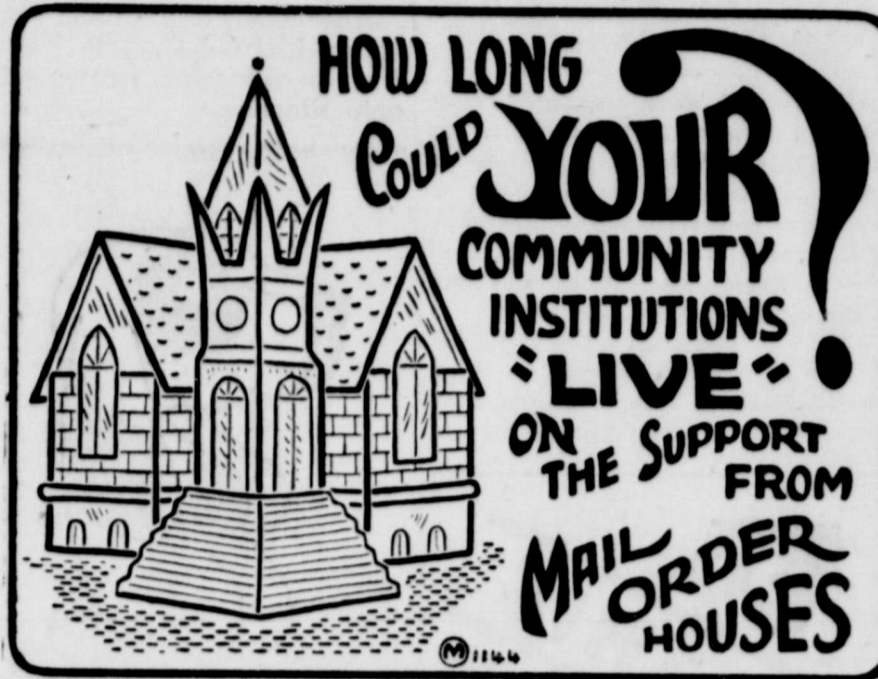
Leader—Victor Harris.
Instrumental music—Pauline Johnson.
"Thinketh No Evil"—Allie Jennings.
"Truthfulness"—Ira Shaffer.
Devotion—Laura Cary.
Piano solo—Ruth Mimms.
Prayer—Rufus McNeess.
Romans 12:1-8—Lizzie Maye Freeman.

Solo—Dora Lee Potter.
Matt. 25:14-27—Miss Josie Lowery.

Quartet—Messrs. Johnson, Provine, Hicks, McNeess.
Consecration—E. Love Hawkins.

Duet—Jackie and Mary Jennings.
Address on "Service"—Rev. A. M. Martin.

A great many Merkel people are going to Abilene on Sept. 30 to see the Ringling Bros. circus. The railroads are preparing to take care of thousands of visitors from the surrounding territory. It will be the chance of a life time to see the big show.



KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

By vote of the senate the impeachment trial of J. B. Price, district judge of Bastrop, has been postponed until the day following the adjournment of the present special session of the legislature.

William Nyal Wright, held in connection with the alleged extortion of \$75,000 from R. W. Morrison, San Antonio capitalist, was placed under bonds totalling \$42,500 after a habeas corpus hearing Wednesday.

Contract was let Tuesday by the state highway commission to the Morgan Construction company of Dallas for \$123,227 for double bituminous surface on a 19.6 mile stretch on highway 70, between Sweetwater and Roby.

At their sixth annual meeting at San Angelo, Tom K. Eplen, Taylor county judge, was elected president of the County Judges and Commissioners of West Texas association and Midland was selected as the next convention city.

The Birmingham Barons, Southern Association champions, batted out 23 hits to defeat Houston, 14 to 10, Wednesday at Birmingham, bringing the Dixie series to a three-all tie. The seventh game will be played at Houston Friday.

Abilene was selected as the 1932 convention city and Geo. W. McDaniel, Jr., circulation manager of the Abilene Reporter-News, was named president of the Texas Circulation Managers association at their annual meeting in Austin.

C. T. (Tom) Tabor, Clyde gin operator, died in an Abilene hospital Sunday of injuries sustained Saturday when he was caught in machinery at the gin and his right arm was torn off and his hand and face were badly lacerated.

Miss Jean Vaughn, former Texarkana girl, a graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Southern California, who left Texas with her parents 15 years ago to live in Hawaii, has become a very successful lawyer in Honolulu.

C. H. Bering, 95, who came to Texas from Germany when he was 5 years old, making the trip cross the Atlantic with his parents and five brothers on a small stern-wheel steamer, died at Houston Sunday, having been a resident of that city 87 years.

Miss Virginia Wester, 16, daughter of a rancher who resides near Las Vegas, N. M., rode 300 miles on horse back to attend Texas Tech at Lubbock, bringing along a string of nine horses, with which she will pay her expenses through school by operating a riding academy.

Jim Saffel, Anson blacksmith, on trial at Anson for the fatal shooting last June of J. W. (Will) Windham in front of his shop, testified on the stand Tuesday that he shot in self-defense when Will Windham and his double cousin, Frank Windham, approached him with open knives in their hands.

Test cases to decide whether the cotton option system of betting on horse races is legal were filed Tuesday afternoon in Judge Dave McGee's county court at Fort Worth against F. O. Franklin, Vernon, and P. L. Coulter, Arlington, who were arrested at the Arlington Downs race course Saturday.

Representative Frank Patterson of Fort Worth, a captain in the Texas National guard and on the staff of General Jacob F. Wolters, was married Friday in the house of representatives to Miss Rebecca Harlan of Stamford, former house employe. The couple left immediately for Monterey, Mexico, on their honeymoon.

ACREAGE BILL PASSED MONDAY

Bill Limiting Cotton Crop of '32 and '33 to 30 Per Cent Approved by Governor.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 24.—The legislature Monday adopted the free conference committee report limiting the cotton crop of 1932 and 1933 to 30 per cent of the tilled soil. The senate adopted the report 17 to 10. The vote in the house was 80 to 32.

The bill was signed by Governor Ross S. Sterling at 11:44 o'clock Tuesday morning. The signing was witnessed by J. E. McDonald, Texas commissioner of agriculture, Senator Oliver Cunningham of Abilene and Clint Small of Wellington, and Representatives J. J. Olsen of Yoakum and Lawrence Westbrook of Waco.

The bill reported by the conference committee provided that cotton not to exceed 30 per cent of the land cultivated during 1931 may be planted in 1932; that no land planted to cotton in 1932 may be planted to that crop in 1933; that not more than 30 per cent of the land planted to all crops in 1932 may be planted to cotton in 1933, and that in 1934 and the years thereafter no land may be planted to cotton which was planted to cotton the preceding year.

The senate bill sent to the conference committee restricted planting to 25 per cent of the cultivated land in 1932 and 1933, and the house bill fixed the restriction at 33 1-3 per cent. The conference committee compromised on the senate and house bills.

The conference report was adopted in the senate after but one speech. T. J. Holbrook attacked it.

Mr. Holbrook called the bill "incongruous, disjointed, disconnected and disappointing." He said it was "conceived in foolishness, its provisions were foolish and it is impracticable and impossible of enforcement." He termed it a political loophole through which senators would seek to escape in fooling the farmers but predicted that the farmers will not be fooled and would know that these senators have been hot and cold in being for cotton and then saying no cotton.

He said there is no relief in the bill and that it is impossible of enforcement besides being unconstitutional in half a dozen places.

After the vote was taken, Miss Margie E. Neal, who originally supported the Long bill, said that when she could not get what she wanted she took what she could get, and like a good Democrat, went with the majority. This started the discussion anew and several speeches were made.

Argument by J. C. Kennedy and C. E. Farmer that the effect of the acreage reduction bill as it came from the conference committee will be to benefit the big farmer and penalize the man with a few acres were of no avail when the house took up the conference report. J. J. Olsen, original author of the house bill, offered the motion to adopt the conference report and Penrose Metcalfe offered a motion to send the bill back, with the same conferees from the house instructed to stand solidly for the 33 1-3 per cent plan. The Metcalfe motion was tabled and the report was adopted by 80 to 32.

Six Die At Crossing.
Delano, Calif., Sept. 24.—Death claimed every member of a family of six when a train struck an automobile at Lonning Crossing, three miles north of here Sunday.

STOCK PRICES ROCKET, BONDS MARKET SOARS, CHEERFULNESS SPREADS

\$3,000,000 GAIN IN COTTON UPTURN

Many Factors Cause Upward Force Bringing Dollar and Half a Bale More Wednesday.

(Fort Worth Star Telegram.)

Signing of the cotton acreage reduction law by Governor Sterling, passage of a similar law in South Carolina, increasing demand for the staple in Liverpool, Alexandria and Bombay and a ginning report to Sept. 16 which was below expectations—all these factors exerted an upward force in the cotton markets Wednesday and as a consequence the staple was bringing a dollar and a half a bale more than at the close Tuesday.

With 1,088,138 bales reported ginned in Texas to Sept. 16, and with another 1,000,000 bales in sight immediately, the Texas farmer seems already to have profited by something like \$3,000,000 by the day's upturn—provided conditions remain as they are until he gets his cotton sold.

Reports from New York said trade demand was improving with the spinners laying in supplies at the lowest prices of this century. Japanese mills have been large buyers recently and they have been noted in the past for their conservative purchasing of the South's staple crop.

Southern selling of the crop has been far below expectations and hedging sales, in other years a heavy weight upon the market, have so far been far under expectations.

Mollie Shannon Doing Nicely.

Miss Mollie Shannon, owner of the Cinderella Beauty shop at Sweetwater, and formerly engaged in business here, was carried to the Alexander sanitarium, Abilene, Monday morning for a major operation and reports Thursday morning were that she is getting along nicely.

Signs Produce Humor.

Memphis, Tenn.—A sign "Closing Temporarily—Remodeling Finances," then, to cap the climax, a theatrical publicity man pasted a one sheet over it reading "An American Tragedy."

Wide Climb of Bond List on New York Exchange Wednesday, Spectacular; End to Burden on Economic Structure Seen.

New York, Sept. 24.—Convalescent Wall Street hurried security prices jubilantly upward Wednesday as the doctors hinted that the more important surgical operations upon the economic structure may have been about completed.

Share prices registered one of the widest advances of the year, but the sweeping upturn of the normally more dignified bond market was even more spectacular. The cheerfulness spread to commodities, and cotton, silver and grains were higher.

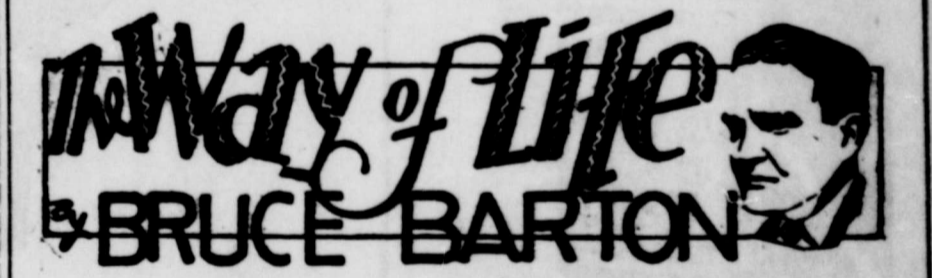
Shares gained \$1 to \$15, the widest advance since the war debt moratorium rally of June. In bonds, there were numerous upturns of \$30 to \$100 per bond of \$1,000 par value, particularly in the foreign issues and the domestic rails, and the average advance was the widest in more than a year. Trading was the most active for a full session since last October.

The 10 per cent wage reduction announced by United States Steel Corporation and followed by similar announcements by several other large concerns, was widely interpreted in Wall Street as one of the final capitulations to the forces of deflation. It was acknowledged it will probably have a retarding influence on trade for a time, but Wall Street felt it removed one of the major elements of uncertainty.

The London crisis had a decidedly disturbing influence for several days, even before it broke, but with trading confidently resumed in the London Stock Exchange Wednesday, Wall Street hoped the British situation had become definitely a thing of the past as a dominant influence here.

There was considerable difference of opinion in speculative quarters as to how much weight should be given the upturn in stocks, for the share market had been under pressure long enough to make a technical rally overdue, and the abrupt rebound was not appreciably different from the many that have marked the course of the bear market.

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THE SUN UPON YOUR WRATH.

There is a certain family in this country, consisting of several brothers whose combined resources total many millions.

They meet every day at luncheon and discuss whatever problems the day's work has developed. Often the debate is spirited, but when it is over they make their decision unanimous and always act as a unit.

All their financial operations are pooled. If one brother has a fortunate investment all share the benefit. If another takes a loss, it is charged to the common account.

What has preserved their remarkable partnership? One great rule. They never allow a disagreement to carry over into a new day. If two of them had a falling out they must meet and settle it before the sun goes down.

I have an acquaintance who recently celebrated his twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. He said that when he and his wife were married they faced frankly the fact that some disagreements would inevitably arise. Therefore, they tried to remove in advance two of the most common causes of misunderstanding.

First of all, money. Nothing causes more marital grief than the constant argument about expense. The husband who does not make his wife a regular allowance, who compels her constantly to ask for money, explain its needs and account for its expenditure, is sure of plenty of debate.

They decided what part of his income she ought to have. He then arranged that his salary check should be divided into two parts; her part was deposited not only in a separate account but in a different bank.

Second, jealousy. He said to her: "I love you and trust you. I know that you love and trust me. When my feelings change I'll tell you, and I'll count on you to be equally honest. Until that time I am not going to ask you any questions or fret myself, no matter what you do or whom you meet."

"As for the troubles which we could not foresee," he concluded, "we agreed that we should never take them to bed. We would make up and forgive before night-fall, and go to sleep in peace."

Many years ago St. Paul, writing to his friends, the Ephesians, said: "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

What would happen, in business and in marriage, if we all should try that good rule for a year?

WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

The site for the proposed \$165,000 federal building at Big Spring has been secured.

The home demonstration agent of Floyd county, Texas, supervised the work of fourteen womens' clubs which canned four thousand quarts of vegetables during the present season.

The chamber of commerce at Spur, Texas, maintains a fully equipped canning kitchen for the free use of the public for canning the surplus food products produced this season.

All of the state highways in Hale county, Texas, are now paved with concrete, a total of sixty-seven miles radiating in four directions from Plainview.

A four year old Jersey cow owned by a farmer of Meadow, Texas, was recently designated a gold medal animal by the American Jersey Cattle club, which is the highest distinction that can be given for production. The cow, Masterman's Pearl S, produced thirteen thousand pounds of milk and six hundred and seventy-five pounds of fat under test in one year.

A recent chamber of commerce campaign to promote the use of air mail resulted in doubling the poundage out of Big Spring. Committees sold stamps and merchants displayed placards advertising air mail advantages.

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Mexico are the best in years and it is estimated that thousands of heads of fat cattle will be shipped this fall.

That tourists may obtain correct information about their cities, the chambers of commerce of Roswell and Carlsbad, New Mexico, recently conducted informational campaigns among their citizens. Typical questions asked by tourists with correct answers were mimeographed and given local distribution and advertising.

The Pecos Valley country is expected to ship approximately five hundred carloads of cantaloupes this year an estimated three thousand acreage crop.

A \$10,000 school building for the exclusive use of its three hundred Mexican children is being built at Big Spring, Texas.

Twenty-six graduates received their bachelor's degree from the Sul Ross Teachers college at Alpine, Texas, at the close of the summer school term and one hundred and twenty teaching certificates were issued.

Through irrigation, at a cost of one dollar per acre, a Bailey county farmer produced an average of forty-four bushels of wheat per acre as compared to twenty-five bushels on adjoining land not irrigated.

The total enrollment for the two

summer terms of the Texas Technological college at Lubbock, Texas, was 1,539 this year, exceeding last year by 220.

A governmental radio broadcasting station of 2,000 watt power, costing \$65,000 and providing meteorological service, is under construction at Big Spring, Texas.

Citizens of Ward county, Texas, want a state park on the site of the old Willow Water Hole, stopping place and camp ground on the old '49 emigrant trail from Big Spring to El Paso, once the scene of a massacre of two hundred members of a wagon train by Comanche Indians.

The Flag ranch of over one hundred sections in Winkler county, Texas, was sold recently, constituting one

of the biggest single land deals in West Texas during the year.

The University of Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy at El Paso has been recently expanded so that a four year college course is offered.

Now comes our Saturday Special on Ruffled Curtain Voile at 9 cents per yard. Brown's Bargain Store.



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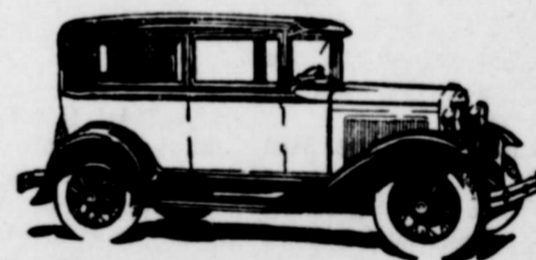
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by ETHEL HUESTON

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"Rack and Ruff will expect us in tonight. They won't like it."

"They're not expecting us. I wired them two days ago that we wouldn't be home until Monday."

"Are—we going to stay here—until Monday?"

"We are," said Peter firmly.

"Peter, Peter," said Rowena, "be careful, oh, be careful! If—you do this—it will give me a grand chance to be mean to you—if I want to. I can make it hard for you to get a divorce—I can get alimony—"

"It'll be worth it," said Peter grimly. "Besides," he added smiling "even when you are Mrs. Peter Blande in fact, at heart you will still be just Rowena Rostand. You are immortal."

Rowena did a strange thing. She clasped both her hands tightly over Peter's arm and looked up into his face—deep, deep into his eyes—searchingly, for a long time and did not speak. Peter's fell at last before the intensity of her silent gaze but there was no diminution of purpose in his manner.

"And you ought to know by this time that when I make up my mind, it's made," he said doggedly. "So you needn't try to talk me out of it."

"I'm not going to try," said Rowena faintly.

He helped her out of the rumble and cautioned her to be careful of the rocky path up the hill.

"It's easy to get a twisted ankle here," he said.

He even asked her to help carry his bundles up from the car and filled her arms with them. At the foot of the steps that led to the wide unroofed piazza, he kicked over a stone and produced a big brass key that lay beneath.

"Look at this," he said. "The cabin's a sort of open house for everybody and his friend, and the key bears the household motto. 'Come easy—go easy—see?'"

"Appropriate to week-end honeymooners, like us," she said quietly.

"You would say that," said Peter.

"I assure you, that was not the idea back of it."

The cottage, which consisted of but one immense room and a huge screened bath, with miniature kitchenette, was roughly finished with heavy oaken beams. There was a great fireplace of natural stone, and running end to end away from it on both sides were studio couches against the wall, comprising three full sides of the cottage.

Water was supplied by a windmill among the rocks higher up the hill, and Peter invited Rowena up with him to witness the ceremony of chaining the wind.

"It's our one servant up here," he said. "Loosing the windmill is one of the real events of coming up. When there is a crowd they do it with a great processional, with incense and incantations. But our minds are on other things tonight so we won't bother."

Rowena followed him down the steep rocky path to the cabin again.

"Been here often?" she asked casually.

"Yes," Peter was laying a fire in the grate.

"Were you here with crowds—or just—alone?"

"Both."

Rowena walked about the cabin ruffling her bronze-bright hair with both hands. She looked at the pictures—the autographs—the candlesticks—the incense burners.

"Belongs to a woman, doesn't it, Peter?"

"Yes."

Peter was opening up his bundles and putting the food supplies in their proper compartments.

"Do you think she'll like your bringing another—woman—here?"

"I don't care whether she does or not."

Rowena threw off her air of quiet moodiness. She rolled up the sleeves of her blouse and asked for a job.

"You can put the rolls in the oven," said Peter. "And you may as well get as much fun out of things as you can. There's no use to try to get away. You can't."

"I'm not going to try," she said.

Peter pressed the button that started the electric refrigeration, pulled out the drop-leaf table and measured four cups of water into the tea-kettle.

"I hope you're hungry," he said.

"We're eating camp rations tonight. Tomorrow I'll show you some good country cooking for I'm really the cabin's star chef. But tonight my mind's on other things and I don't want to be bothered. Our fare will be quick and rough, and it will require an appetite to enjoy it."

"I'm just ravenous," said Rowena politely, although knowing very well that the smallest crumb would catch in her throat.

Peter measured four teaspoonfuls of coffee into the pot and poured boiling water over it to drip. Then he set the table with silverware of sorts and paper plates—"We never wash anything but silver and pans up here," he explained, "and toss a coin to see who has to do it." He laid out slices of cold roast beef, and liverwurst, potato salad, crackers and cheese. Then he opened a can of soup, adding an equal portion of water according to directions on the can.

"You see, when I think of providing for you as a good husband should," he said, "I can't get away from soup and crackers and cheese. The cheese trust ought to give you a discount. I wonder you haven't got a band of mice following you about. What a Pied Piper you'd be for Hamelin!"

Rowena laughed tolerantly. "Cheese is very good for one," she said.

Peter opened up a bottle of horse radish, put salt and pepper on the table, and sugar, cursing softly because he had forgotten cream for the coffee. Then he filled a great bowl with fresh fruit for a centerpiece with candlesticks around it.

"Here you are, Mrs. Blande," he said jauntily, and held a chair for her.

Rowena sank down, a little breathless, rather pale.

Just the barest fraction of an instant Peter hesitated. Then he lifted her face with a very determined forefinger—and touched his lips to hers, faintly, almost timidly at first and then with stubbornly rising courage crushed them roughly. It was with quite an air of bold bravado that he went to his own chair opposite, but his face was flushed and his eyes did not meet hers.

Rowena threw off her nervousness in forced laughter.

"Oh, Pumpkin Eater," she said gaily, though her voice was that of one who has too little breath for a torrent of tumbling words, "fancy all this furor after three solid months of marriage."

"You won't be laughing about it three days from now," he said grimly.

"Oh, maybe I will," she answered cheerfully. "I'm one of the grandest little laughers you ever saw in your life."

He smiled at her suddenly. "Yes, you are, I'll say that for you. You are just great about—things like that."

Defly he served a portion of salad and meat on a paper plate for her, and poured the coffee.

"Sorry to have nothing better than canned cow for your wedding-night,"

"Oh, I adore canned cow. I always ask for it at all my weddings."

She was glad to have the coffee and drank it steaming hot although it scorched her throat. But she could not eat.

"Why don't you eat, Rowena?" he demanded.

"I'm not hungry."

"You're not nervous, I hope—not frightened, or anything."

"Not in the least. I'm just not hungry."

"Why aren't you hungry? You haven't had anything to eat for hours," he persisted stubbornly.

"I never have much appetite, Peter. You know I never eat much."

"But you haven't eaten anything. You usually eat something. You didn't even eat your adored soup. You're not sick, are you?"

"No." She smiled at him, the friendly warm smile that was genuinely Rowena. "I think maybe it's because I feel so sorry for you Peter."

"Sorry—for me—"

"Yes. Because you're doing such a very stupid thing and putting yourself in my power like this. I can do quite terrible things to you—after this—if I want to.—And I can be most frightfully mean—if I want to."

"Yes, I know that."

"You don't know anything yet," she assured him.

"Oh, well, I'm taking the chance."

When they had finished supper he cleared away the dishes quickly and shoved the table into its corner. Then he drew the big, high-backed divan

before the smoldering fire and heaped it with cushions, and turned out all the lights but left two candles glimmering on the mantel.

She did not hesitate but went over at once and sank down among the cushions in the corner of the big divan. Peter sat beside her and drew her into his arms, and Constantine crouched at their feet. Rowena made no resistance. For some time they sat there, motionless and silent, both staring, a little awed and very sober, into the flickering fire. It was very still—the stillness seemed to touch them, to make them one with it. The light was low. Little soft scents of wood and pine and smoke crept out to them. Little soft sounds of night in the hills crept in to them. The chirr of katydids filled the air.

Suddenly Peter lifted his hand and drew her face toward him until her lips lay against his throat. His hand caressed her shining, bronze-gold hair.

"Close your eyes," he said. "It's quite dark here and I will not talk. Maybe you can forget it's only Peter and think it's some one you like."

Rowena lay very still, scarcely breathing, against him. He could feel her lips upon his throat quivering ever so little.

"Peter," she said.

"Mmmmm," he murmured indistinctly.

"Who—whose cabin is it?"

He laughed softly. "Do—do you care?"

Unconsciously she stiffened a little in his arms, her quivering lips grew firm. But she pressed more closely into the curve of his arm.

"No," she said firmly.

"It's my mother's," he said. "She likes this sort of thing."

Rowena relaxed and laughed a little, tremulously. And the throbbing silence enfolded them warmly.

After a long while—"Peter," she said again.

"Mmmmmmm."

"It's the third and last warning. —You'd better take me to town—take me right away quick—as fast as ever you can—"

"It's too late now."

"Too late is better than—never," she said. "And pretty soon it will be never." Unconsciously their voices had fallen to whispers. "It's never really too late—until it really is—too late," she added enigmatically. "Peter—believe me—you'd better—"

Again he laughed softly. "Why Rowena, why?—You are my wife—"

"Because, if you don't—I warn you, Peter!—I'll never let you go again—never—as long as you live—and it will be too late for ever."

Even against the straining of her arms about him she wondered breathlessly if he would rise up at that and go away. But of course he didn't. He laughed again, an odd pleased laugh, and pressed his lips to her fragrant hair.

And Constantine murmured quiet contentment at their feet.

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Fort Worth, Sept. 24.—The rodeo arena, which gave Josephine Hudson her cowboy sweetheart some three years ago, robbed her of her husband, Harvey Cash, Friday night in Ardmore, Okla., and made fatherless a 5-weeks-old baby girl.

The horse which Cash was riding in the arena there fell on him and crushed his skull. The accident happened almost directly in front of where Mrs. Cash and the baby and her sister, Miss Christine Hudson, were sitting. Cash died about 3:30 a. m. Saturday.

It was about three years ago that Josephine Hudson, then about 15, was peering through the arena bars at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show here and caught her head between the rods. Cash, inside the arena, saw her predicament and freed her.

This was the beginning of a romance that culminated in the couple's marriage a year ago. A baby daughter, Charlotte, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cash a little over a month ago at Methodist hospital.

The 18-year-old bride and her husband, about 23, made their home on a ranch just out of Tulsa, Okla. Cash has ridden many times at rodeos here.

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BASIC CAUSES OF GREAT BRITAIN'S SUSPENSION OF GOLD STANDARD.

In the following article, released by the United Press, Roger W. Babson, noted statistician, discusses the background and possible consequences of Great Britain's abandonment of the gold standard.

England's financial difficulty is due, he says, to three factors as follows:

(1). A large percentage of the character, judgment and energy of Great Britain was killed off during the war. Great Britain is in a position similar to the South following the civil war. Time will cure this defect, but it will take one or two generations to do it.

(2). To uphold British honor, England resumed business upon the gold basis following the war, and did not mark down the price of the pound, the same as France marked down the price of the franc, and as other countries marked down the price of their currencies. France is now being praised for her strong financial position, but it should be remembered that she stabilized her franc at one-fourth its former value and hence with one swoop wiped out three-fourths of her domestic debt.

This England refused to do, and England should be praised for her courage and her good intentions, but the readjustment was inevitable. England could not continue indefinitely to stagger under this tremendous load.

(3). The above two factors have led England into bad habits and bad financing during the past few years. The English bankers have been borrowing of us at 3 per cent and loaning their money to Germany at 7 per cent and thereby taking a gambler's chance to recoup previous losses. English politicians have been giving labor a dole as a further gamble in order to prevent any domestic uprising. In the meantime through natural economic changes and tariff enactments by other countries, England's industries, shipping, etc., have been severely hurt.

Of course, it is hard for a nation or an individual to acknowledge their mistakes but I feel that England is taking the right step today in making such an acknowledgement. We never like to take castor oil but in the end we are much better off.

In the end, England and the entire world will be better off for the decisions made by the English government.

Brighter Days Ahead For the Oil Industry

Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 24.—E. B. Reeser, president of the American Petroleum institute, sees brighter days ahead for the oil industry as a result of the week-end conference at Austin of the regulatory bodies of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

The conference, called after a meeting of oil state representatives at Oklahoma City September 11, when the entire country's daily production was tentatively set at 2,381,000 barrels, was termed by Reeser one of the most advanced steps that has been taken toward stabilization of the industry. The conference was arranged to obtain Texas officials' approval of the program adopted at Oklahoma City.

Willingness of the Texas railroad commission to cooperate in the curtailment program was praised by Reeser, who said that the commission, in issuing its new curtailment order limiting wells to 185 barrels daily, immediately after close of the conference, had definitely dispelled fear within the industry "that the East Texas area would not be permanently controlled."

"I predict," Reeser said, "that as a result of the action the petroleum industry will be stabilized, and will lead other industries toward a return of prosperity."

He said Governor Sterling of Texas gave assurance that martial law would be kept in effect as long as necessary to enforce the curtailment order.

"The proration program of the United States producing areas has been completed," Reeser said upon his return from Austin.

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CHURCHES



NAZARENE REVIVAL.
Revival services are being conducted under the auspices of the Nazarene church under a tent located near the High School building.

My co-laborer, Rev. Lula A. Williams, has had ten years service in Japan.

The public is very cordially invited to attend these services. Come expecting to be blessed and be a blessing to others.

Services at 7:45 each evening and at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The meeting will continue through next week.

Lovick P. Tretwell, Evangelist.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Bible study each Lord's day at 10 a. m. Worship 11 a. m., followed by preaching each first and third Sundays.

Training class for all each Sunday at 7 p. m. This is a fine training class for all ages, as we have separate classes at that time for all, both young and older folk. This service will be followed by singing and a general good spiritual service each second and fourth Sunday evenings.

Prayer meeting each Wednesday at 8 p. m. Ladies' Bible study Tuesday at 2:45 p. m. The ladies' class is beginning the study of the book of Romans. All members and their families are urged to attend these services, as arranged for you, with a well prepared lesson each time.

The minister, L. E. Carpenter, will teach the ladies Bible class on Tuesday, teach the class at prayer meeting each Wednesday and preach here twice a month.

The general public is invited to all our services and a hearty welcome awaits you.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

I desire to pass on to my congregation the sad, but true, prophecy of H. G. Wells:

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The church is the only institution in the world that can save the sinking ship. Will you help sink or save it?

Next Sunday is promotion day. Let every member of every class be present and bid farewell to the teacher and department that you have learned to love. Just think—promotion day means that beginners will become primaries, primaries will become Juniors and Juniors will be Intermediates. Intermediates will be young people. Don't miss it.

Then a glorious service at the evening hour.

J. T. King, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the four reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 728, as compared with 707 on the previous Sunday and 731 on the same Sunday a year ago.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer Service meets next Sunday at the Nazarene church with E. O. Carson as leader. The lesson will be the 14th chapter of Acts. A group of earnest men meet each Sunday for these weekly services and an invitation is extended to every man in Merkel and the surrounding communities to come and join them.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. There will not be preaching service as the pastor is at Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45. You are cordially invited to attend Sunday School with us, if you are not a member of some other Sunday School, and we would be glad to have you come worship with us at the midweek prayer service.

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

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Subject: "What our Mission Schools are Doing."

Scripture reading—Acts 19:8-12.
Leader—Paul Collins.

"A School Car"—James West.
"Schools in Many Lands"—First part, "In America," Wanda Hunter; second part, "In India and China," Jack Tucker; third part, "In Africa," Kennedy Whiteley.

This is probably the first thing you have noticed about the Christian Endeavor, but it is not to be the last.

We have been organized only a few weeks and have 34 on our roll. Each member is doing his little bit; therefore, we feel as though it will be a successful organization.

If you are interested, we would be

glad to have you come at 5:50 and enjoy our programs and help us make this Christian Endeavor go, for that is our aim and purpose.

HI-LEAGUE.

Song No. 190.
Lord's Prayer in unison.
Song No. 155.
Chapters of St. John to be told by: Sixth chapter by Robbie Walker. Seventh chapter by Kennedy Whiteley.

Song No. 147.
Eighth chapter by Ethelda Tucker. Ninth chapter by Imogene Middleton.

Piano solo, Lois Whiteley.
League benediction.
Visitors cordially invited.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Program for Sept. 27, 1931:
Topic: "What Shall I Do With My Money?"

Leader—Lela Patterson.
Scripture—Luke 12:13-21; 15:11-19.

Prayer—Tracy Campbell.

1. "Gain All You Can"—Mordell Shouse.

2. "Save All You Can"—Gwendolyn Vickers.

3. "Give All You Can"—Vernon Hudson.

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For you were but a Pygmy, left alone,
Your pride and power were a hollow shell,
Till master hand, and human intellect,
Command—"Go forth, and do your duty well."

—Mary A. Delmer.

Watson at Ft. Worth For West Texas C. C.

Stamford, Sept. 24.—The West Texas Chamber of Commerce has placed J. C. Watson, former secretary of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, in charge of the regional body's Fort Worth office. Mr. Watson also is publicity manager of the chamber and will be advertising manager of "West Texas Today," monthly magazine. In that capacity he will take over work heretofore done by A. H. Wheeler, who, after seven years as advertising manager, is establishing an advertising agency of his own. Mr. Wheeler will retain a connection with the magazine.

"West Texas Today" is now edited by a group of twenty-six active newspaper men of the territory with Max Bentley, Abilene, chairman of the board.

The Fort Worth office is maintained as a West Texas information and research bureau, and in its files are being collected and tabulated industrial surveys recently conducted in the 101 affiliated cities and towns. Industrial and business opportunities are analyzed in the Fort Worth office, with efforts made from there to interest capital in West Texas expansion and development projects.

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SOCIETY

M. H. S. CHORUS ORGANIZES FOR 31-32.

The Merkel High School Chorus has been organized for the school term of 31-32. The first meeting was devoted to the enrollment of members and the election of officers. The officers elected are as follows: Margaret Canon, president; Mary Elizabeth Grimes, vice-president; Marie Stanford, secretary; Ola Smith, assistant secretary; Willie Evelyn Boaz, treasurer; Julia Proctor and David Gamble, reporters.

Miss Tracy, sponsor of this organization, has selected a number of worth-while songs. In the near future the club expects to give its first program of songs before the High School assembly.

The members of the club are Jessie Margaret Berryman, Louise Tarleton, Van Roberts, David Gamble, Lowell Vickers, Jack Patterson, Paul Collins, James West, Carroll King, Madeline Murray, Florene Rider, Billy Gardner, Marizoe West, Nell Contres, Thelma Leach, Ruby Grace Jones, Lois Whiteley, Cullen Tittle, Irene Salter, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Frances Adcock, Marie Stanford, Joyce Wheeler, Wanda Hunter, Mildred Richardson, Billy Bernice Gambill, Ima Ruth Brown, Genevieve Bryan, Eloise Mansfield, Doris Mae Barron, Melba Taylor, Ola Smith, Lona Bryan, Jim Patterson, Lena Mae Moore, Ruby Jenkins, Annie Lee Owens, Mary Olive Simpson, Burneal Scott, Duncan Briggs, Margaret Canon, Sarah Shepard, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Caribel Mansfield, Ruth Calloway, Mary Helen Lancaster, Mildred Clark, Ethelda Tucker, Robbie Walker, Margaret Miller, Ida Mae Derstine, Loretta Cox, Oscar Adcock, Felix Stalls, Valeria Parks, Nell Durham, Julia Proctor, Waymon Richards and Neal Durham.

REBEKAH ANNIVERSARY.

The members of the Merkel Rebekah lodge No. 14 held their annual anniversary celebration on Friday evening, Sept. 18, in commemoration of their 80th anniversary.

A most interesting program was rendered with a few Odd Fellows present who responded with talks on the program.

At the close of the meeting a watermelon feast was enjoyed on the lawn

in front of the hall, bringing the meeting to a most pleasant close.

J. U. G. CLUB.

The members of the J. U. G. club met at the home of Miss Dora Marie Gaither Saturday afternoon for a short business session before driving over to the Abilene zoo for a picnic.

The play ground equipment and an inspection of the different animal cages provided happy diversion until the refreshment hour when supper was spread, picnic fashion, for Misses Sue Sue Grimes, Becky Gardner, Ann Lepard, Billie McGehee, Annie Lee Blake, Helen Heeter, Doris Gay West, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Geraldine Teague, Betty Diltz, Mabel Murray, Frances Owens. Guests were Peggy Adams, Betty Lou Grimes, Missie Dye, Mrs. Forrest Gaither and Mrs. Dee Grimes.

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I. O. O. F. LODGE.

Meets every Monday night at 8 o'clock. All members and visitors are cordially invited to attend.

Wm. R. Cox, N. G.
Wm. Elliott, Secretary.

Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M. Saturday night, 8 p. m. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

Andy Shouse, W. M.
C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 24.—Under another day of small receipts, the cattle market ruled steady to higher Wednesday, cows gaining 15c to 25c, while other classes sold steady to a shade stronger. The estimate was for 1,500 head of cattle and 900 calves.

Fed steers of exceptionally choice quality, and mediumweight, notched \$8.35, the highest price posted recently. Grassers sold around \$3.25 to \$4.25. A car of toppy 2-yearlings made \$8.15. Bulls sold at \$2.00 to \$2.35. Good to choice heavy calves moved at \$4.25 to \$5.00.

Hogs were purchased at a decline of 10c to 25c, the top being \$5.80, in both divisions, shippers and small packers paying that value. Several loads went at \$5.50 to \$5.80. Sows lost 25c, most sales being at \$4.00. Total receipts amounted to 900 head.

Lambs lost 25c, but yearlings and wethers held about steady. The supply was close to 2,200 head. No choice lambs arrived, the best here going at \$4.50. Fat yearlings went at \$3.50. A car of wethers sold at \$2.00 and 2-year-olds were taken at \$3.00.

Cotton Receipts.

Receipts at Merkel for the week ending Wednesday night amounted to 1,336 bales, bringing the total for the season to 2,245 bales. This compares with 1,124 bales up to the same date last season.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Truman Carey, residing northwest of town, Friday, September 18, 1931.

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Merkel-Roby Meet In Night Game Oct. 2

When the Merkel Badgers meet the Roby Lions at Abilene at Parramore field on the night of October 2 at 8 o'clock, it will be the first night game for either team.

This promises to be a rather close game since both teams are composed of new material. The contest was originally scheduled for the local gridiron, but by playing at night the Badgers hope to play before a larger home crowd than would be possible in the afternoon.

The girls Pep Squad under the direction of Miss Helen Patterson plan a snappy stunt during the half and T. D. Riddle is organizing a boys Pep Squad to assist in the rooting section.

WINTERS DEFEATS MERKEL

The Winters Blizzards, favorites for the championship of district 11, beat the local football boys 51 to 0 in the opening game of the season, played at Winters last Friday. End runs and line plays were the principal methods of attack used by Winters. The Blizzards outweighed the Badgers thirty pounds per man and had little trouble in using power plays through the line for good gains.

Fumbles, blocked punts and intercepted passes by Merkel gave the Winters team several unearned touchdowns. Coley and Baldwin were outstanding ball carriers for Winters, while no Badger starred. However, Williams at end and Toombs at tackle played a commendable game for Merkel.

This week Merkel plays at Putnam, another seasoned team, but the Merkel boys plan to play a much better game this time.

Presbyterian Branches Meet in Joint Session

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church, was in Fort Worth Tuesday and Wednesday of this week attending the meeting of the Presbyterian synod, which opened there Tuesday night.

One of the outstanding features of the synod was the joint meeting of the southern and northern branches of the American Presbyterian church, which were united for the first time since the Civil War, in celebration of the establishment of the Presbyterian church in Texas 100 years ago.

Leading the way toward harmony in what church leaders consider the most significant event of several decades were two brothers, Dr. James I. Vance, Nashville, Tenn., writer and churchman, and Dr. Joseph A. Vance, Detroit, Mich., minister.

In past years the Vance brothers have represented opposite sides in the church divisions, the Tennesseean upholding the southern side and his brother claiming allegiance to the northern division.

The brothers were principal speakers at a fellowship-banquet of the two synods.

Presbyterianism was founded in Texas in 1831 near Brazoria. Its birth was in secrecy because of Mexican rule. It was not until 1840 that the Presbyterians were granted religious freedom in the state.

Churches of Presbyterianism split during the Civil War and became two organizations, the southern division identifying itself as the Presbyterian church U. S. and the northern, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

State Tax Rate is Fixed at 74 Cents

Austin, Sept. 24.—After delaying action about two months, the automatic tax board Tuesday raised the state property tax rate 5 cents to 74 cents per \$100 valuation.

The levy will be 32 cents for general revenue, 35 cents for schools and 7 cents for Confederate pensions. The general revenue rate last year was only 27 cents.

The new rate, the highest since 1925, is within 3 cents of the constitutional limits. The increase was necessitated by a decline in property values, unusually large delinquencies and diminished returns from the 2 per cent tax on oil, which has decreased in value.

Fixing of the rate had been postponed while the board tried to find some way of avoiding an increase. Governor Ross S. Sterling asked the legislature to increase the oil tax to 2 cents a barrel but it refused. He submitted a bill to direct the board not to increase the rate but the senate had not taken final action on the bill and the house did not approve it by the majority necessary to put it into immediate effect.

Members of the board pointed out that under existing law they had to increase the rate to an amount necessary to meet expenses. Governor Sterling, George Sheppard, state comptroller and Charles Lockhart, state treasurer, comprise the board.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

MRS. BUZBEE, 72, PASSES AWAY

Resident of Merkel for 20 Years, Beloved Mother of Ten Children Answers Master's Call.

A loving husband and companion of almost 54 years and ten children are left to mourn the passing from this world to that higher realm of Mrs. Elza Pinson Buzbee, age 72, wife of S. W. H. Buzbee and a resident of Merkel for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Buzbee died at 5 o'clock last Friday afternoon, following an illness of several days. Funeral services were held at 3:30 Saturday afternoon at the Methodist church, the rites being in charge of Mary Lee Cagle, Nazarene minister at Bufallo Gap, assisted by Revs. W. P. Sibley, local Nazarene pastor, and E. L. Yeats, Methodist pastor. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were Eli Case, Frank Golliday, George Woodrum, Jake Massey, Mat Dillingham and W. A. Whitley.

Mrs. Buzbee was born March 19, 1859, in Coosa county, Alabama, and was married to S. W. H. Buzbee Nov. 18, 1877. To this union twelve children were born, ten of whom survive. Moving to Texas in 1895, the family settled in Eastland county, near Rising Star, where they resided until 1911, when they moved to Merkel. The family has made their residence here since that time.

From her childhood days, Mrs. Buzbee was a consecrated member of the Nazarene church and ten noble children with their children testify to the true, Christian life of unselfish devotion and adherence to duty which marked her passage through her more than the allotted three score years and ten.

The surviving children are: J. W. Buzbee and L. H. Buzbee, Pampa; A. H. Buzbee, Happy; E. T. Buzbee, Wichita Falls; Mack Buzbee, Merkel; Mrs. Mattie F. Montgomery, Pasadena, Calif.; Mrs. J. F. Johnson, Ovalo; Mrs. S. W. Woodruff, Rising Star; Mrs. B. C. Berry and Miss Minnie Buzbee of Merkel.

Several Business Changes Announced

The purchase of the J. M. Collins grocery by H. M. Anthony, formerly of Winters, was consummated this week and Mrs. Anthony has come to join her husband here. Mr. Collins, who has been engaged in the grocery business here for the past two years, will continue residence in Merkel, he stated to a representative of The Mail Thursday.

J. W. Hassey, formerly of Abilene, has leased the Magnolia Station, known as the Corner Garage, and has removed to Merkel. Mr. Hassey has previously been engaged in the filling station business in Abilene and he and his family are being given a cordial welcome by Merkel citizenship.

A new filling station, a Cities Service company station, has just been opened on the site of the Meeks blacksmith shop where a commodious new structure building has been erected. Jonnie Jacobs is in charge of this station.

Claud Perry is now operating the Gulf Refining Company station on the highway, formerly in charge of Joe Hendricks, the change having been made a short while ago.

Two Added to Force Of Farmers State

Due to the rush of the cotton season, the force of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel has been augmented by the addition of Herbert Patterson as teller and Wilbur Thomas as bookkeeper, effective Thursday morning. Both Mr. Patterson and Mr. Thomas were formerly in the employ of this bank and it looks natural to see them back at their places again.

Receives Money by Wire to Pay Fine

When Jack Vanwinkle of Robinson, Ill., plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge in justice of the Peace W. W. Wheeler's court Thursday morning, he asked if the court would accept a personal check in payment of the fine, total costs being \$13.50.

When advised that it would be necessary for him to furnish the cash, he wired to his home town and within about two hours the money was authorized by wire.

Vanwinkle is a truck driver, en route back to his home in Illinois.

Live A Day Under Auto. Syracuse, Kan.—Pinned under their overturned auto near Cimarron for 27 hours, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dickson were finally rescued uninjured.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads

Dec. 10, 11, 12 Dates Poultry-Rabbit Show

Dec. 10, 11 and 12, are the dates set for the second annual show of the Merkel Poultry and Rabbit association at a meeting held Thursday night of last week at the Liberty Hardware company.

The first exhibition held in February of this year proved a success in every way and preliminaries looking toward a repetition of the success of that show on a larger scale are already under way.

Committees will be appointed at a later meeting to work out details of the show and arrange the list of prizes.

Officers of the association are R. A. Ellis, president; F. Y. Gaither, first vice president; John West, second vice president; E. H. Cordell, third vice president, and Robert Hicks, secretary-treasurer.

Jud Sheppard to Open New Dry Goods Store

W. J. Sheppard, for six years manager of the Jones Dry Goods company here, announces the opening of his own store about the first of October. He will carry a large stock of dry goods, ladies' ready-to-wear and millinery, which is expected to arrive the early part of next week.

The W. J. Sheppard store will occupy the former Jones Dry Goods company location and Mr. Sheppard is preparing to open his store about the first of the month.

Fire Damages Irvin Lackey's Barber Shop

Fire at about 8:30 Tuesday night did considerable damage to Lackey's barber shop on Front street. It started in the cabinet in the rear of the shop where the stock of barber supplies and towels and linen are stored. Damage to the stock and fixtures was estimated at about \$1,250. Insurance of 1,500 was carried.

Very little damage was done to the building, as the fire was quickly extinguished.

The cause of the fire has not been determined, but City Marshal Burns is inclined to attribute it to a smoldering cigarette instead of electric wiring.

Trader Horn Left \$8250.

The will of Trader Horn, the hero of many adventures in Africa, who died last June at the age of 82, has been admitted to probate in London. The net value of his estate is \$2570, with gross value \$8520. In a short will made a few years ago he left his estate to his daughter, Mrs. Seales, who was with him when he died. The signature at the bottom of the document is Alfred Aloysius Smith, his real name.

NOTICE.

To My Friends and Customers in Merkel Trade Territory:

I have leased Mr. Campbell's East Filling station on Highway east of town. Gas 10c and 12c. Trade some with me. It will be appreciated. We keep some McNess products.

R. D. Chapman.

Stock Prices Rocket

(Continued from Page One.)

The wide gains in bonds, however, were regarded as quite another matter. It was said in highest banking circles that banks and underwriting houses had decided the drop in bonds had been carried to extremes, and that they were going into the market with plenty of hard cash. Most general recoveries from major depressions have been preceded by good bond markets, and the persistent weakness of this market has been one of the most discouraging aspects of the recent outlook in Wall Street.



That Shiny Nose

completely subdued. No more constant ineffective powdering. Just one little extra touch and you have not only eliminated "Skin Shine" but have given your complexion an entrancing, smooth, soft, pearly appearance of exquisite beauty.

OURAID'S ORIENTAL CREAM
White, Pink and Peach Shades

Wren Durham Winner Second Flight Trophy

In the finals of the second flight of the Merkel Golf Club's annual tournament, Wren Durham bested Royce Dowdy of Trent, 5 up and 4. The match was concluded Wednesday afternoon.

Ed Lancaster was winner of the championship flight over Dub Diltz.

Oak trees planted along the San Jacinto river have been dedicated to Texas heroes who fought the Mexicans there.

Broadway, New York, was once an Indian trail.

Tannie Jones Strikes Out Dozen Batsmen

Merkel's crack baseball nine defeated Hamlin in a fast game Sunday by the score of 2 to 0. This was the first time these two teams had met this season. The game was played at Hamlin.

Tannie Jones performed true to his record for the season, shutting out his opponents and striking out 12 batsmen and allowing only four hits.

Herring flour is used quite extensively in Norway.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Specials for Friday and Saturday at

ANTHONY'S

Successor to J. M. Collins Grocery

- JELLO, all flavors, 3 pkgs. 21c
- TEA, Orange Pekas, 1-4 lb., 25c size 19c
- SPICES, all 10c sizes, 3 for 19c
- CERTO, reg. 35c size each 26c
- B. E. PEAS, Wapco No. 2 cans, 3 for 19c
- PEACHES, Gold Bar No. 1 cans, 2 for 25c
- PEACHES, Gold Bar No. 2 1-2 cans, each 17c
- COCOANUT, shredded, 1-4 lb., 15c size 10c
- EXTRACT, Hogue's 8 oz., 40c size each 19c
- EXTRACT, Hamilton's, 2 oz., 35c size 19c
- CORN, Primrose, No. 2 cans, 2 for 25c
- SPAGHETTI, Vermicelli or Noodles, 4 packages 23c
- SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars 25c
- SOAP, Palmolive or Cream Oil, 3 bars 21c
- SNUFF, De Voe's, Rooster Red Seal, Garrett or Honest, all 6 oz., each 30c
- K. C. BAKING POWDER, 25 oz. 19c
- COFFEE, Hill Bros., 2 lb. can 73c
- COFFEE, White Swan, 2 lb. can 70c
- SALMON, pink, 3 cans 32c

All SYRUPS at cost plus 5 cents gallon. We have bought the J. M. Collins Grocery Store and we will be glad to have all his old Customers as well as everyone else to visit us and get acquainted.

Plenty Ice Water and a hearty welcome awaits you here.

Ask us about the \$10.00 FREE GOODS to be Given Away Saturday, October 3rd.

Yours for Better Service, Quality and Price

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Wake Up Your Liver Bile —Without Calomel

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

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

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

If this bile is not flowing freely, your food doesn't digest. It just clogs 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 those two pounds of bile flowing freely and make you feel "up and up." They contain wonderful, harmless, gentle vegetable extracts, milder than it is possible to make the bile flow freely.

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Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English of Hermleigh spent Friday night in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Mrs. W. R. McLeod honored her little daughter, Bobby Ruth, last Saturday on her seventh birthday with a party at which many of her little friends were present.

Eugene Murdock, who is working at Roscoe, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott left Monday for Breckenridge where Mr. Abbott has employment with the Phillips Petroleum Co.

Quite an enjoyable time was had recently when a crowd of young people of the M. E. church went to Sweetwater park for an outing. Those enjoying the picnic were Misses Willie and Vida Orand, Imogene Mangum, Lucy Burch, Florence Sherman, Lora Bright, Helen Robbe; Messrs. Eddie and J. P. Orand, Irvin Reneau, Leonard Stribling, Mrs. Strawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Idial Howell and two little daughters of Fort Worth were week-end guests of Mrs. R. B. McRee and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and little son, Junior, of Abilene were guests of Mrs. Rutherford's mother, Mrs. Bessie Billings, and Grandma Williamson Sunday.

Mrs. Plumphreys of Abilene was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessels Sunday.

Mrs. Volley Vessels' aunt, Mrs. Russell, of Canyon was a recent guest in the Vessels home.

Rev. Mr. Whiteaker of Abilene preached at the Baptist church at eleven, also Sunday night. He and his wife and baby were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers.

Mrs. Leonard Storey and children of Hylton were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash.

Prof. and Mrs. Ross Jenkins were over for a few days last week attending to business.

Miss Ida Mae Little and Jack Tinkle were married last Thursday, the 17th. They have gone to Abilene to make their home.

Mesdames Keltz, Hardison and Atwell of Vernon were recent guests of relatives here. On their return home they were accompanied by Foy Steadman, who will attend school there this winter.

Andrew Archer of Dallas was a recent guest of his mother, Mrs. A. J. Archer.

Miss Marjory Adrian, who is attending school in Abilene, was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murry of Gatesville were here Monday and Tuesday, seeing friends and attending to business.

Miss Erma Dean Duncan, who is working in Sweetwater, was the guest of Miss Pete Smith Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor went to Amherst Monday, returning Tuesday.

Jack Bowers spent the week-end with home folks.

DORA DOINGS

Wind and dirt have been raging in the cotton picking campaign. Everybody is wanting pickers and not a one in sight. So we are gathering what we can by home labor and keeping both gins very busy any way.

Mrs. N. G. Oliver and sons, Robert, Wyatt and Clyde, visited Miss Pollie Oliver in Abilene Sunday.

Billie Joe Sanders, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Sanders, was real sick Monday.

G. W. Whiteaker attended the singing convention at Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Frank Magee made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

The young folks enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Tyrone Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgie Hamu were visitors in Clyde Sunday.

Mrs. Steve Barton was very sick Saturday and Sunday, but is improving at this writing.

Charlie, Ernest and Ethel Ware visited their brother in Rotan Saturday and Sunday.

A LETTER FROM HOME.

Your son or daughter off at college or finishing school will welcome the home paper just like a letter from home. The subscription price for 12 months for the Merkel Mail is \$1.50 for towns and cities outside of Taylor County. (In Abilene \$1.15 for term.) Subscribe now.

Now comes our Saturday Special on Ruffled Curtain Voile at 9 cents per yard. Brown's Bargain Store.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

Dad Buys a New Hat

By Albert T. Reid



BLAIR ITEMS

Will Campbell, who was hurt several weeks ago, is still confined to his home.

Mrs. Johnnie Latimer is not doing so well the past week.

Little Jimmie Nell Horton has been on the sick list for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddera enjoyed a passing visit from their sister from the Divide Sunday.

Mesdames Will Toombs and Carol Waiton of Merkel passed several pleasant hours Monday afternoon with Mrs. Leon Toombs.

Ray Bain, Santa Fe relief agent, is supplying for Guthrie Keel, while the latter is on vacation at Temple and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears and daughter, Miss Zuma, attended the singing at Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Sam Provine spent Saturday and

Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore have gone to Baylor county to look after their property, spending the week-end with their children while there.

Rev. John Reynolds of Abilene is to fill the pulpit at the Baptist church every first and third Sunday in each month in the absence of the pastor, Brother Walker, on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and family and Mrs. Maggie Hunter and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Doan at Clyde Sunday and enjoyed the celebration of Mr. Doan's birthday.

Rev. Marvin Williams is to preach at the M. E. church Saturday night and Sunday.

There have been 500 bales of cotton weighed here up to Sept. 21st and cotton picking is in full sway.

Try a Classified Ad for Results

EGGS WANTED

WILL PAY GOOD PRICE FOR GOOD SETTING EGGS. SEE BOB HICKS.

Kirk's Hatchery

606 Mockingbird Lane - Abilene, Texas

White Church News

Brother Marvin Williams filled the pulpit here Sunday. He announced quarterly conference at Blair next Saturday.

E. J. Patterson attended to business in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coats of Big Spring are visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lindsey of Colorado City are visiting Mrs. Lindsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Pressley.

Hardin Reed of San Angelo is visiting home folks, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Reed, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coats of Nubia attended church here Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and daughter, Miss Lena Lee, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Coomer of Escota recently.

Mr. H. West is not well at this time.

A. D. Barnes visited his brother-in-law, H. E. Patterson, of Cisco recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fulton of Winters visited Mrs. Fulton's sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Barnes, recently.

Mrs. Leon Toombs and son of Blair spent the week-end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Demere.

CANYON NEWS

Wind, wind! We have found out the past week that the sand still blows in West Texas.

Miss Elna Hale of Abilene was visiting friends in the Canyon recently. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Griggs and son of Dora and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry and family spent Sunday with Grandmother Perry of Nubia.

R. G. Toombs is on the sick list at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer and son, Donald, dined with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer, of Blair, Sunday.

Mrs. Virgil Zimmerman visited in the W. C. Matthews home recently.

A large crowd attended the party at Oscar Turner's Saturday night. All report a very nice time.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

New taxes imposed on motor vehicles in Peru have caused many automobile owners to store their vehicles.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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.

Last Call!

CONTEST CLOSES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, MIDNIGHT

\$10,000 IN CASH PRIZES

FOR THE BEST ANSWERS EXPLAINING THE MYSTERY of the "HIDDEN QUART" AND TELLING HOW THIS QUART BENEFITS MOTORISTS

Fact No. 1—Thousands of motorists and service station men have observed that after a car has been given its first fill of Conoco Germ Processed Motor Oil and is driven 200 to 350 miles, a look at the crankcase gauge shows that about one quart of oil is apparently missing... but

Fact No. 2—These same people have noticed that on the second and later fillings with Conoco Germ Processed Motor Oil, scarcely a drop of oil will disappear during the first 350 miles, and practically none at 500 and up to 1,000 miles!

The above facts have been checked by actual tests with cars that use six quarts of oil for the crankcase, cars in good mechanical condition and driven at ordinary rates of speed. These facts will also prove true for your car, in proportion to the amount of oil your crankcase usually holds, your car's mechanical condition and the speeds at which you drive.

What becomes of the "hidden quart"? The answer is easy if you study the Facts given above and keep in mind the things that only Conoco Germ Processed Motor Oil can do. The explanation of the whereabouts of the "hidden quart" is simple—no technical knowledge of motors or oil is necessary.

Remember—The "hidden quart" of Germ Processed Oil does not escape through leakage... does not burn up, wear out nor evaporate. It is "present but unaccounted for." Fact No. 2, given above, proves all this.

After you've found where the "hidden

quart" goes, you can easily see the special benefits it gives the motorist—advantages that no other oil can give.

Ask at any Conoco Station or Conoco Dealer for free Entry Blank which contains information about Conoco Germ Processed Motor Oil that may help you win. Conoco Station and Dealer employees will gladly answer your questions. Remember, you do not have to buy anything to enter this contest.

See Rules of Contest for complete details.

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Third Prize - - \$1,000

4th, and 5th Prizes - - \$500

6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Prizes - - \$100

10th, 11th, 12th and 13th Prizes \$50

14th through 29th Prizes - - \$25

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED as soon after the contest closes as possible. Announcement of all winners will be made in this newspaper.

THE JUDGES

DR. W. B. BIZZELL, President University of Oklahoma

JOHN A. HUNTER, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, University of Colorado

FRANK L. MARTIN, Asso. Dean School of Journalism, University of Missouri

THE QUESTION

"What becomes of the 'hidden quart' and how does this quart benefit the motorist?"

COMPLETE RULES OF CONTEST

- Answers may be any length not exceeding 200 words; length of answer will not determine winners. Write answers on Official Contest Entry Blank preferably, or on plain white paper. Conoco Stations and Dealers will give you an Official Contest Entry Blank free. Elaborate presentations of answers will not count in your favor.
- Write your answer in plain, simple language. Technical terms or special scientific knowledge will not influence the judges.
- Contest closes midnight, September 28, 1931, and no entries bearing postmarks after midnight, September 28, 1931, will be accepted.
- Contest open to everybody except employees and executives of the Continental Oil Company, Conoco Stations, Conoco Dealers and the Company's advertising agency, and their families.
- In case of tie, both contestants will receive full amount of prize tied for.
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- All entries submitted, whether or not they win prizes, become the property of the Continental Oil Company and may be used in advertising without payment, and none can be returned to senders.



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David Starr Jordan, Eminent Scholar, Dies At Great Age of 80

Stanford University, Calif., Sept. 24.—Dr. David Starr Jordan, 80-year-old chancellor-emeritus of Stanford university, died here Saturday of a complication of ailments from which he has suffered for several months.

A stroke suffered Friday—the fifth in two years—hastened the noted educator's death.

Mrs. Jordan, one of their sons, Knight, and a daughter, Mrs. Nathaniel Gardner of Berkeley, were at the bedside.

Dr. Jordan was one of the nation's most eminent scholars. News of his death quickly flashed over the Stanford campus, plunging it into mourning.

Doctor Jordan, internationally known as an educator, peace advocate and scientist, was stricken two years ago.

He rallied, but each time he appeared on the road to recovery he suffered another stroke.

Physicians diagnosed his illness as arterio sclerosis, which slowly hardened the veins in his brain.

The nation knew Doctor Jordan for his persistent advocacy of peace. He was prominent in any move, national or international, to cast out war. He was ready for death.

"I am ready whenever it comes," he often told his intimates.

"I have lived a full life and I have found it good."

To the last, Doctor Jordan considered he had lived three lives.

"I have been a naturalist and explorer in one," he once said, "teacher and finally president of Stanford in another, and I have worked in the cause of international peace in the third."

Canned Wheat a Part Of Future Farm Menu

The rise of wheat in the cookery of the rural population is seen in a movement that has been under way in Taylor and other counties for some days, and is expected to gain momentum week by week.

Miss Caroline Chambers, county home demonstration agent, says that one thousand or more cans of wheat already have been put on the shelves of Taylor county farm houses. She urges the farm women to can wheat not only as a means of getting a better value out of it, but as an economical and sure way of adding to the family larder for the coming winter months.

Miss Chambers submits a standard recipe for canned wheat, followed by a few suggestions regarding its use. Here they are:

CANNED WHEAT.

Clean and wash wheat thoroughly. Soak over night in twice the amount of water as wheat used. Next morning drain and wash wheat again to remove some of the dark brown color. Cover with hot water and boil for five minutes, stirring constantly.

Fill No. 1 cans with 9 ounces of wheat. Add one-half teaspoon of salt and cover with water in which wheat was boiled. Seal while hot and process No. 1 cans for 30 minutes at 15 pounds pressure.

Fill No. 2 cans with 17 ounces drained wheat, add 1 teaspoon of salt, cover with water in which wheat was boiled. Seal and process for 40 minutes at 15 pounds pressure.

Remove from cooker and place in cold water. When cool, clean, dry, label and store.

NOTE.—It is much easier to get wheat cleaned at the mill.

SUGGESTIONS REGARDING USE.

1. Whole wheat may be substituted for rice or macaroni, and served with meats and gravy.

2. Whole wheat may be added to soups as a substitute for rice or macaroni.

3. Use any good rice pudding recipe substituting amount of wheat for rice and make a delicious dessert.

4. For a breakfast food add a little water, cook 4 or 5 minutes and serve with whole milk and stewed or fresh fruit.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method to thank our many friends for their kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our precious companion and mother, who was such a stay and blessing to us in the years that have come and gone with us. Your many acts of kindness and kind words and warm handshakes will linger with us as long as here we stay. We cannot forget you and will remember you at the throne of grace and pray God's richest blessings upon each of you.

We do thank you again and again for the beautiful floral offerings that express your love and appreciation of us.

S. W. H. Buzbee and Children.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Singing at Buffalo Gap Interests 2,000

More than 200 persons attended the semi-annual meeting of the Taylor County Singing convention Saturday night and Sunday, at Buffalo Gap. Visitors attended from a wide area, including Snyder, San Angelo, Hamlin, Anson, Scranton, Winters and Big Spring.

S. E. Clark, Abilene, president of the association, was in charge of the session. Visitors were welcomed Sunday afternoon by Mary Lee Cagle, minister of the Nazarene church at Buffalo Gap. Dinner was served at the Nazarene tabernacle, where the sessions were held.

Buffalo Gap is the permanent meeting place of the association, and the spring session will be held there. A called meeting will be held at Trent next Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

More than 3,600,000 pounds of freight were carried by French air lines last year.

Chaplin's Next to Be A Talkie, But Charlie To Preserve Silence

London.—Charlie Chaplin's next picture will be a full talking picture, but Charlie will remain silent, confining himself to his acting, the noted screen comedian informed International News Service in an exclusive interview.

Chaplin also revealed that he had found "several new leading ladies," but declined to reveal their identities for the present, saying that some were bound to be disappointed when the final selection is made.

"My holiday is over. I am returning to work now, and will spend the next few months working on a new film," Chaplin said.

Falling eighty feet from a window of her home at Bath, England, seventeen-month-old Kathleen Newman was picked up uninjured.

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Reduction in Odell Electric Rates Since Purchase by WTUC

Abilene, Sept. 24.—Making a rate reduction which will lower the cost of electric service to Odell customers by approximately 30 per cent on the first step and over 50 per cent on each of the second and third steps, the West Texas Utilities company has announced the purchase of the electric facilities at Odell, thriving center of a rich farming section nine miles north of Chillicothe. The rate reduction will bring Odell electric rates to the low level charged by the company throughout its widespread properties, it was announced.

The acquisition of Odell brings to 125 the number of cities and towns served from the transmission line network of the West Texas Utilities company.

To furnish dependable electric service, and eliminate precarious isolated plant operation, the company will construct nine miles of 12 kv. transmission line from Chillicothe to a substation to be erected in Odell. Construction work on the project is scheduled to go forward in the immediate future.

The new electric rates available to customers of Odell will make it possible for the average customer to use approximately twice as much service as heretofore, it was explained, for the same bill. If customers do not increase their domestic consumption, their cost for service will be substantially less, but the rate schedule is designed to give the greatest advantage to those customers making a full use of the modern electric service, according to the report.

In either event, it was pointed out, the extension of dependable transmission line electric service will improve the quality and quantity of service available, and cut in half the cost of electric service to the citizens of Odell.

Crews from the district office at Quanah, and the general engineering department staff, are busily engaged in surveying the new line, construction on which will start in the immediate future. It is expected that service will be tied-in during the early part of next month.

OUR THANKS.

We, the relatives of Schuyler A. Farris, wish to extend our sincere thanks to the many friends, the doctors and nurses, who so graciously and lovingly helped to care for this dear loved one in his last hours. It is very touching to our grieved hearts to have seen the wonderful love and friendship expressed for Schuyler by so many good people, and we feel that a truer or more noble people never lived anywhere than in Merkel and it is our prayer that the blessings of God go with you in the absence of this, your friend and our loved one.

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Mail want ads pay dividends.

A 60-year-old man, Alex Thompson, was fatally stomped by a cellmate in the Falls county jail Saturday night and died in a Marlin hospital.

Personal Mention

Miss Loyce Dry has gone to Clarksville where she has accepted a position.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Conner returned Saturday from a visit with kinsfolks at Hamilton.

Mrs. O. W. Little and daughter from Decatur were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

After a stay of sometime here, Mrs. J. L. Harris left Sunday for Abilene and later she goes to Albany to visit a daughter.

Guests this week in the W. O. Boney home were Mrs. W. O. Boney, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams of Bay City and Mrs. Opal Mac Teaff of Dallas.

Rev. E. L. Yeats was expected to return Thursday from Dallas where he had been to attend the meeting of the National Pecan Growers association.

Elbert Low, now in the state ranger service stationed at Falfurrias, is here this week, making preparations to remove his family to Falfurrias.

C. E. French of Dallas, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce, and family, left Saturday for Houston to visit another sister, Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, and family.

Miss Margaret Turner left Monday to enter the College of Industrial Arts at Denton. She was accompanied by her brother, E. L. Turner, Jr., and Fred Baker, who returned the same day.

Miss Sallie May Campbell, who has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, left Tuesday for Canyon to begin her Senior year at the West Texas State Teachers college.

S. O. (Cotton) Owens, who underwent an appendix operation at the Alexander sanitarium in Abilene Monday of last week, was sufficiently recuperated to be moved to his home here Wednesday.

J. E. Caple and E. T. Smith of Waco arrived Friday to spend the week-end with their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple. On their return Sunday, they were accompanied by Mesdames Caple and Smith and two daughters, who had been here for two weeks.

Misses Mattilou Largent and Louise Booth left Monday for Denton where Mattilou will enter the College of Industrial Arts as a Freshman and Louise will begin her Sophomore year. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, who returned Monday night.

Guests Thursday and Friday of last week of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell were his niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hester of Dallas. Mr. Hester is connected with the weather bureau of the air mail service and has been notified of his transfer to the Sweetwater airport at an early date. They were accompanied on their visit here by Mr. Hester's parents.

A railroad in Japan provides third class sleeping cars for its poorer patrons.

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.

75 Counties Will Be Represented at Fair

More than 75 counties will be represented in the four sectional exhibits from various parts of Texas, which will be one of the features of the Argicultural Show at the 1931 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 10 to 25, it has been announced by J. A. Moore superintendent of the department.

In addition to the four sectional exhibits, there will be two state exhibits at the State Fair.

All of the exhibits will be in the Agricultural Building, with the exception of that from California and the Rio Grande exhibits. These two exhibits will be in the main exposition building.

The four sectional exhibits will be from the Winter Garden section of which Dimmit county is the center; the Panhandle Plains exhibit, the South Plains, Inc., of which Lubbock is the capital, and the Rio Grande Valley exhibit.

The two state exhibits are from New Mexico and California.

The sectional exhibits will take up a large part of the agricultural building. The sectional exhibits will be made up of displays of agricultural products of their respective districts.

Mr. Moore said that crops in the sections from which these exhibits are coming have been the best in the history of the various parts of the state.

"These exhibits will have displays which will be at least thirty per cent better in quality than ever before," Mr. Moore said. "I have visited these various sections and I have found the men in charge of the exhibits ready to bring the best exhibits to the State Fair they have ever brought here. I have seen many of these products and I know that they have improved in quality."

In three of the four classes in the college of agriculture, University of Missouri, women outranked men this year.

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Two Cars Crash, But No Serious Injuries

In a collision on the highway just west of the Highway Filling station about 6:30 Friday afternoon between a Chevrolet sedan owned by R. C. Granger, Abilene florist, and driven by his son, Hanson Granger, in which two other boys were riding, and a Chevrolet roadster belonging to O. F. Fox, dealer in auto parts and used tires of Merkel, no one was seriously injured, although both cars were badly wrecked and one of the automobiles turned over two or three times.

Fox was driving west on the highway and started to make a turn south to cross the railroad but, seeing the Granger car coming toward him from the west, decided not to turn and endeavored to straighten back on the highway. Both autos overturned when they crashed.

Mr. Granger, who was bruised on the right elbow and left knee and received lacerations on his chin and one arm, was given emergency treatment at the Merkel sanitarium and was then carried to his home in Abilene by friends. His son who was driving the car was not injured.

J. D., 4-year-old son of Mr. Fox, who was riding with his father, received slight bruises, but Mr. Fox was unhurt.

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GRAPES, Tokay, 3 lbs. 25c

APPLES, large Jonathan, dozen 25c

SUGAR, 10 lb. pure cane, cloth bag 53c

MILK, R & W, 6 small 20c, 3 tall 20c

GELATIN DESSERT, R & W, 2 pkgs. 15c

SALMON, No. 1 tall can 10c

CRACKERS, 1 lb. Salad Wafer 15c

CRACKERS, 2 lb. Salad Wafer 27c

POTTED MEAT, R & W, 3 cans 10c

VIENNA SAUSAGE, R & W, 3 cans 25c

LUX FLAKES, package 10c

SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars 25c

MACARONI, R & W, 2 packages 15c

FLOUR, R & W, 24 lbs. 58c, 48 lbs. 98c

Compound 8 lb. pail limit 1 pail 65c

CHEESE, full cream, lb. 23c

BACON, sliced, sugar cured, lb. 21c

JOWLS, dry salt, lb. 9c

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Bible study at 10 a. m. Preaching and worship 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting each Tuesday 8 p. m. In this service we are also studying the book of Genesis. Ladies' Bible class each Thursday 3 p. m. This class is making a detailed study of the book of Matthew. The minister, L. E. Carpenter, will teach the ladies' Bible

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Castoria, 40c size	31c
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