DECISION MAKES SCHOOL CREDITS SAFE THIS YEAR

Committee on Classification at Austin Meeting Votes Not to Penalize Schools that "Approximate" Standards.

When Supt Roger A. Burgess returned from Austin the first of the week where he had been to attend a meeting of the classification committee of which he is a member, he brought back the good news that, although the local school board was compelled to cut salaries for the coming year below the required standard of the department of education, Merkel's school credits are safe.

State Supt. C. N. Shaver called this committee to meet in Austin on June 24 and 25. Supt. Burgess is one of the fifteen school men of the state serving on this committee, which is empowered by law to fix standards for high schools wishing to be classified. Due to the great financial stress through which the schools of the state are passing, the committee decided by unanimous vote not to penalize schools that "approximated" the standards during this coming year. While the standards were in no way lowered, they were merely "eased up" for the coming year so far as finances are concerned.

The committee passed a resolution instructing the high school division of the state department of education to stress standards to be maintained in the following order:

1. The most important item is to run the school nine months.

2. Schools should not lower the qualifications of teachers for the coming year.

3. Salary schedules should be maintained where possible.

work done should be the test, and this work can only be of high quality if els of wheat were shipped abroad, the term is maintained at nine months a gain of 41.3 per cent above the ll qualified teachers are em. ployed. The schools of the state made a good showing for the past year, for only twenty-three schools term of nine months. Several of of cotton. these fell far short and were dropped from the list. Some of these had Roque Tournament on been trying to offer too much in high school, thus overloading the high

Grain Shipments.

the records of Local Agent J. C. Child- aine, besides several local teams.

42 Cent Dress Wins Prize. Fort Worth.-Jeanne Pafford paid only 42 cents for the material in a dress which won her a \$5 gold piece in a recent contest here for the most attractive home-made dress.

Laborers Wanted For Work Monday

Twenty-five men are wanted for one day's labor at the cemetery next Monday. A. T. Sheppard, president of the cemetery association, has asked that notice be given to this effect. The men will report to the sexton, J. H. Witcher, who will supervise the work. One dollar will be paid for ten hours work. Each man is requested to bring a hoe and to be ready to start work at 7 o'clock.

The work is made possible out of the proceeds of the play, "George in a Jam," sponsored recently by the fireboys for the benefit of the cemetery.

It will probably require two days or more to complete the work, but it is planned to use only 25 men at a time. Another set of 25 men will be used on Wednesday, working under the same conditions and for the same wages.

Wheat and Cotton Show Export Gain

Washington, June 30 .- Running counter to the general trend in the export market, two leading agricultural products, wheat and cotton. scored substantial export gains in the first quarter of 1932.

Cotton exports in the quarter, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States reports, amounted to more than a billion and a half pounds with a value of \$109,839,000. This was 79 per cent greater than exports a year ago and 38 per cent above the

1927-31 average. The value was 19 per cent more The committee thinks quality of than in the first quarter last year. At the same time, 14,471,000 bush-

same period last year. This was 25 per cent larger than the five-year average for 1927-31.

Short Indian and Chinese crops to out of over nine hundred on the class- gether with the low price was given ified list fell short of the required as the reason for the heavy export

Slate for the Fourth

In response to invitations extended by the Merkel Roque club for a Four-During the week four cars of wheat th of July tournament to be held here, and two of oats were shipped via T. about twenty teams are expected. The & P. railway from here, bringing the following towns will be represented: total for new grain to seven cars of Post City, Spur, Hobbs, Breckenridge, wheat and three of oats, according to Abilene, Lawn, Baird, Cisco and Lor-

Play will start at 8 o'clock and visitors are invited to witness the contests, to be staged on the courts in South Merkel.

Record of Births. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Stephenson, Tuesday, June 28, 1932.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 28, 1912.)

DEMOCRATS ARE IN A DEAD. boro Wednesday to visit her grand- ling the normal for a year. LOCK.

Even after thirty ballots had been taken the democratic convention was still in a deadlock at Baltimore. In the first vote Clark was ahead but W. J. Bryan caused a number of sen- Wednesday. sations and several times was hissed, yet he seems to be doing a better job for himself than did T. R. in the republican convention but the same roller that struck Roosevelf has so far failed to catch Mr. Bryan. The only chance for a nomination was for some dark horse candidate to be sent in; Senator Stone released all Clark delegates and Underwood and Foss withdrew; Fritzgerald took the floor and moved to nominate Governor Woodrow T. Wilson of New Jersey.

Ollie Cordell was in Abilene Monday on business.

Mrs. A. J. Leighty came up from Abilene Saturday afternoon to spend a few hours with Mr. Leighty. She returned to Abilene to take care of week. their place.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes.

J. H. Counts was in Abilene Saturday on business.

Miss Gladys Christopher came in

Mrs. Ona Mitchell came in from at one time. Midland Sunday night on a visit to relatives and old friends.

Mexico by the serious illness of his son, Otti, stricken with ptomaine 11.3 inches there, resulting in huge poisoning caused from eating rice damage in that vicinity. that had stood all night in a tin buck-

Fred Hale and J. M. Williamson drove down from Trent Wednesday on

John Warnick is on the sick list this week with a bad case of slow

ing the family of A. L. Hogue this 3:47 that morning, was returned here.

Mrs. E. C. Hartman of Eskota was Miss Mary Reid came in from Hills- in town Monday shopping.

INJUNCTION IN GAS. RATE HIKE: **DELAY HEARING**

Than 500; Awaiting Oklaho- a half million dollars. ma Appraisal.

Austin, June 30 .- District Judge J. B. Moore Saturday granted the state railroad commission a temporary injunction restraining the Community Natural Gas company from increasing gas rates in Texas towns and tive July, to yield an estimated savcommunities of less than 500 popula- ing of about \$270,000 yearly.

The temporary injunction affects more than 90 towns, mostly in West Texas, according to assistant Attorney General Neal Powers, who filed the injunction suit in 98th district court here.

The state's petition charged that the Community Natural Gas comfor the first 1,000 cubic feet to \$1.50 for the first 1,000 cubic feet and a graduated charge for additional consumption.

The present rate provides a mon-67 cents for each additional 1,000 ternoon, was found after an all night feet of gas.

bill of \$1.50, a charge of \$1.25 for sank. the second 1,000 feet, graduated to 45 cents per thousand over 23,000 the petition claims.

the justice of the rate charge.

"If the commission can prevent it, it will not permit a raise in the

public hearing by the Texas railroad other's arms. ommission on the appraisal of the Lone Star Gas company's properties, but this hearing has been postponed until an appraisal of the company's lines and properties in Oklahoma could be completed for consideration with the Texas inventory already on

Texas statutes regulating gas utilities provide a manner in which gas rates may be raised in incorply to the city council. If the council does not act in 60 days the road commission. If the commis- drawal from the congressional race. sion does not act in 60 days the case may be carried to the courts.

"It is the commission's belief that nearly the same procedure should be followed in smaller towns and communities as would be followed in incorporated towns of over 500 population," Terrell's statement said.

Merkel's Rainfall First Six Months

Believe it or not, the rainfall for the first six months in 1932 in Merkel exceeds 20 inches, well nigh equal-

The precipitation early Monday morning measured one-quarter of an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale. Then Monday night and Tuesday morning four inches were recorded, about as much rain as any old timer remembers having ever fallen

The total for the first six months of 1932 stands at 20.03 inches.

While Merkel was being visited by T. J. Coggin was summoned from four inches of rainfall, the government gauge at Sweetwater registered

> A sction of newly-constructed track on the T. & P. railway between the plant of the U. S. Gypsum company and Eskota was washed out, tieing up two passenger trains on each side of Stamper, a flag station four miles three hits, one a triple, T. Jones was east of Sweetwater.

kel put on the appearance and airs of Jones allowed eight hits, while Ivey, a railway terminus the greater part Tuscola hurler, was touched for a toof Tuesday when westbound T. & P. tal of 12. Merkel was charged with J. H. Thornton of Abilene is visit- No. 7, which passed through here at four errors, with three chalked Passengers and mail were transferred the attack for Tuscola with two hits to busses and trucks and transported in four trips up. to meet the eastbound local that was (Continued on Fage Five)

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Railroad Commission Takes Ac- paid out to farmers of McLennan and tion In Behalf of Towns Less adjoining counties last year more than

> Thomas Y. Pickett, head of a Dallas auditing company, was sentenced Monday to serve four months in jail and pay a \$5,000 fine for evading the federal income tax.

A reduction of 10 per cent in the salaries of all Dallas city employes was voted by the city council, effec-

Under the revision this year of the statutes allowing balloting by mail to begin twenty days before election day, which this year is July 23, first day for absentee ballots comes on July 4, Independence Day.

A mistrial was declared late Saturday in the case at Brownwood of pany, Dallas, contemplated raising Mrs. Willie Meichinger and her its rates from a net charge of \$1.18 daughter, Eva Nell, 17, charged with murder for the slaying of Joe Meichinger, their husband and brother.

was drowned in the flood waters of thly service charge of 50 cents and Paint creek near Haskell Tuesday afsearch by friends and neighbors at a The new rate provides minimum point about ten feet from where he

-to a nickel.

Two daughters of a long-time Ausrates in these small towns and com- tin family, Mrs. Burleson Priest and munities until it is shown affirmative- her young sister, Helen Otting, drown- delivery on rural routes. ly that the rates now in effect are in- ed Sunday when their fishing boat ovadequate," a statement issued by erturned in a high wind in a lake on Chairman C. V. Terrell's office said. the Guadalupe river near New Braun-July 11 was the date first set for a fels, the two sisters sinking in each

509 pounds, respectively, and they lacked less than \$300 of attaining the brought the record low price for first | mark. bale of 5 cents per pound.

Assigning two reasons, the fact that congress remained in session too long porated towns of over 500 popula- for him to make a thorough camtion. The law directs gas compan- paign of his district and advice of his ies desiring increased rates to ap- physician that his health would not permit him to enter an active campaign, Quinn Williams of the thirteencas may be carried to the rail- th district has announced his with-

Frank Miller, negro, sought by Fort Worth police as the Cold Springs road terrist, who was shot by a policeman when arrested several weeks ago and confessed to a number of holdups of parked couples along the road, later signed a statement before his death admitting to attacks on several white women, some of whom had not reported the offense to the police.

Exceeds 20 Inches Four Contests Next Week Indoor League

On Friday of this week, the contest in the indoor baseball league will be between Munday's class and Petty's

Next week four games will be played as follows:

Monday, Riddle's class vs Munday's

Tuesday, Munday's class vs Petty's Thursday, Petty's class vs McGe-

hee's class. Friday, McGehee's class vs Riddle's

Results of the last week's play Riddle 11, Petty 5. Munday 13, Riddle 12.

McGehee 9, Petty 8.

Local Players Best Tuscola Nine, 8-3

Striking out 12 men and collecting largely responsible for Merkel's de-In consequence of the tie-up, Mer- feat of Tuscola last Sunday, 8 to 3. against the visitors. Standard led

> Batteries: Jones and Ashford; Tuscola, Ivey and Tatum.

Absentee Voting To Start Tuesday

Absentee voters are to get two 'breaks" this year.

They will not be required to mark their ballot before a notary public, when voting away from home and they have a time extension for voting in the county clerk's office if they are going to be absent on election day-July 23.

The absentee voting period, beginning 20 days before election day, would open officially on July 3. That being Sunday, and the next day, Monday, July 4, being a holiday, absentee voting actually will begin on Tuesday, July 5-and continue to July 19. inclusive.

In previous years voters who have marked their ballots in the county clerk's office have been allowed only a seven-day period -beginning ten days and closing three days before the election. Now they have the entire period, beginning 20 days and

closing three days before election. W. P. Bounds county clerk, will furnish any other desired informa-

The body of Robert Brown, 26, who Three Cent Letter Rate Begins July 6

Effective July 6, the new postal day. rates become effective, requiring three In a three-month reduction of fares Drop letters are those mailed at any who had been at it in the stuffy stamade to combat the near-monopoly on office where there is no city delivery dium for more than five hours-alcubic feet, with no service charge, traffic taken by a system of 10c taxi- and are for delivery in the office ready were going home when the recabs, the Austin street car lines have where mailed. This means that one peal roll call had been almost com-The commission pleaded that a cut their charge from 10c a ride— cent is all that is required under the pleted. hearing is necessary to determine the highest street car fare in Texas new law for letters mailed at the Mer-

an ounce will be the required rate for reached, probably tonight.

each additional ounce.

On July 1 the Merkel The first bale of 1932 cotton in the changes to third class, due to a de-United States was produced by Fel. crease in the volume of receipts for ipe Aguilar of La Grulla, a small set | the calendar year of 1931. The minitlement east of Rio Grande City. He mum for a second class postoffice is intense session of the democratic conhad two bales that weighed 487 and \$8,000 annual receipts; this postoffice

> mation and instructions as to salary thirds majority. allowance and other details.

ADOPT PLANK FOR REPEAL OF DRY LAW

In Wild Convention Session Demos Stampede for Repeal; Texas Delegation Jumps Instructions to Favor Repeal.

Chicago Stadium, June 30 .- Shortly after midnight Wednesday the national democratic convention put itself overwhelmingly on record as favoring prohibition repeal and Volstead modification. The final vote was: for repeal, 934 3-4; for resubmission,

213 3-4. The Texas delegation overthrowing the Houston instructions for a resubmission plank cast the state's total 46 votes for outright repeal of prohibition. The decision in the Texas delegation was by the close margin of 67 to 61, but they were under the unit rule and the state's 46 votes went solidly for the extreme plank.

When the convention was called to order at noon Wednesday, the platform committee was not ready and recess was taken until 7 p. m. Weary from continuous strife from that hour to 1 a. m. Thursday, the delegates broke up to meet again at noon Thurs-

Votes still impended on other cents on all first class mail, except planks and on adopting the platform drop letters, postals and post cards. as a whole, but the tired delegates-

Many more hours of session awaitkel postoffice for delivery at the Mer- ed them later Thursday, numerous nominating and seconding speeches Three cents per ounce or fraction of having to come before balloting is

Senator Tom Connally is scheduled The air mail jumps 3 cents for the to make the nominating speech for first ounce, the new rate to be 8 cents | John Garner, Texas' favorite son, who for the first ounce and 13 cents for went into the convention with 90 pledged votes, Texas' 46 and Califor-

SENATOR WALSH CHAIRMAN.

Three times a Roosevelt hurricane smashed the opposition in Tuesday's vention, elevating Senator Walsh of Montana to the permanent chairmanship, settling in its own way the two According to postal rules and reg- delegation contests and in general ulations, civil service does not apply hurling on with an enthusiasm generto a third class postoffice. Hence, ated for a supreme effort to capture Postmaster Adcock is awaiting infor- the presidential nomination by a two-

(Continued on Page Two)

FASTER THAN RADIO.

An unpleasant rumor began to circulate about a certain man. Such stories are an unsolved mystery. How do they start? What is the magic which spreads them, magic more deadly than lightning, faster than radio.

You hear the tale in New York; you climb into an airplane and as you climb down in San Francisco you hear a voice exclaim: "What do you know about So and So?"

If the victim is famous and of enviable reputation, the broadcasting is twice as rapid. In the instance referred to this was the case. Here are the comments of the first three men who hastened to tell the story:

Number One: "It just shows that you never can tell. Who'd think that old X would be up to such tricks?" Number Two: "I was terribly shocked. What in the world

could he have been thinking about?" Both these broadcasters, you see, assumed at once that the

man was guilty. Number Three spoke with honest indignation. "I've known X for years. You can't make me believe that he ever did anything crooked. I don't care what the story is. I simply will not believe it."

The full facts came out a few weeks later and proved X an innocent victim. But the damage had been done.

There was a wise preacher in my boyhood who would say to the Sunday School: "Never believe what you hear and only half of what you see."

Much of what our eyes tell us is untrue. I see the sun move every day around the earth but it does not move. I see that my cane, when I thrust it into the water, is crooked. But it is not

Eyes are notorious deceivers. And as for the ears, they need to be policed every minute by tolerance and sympathy and

Mr. X. of whom I have spoken, had lived an upright life for forty years. Surely, this should have counted in his favor. Surely, the answer of all his acquaintances should have been: "He's all right. He cannot have done it. We deny this libel."

The discouraging thing was that two out of three seemed to be secretly pleased that another good man had gone wrong.

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Features of the day include a goatroping, brone riding tournament, cigar racing, potato race, baseball county treasurer, I wish to submit the and other contests. Liberal prizes are following for your consideration: being offered. Coffee is free, if you My life's record in your county as companied by their son and two to come and bring a full basket.

were more than a hundred short of ing for. the 770 that will be required to nomi- For the past 12 1-2 years I have jed by his nephew, Seth Barnett, of nate, the attempt to allow leeway for been an employee of the J. M. Rad- Clarksville, were guests until Weda simple majority nomination having ford Grocery apany. The la been given up by Roosevelt supporters 10 years of t without bringing the question of ab- capacity of t rogating the two-thirds rule to a test. If elected

roll-calls the Rooseveltian flock law in every seated the Senator Huey Long dele. GIVE A D' gation from Louisiana by 638 3-4 to MAN A CHANCE TO SERVE YOU accompanied by their two sens, El-514 1-2 and the Minnesotans led by WELL AND PROVE YOUR CON- mer and Waymond and Mr. Adcock's Einar Hoidale on a count of 658 1-2 FIDENCE WELL FOUNDED.

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bring your cups. Everybody is invited a citizen, now 37 years of age, of daughters, of San Antonio are visiting Candidates will be welcome and are ty, integrity, and reliability to those ne.

> asl in all fairness that you investi- state conference of the board of dirgate to your complete satisfaction ectors of the Texas Cotton Co-Operamy character, reputation, and fitness tive association.

Senator Walsh was given a 626 to Treasurer, I promise to serve the Perry Grav. of Paris. They ware ac- shoe repairing.

Personal Mention

Frank McClure of Fayetteville, Tenn., is visiting in the Ira Davis

guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cypert.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case spent the in Winters.

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. George McCracken of Hamlin is a guest in the C. P. Stevens and Dan Reidenbach homes.

Charles Higgins of Shawnee, Okla., was a visitor Monday and Tuesday n the Dan Reidenbach home. Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs.

E. H. Jowers were Misses Laura Mae, Edna and Lillian James and Estelle Ayers of Tye.

ville, former old time residents of is invited. this section, are here visiting their nephews, the McLean boys. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McGarr, ac-

fers the best evidence of my hones- Mr. McGarr's sister, Mrs. Fred Groe-D. I. Shelton returned Saturday

county courtecusty companied by Morris Books, who is

CERVING YOUNG Postmarter and Mrs. O. J. Aderek. uncle. R. J. Adcock, spent the weekC. J. Adcock's father. They returned Monday.

Mrs. Della Miller and her brother, Thomas Gay, returned Friday from Dallas where they had visited relatives and were accompanied home by their sister; Mrs. Mabel Kerr, who is Mrs. Neal Smith of Lubbock is the visiting her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gay.

Play at Caps.

"Bill the Coachman," a three act week-end with Mrs. Case's parents comedy, will be presented at Caps Saturday night, July 2, by the Mount Mrs. Roy Largent and children of Pleasant Dramatic club. There will Brownwood are visiting her mother, be no charge for admission. Music is to be furnished by a string band.

Free Play at Trent.

Mada possible by the business men and fireboys of Trent, who are furnishing all expenses, a three-act comedy drama, entitled "Cabbages or Dollars," will be presented free at the school auditorium at Trent on Friday night, July 1. It is announced that there will be absolutely no charge. The Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sadler, of Gates- play is to start at 8:30 ond everybody

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of Mrs. Effic Rider, niece of I am a young man, just starting out in life, and want you to give no a chance to serve you. I have Herman Gray and son, Herman had several years experience in

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MAYONNAISE, R & W, pint

CRACKERS, 2 lb. Salad Wafters

Potato Chips 5c BACON, 1 lb., sliced, sugar cured CREAM-O-COTTON

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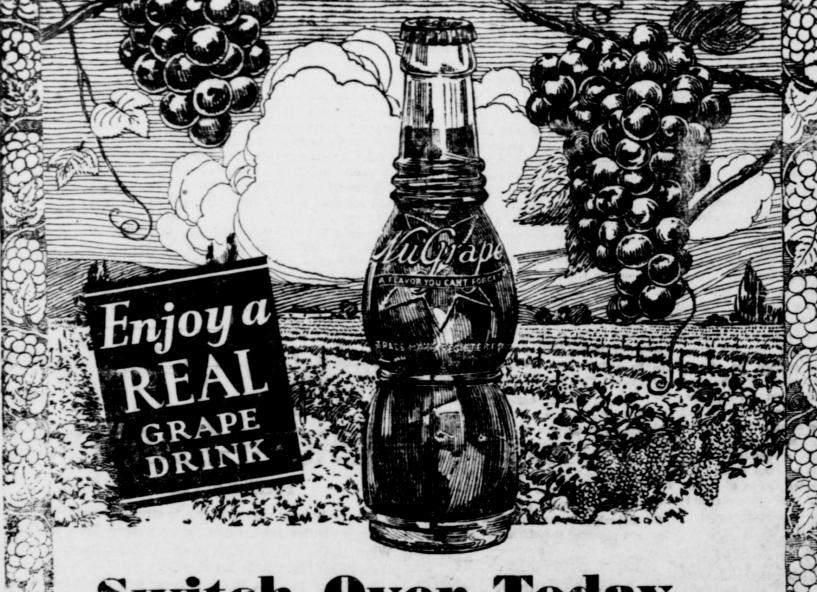
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Dennis Waterman, is sent to the coun- plunged into the icy river. try to recover her health. She falls in love with Dr. Donald Rathbone, whose wife, Rosalie, is a hopeless lunaccept his freedom, and Diana sends head. him away. Rathbone and Diana see lie lives. Then Rosalie, who had gone and now it was past five o'clock. for a stroll in the woods, does not re- Mrs. Gladwyn had been into the new. turn. What has happened to her? NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY- bridge evening.

Unless the fog lifted it might mean being out all night in the cold and asked. wretchedness.

He turned to retrace his steps to where he had left the trap when suddenly a muffled cry broke the silence. asked uncertainly. to be repeated.

wailing voice.

For a moment he stood petrified; Mrs. Gladwyn sighed. then he went blindly forward as "She looks very like her mother," quickly as the hampering conditions she said. "And her mother died when would permit, in the direction from she was quite a girl." She pulled herwhich he thought that cry came.

but it urged the boy on till suddenly probably do her a lot of good." he pulled up sharply, only saving him- When she had gone Anna quickly reself with difficulty as he found he was plenished the fire and went back to on the river bank.

away by much rain and weather; but and hair seemed colourless; and in now the cry was nearer-almost at sudden alarm Anna laid a hand on his feet, it seemed-and he answered Diana's arm. it with a shout, cupping his hands round his mouth to make it carry fur-

"Hullo . . . there!"

His own sense of helplessness was appalling; one might as well have a doctor at once. Run down and see been imprioned by walls as by this if Mrs. Gladwyn has gone. If not, blanket of increasing darkness. He bring her back quickly." ited again with all the strength of his young voice, and then, suddenly, lessly. as if by a miracle, the fog bank seemed to break for the smallest fraction of a moment, like a curtain being slowly raised by a mocking hand in order to show him the thing he sought.

She was in the river . . . its width away from him . . . a half-drowned, piteous thing, clinging with frail hands to the overhanging bough of a rotting willow, her white face upturned, her flaming dark hair dank if to give utterance once more to that wailing cry.

Jonas caught his breath; instinctively he began to tear off his coat, when the fog came silently down agan shutting her out, leaving him there, shivering and helpless, on the muddy, slippery bank.

It seemed a lifetime before he could nerve himself to fresh action. Everything was unreal uncanny; the silently flowing river like a half-dead poisonous snake creeping by at his feet, and the strange impenetrable menace of the fog-enwrapped world.

Jonas seemed suddenly to see Diana's face: her blue eyes, her sensitive mobile face . . . "Little head running over with gold . . ."

Diana would be happy again if he left Miss Rosalie to die.

He was shivering from head to foot, as with his whole body strained forward he started and stared into the fog to where she had been.

Of what use was her life? What did her happiness matter that another's, so much more precious, should be sacrificed to it?

In the few seconds of his hesitation it seemed to Jonas that he argued the whole question out with cold calculation before, with an effort that seemed purely physical, he pulled himself to- able to make up her mind with regard gether and turned deliberately away. to Diana-until now, when she be-

"I would do anything in the world ing wretchedness. for you."

He had told Diana that more than once, and he had meant it with every her cold hands. fibre of his being. He was conscious of a queer sense of triumph to think when Mrs. Gladwyn had sent for him

weaker, more despairing, the cry that herself almost praying (though Anna might have come from a child or from one of the lost lambs which he bish") that he would come. and Shurey had sought for together | She had always been rather confall of snow.

FIFTEENTH INSTALLMENT. | turned back with quiet deliberation, satisfying search for something real Diana, in love with a married man, scrambled down the muddy bank, and and lasting, but there was only pity

CHAPTER XXIII.

Anna was perturbed. Half a dozen times she had been in

Half a dozen times since the early "Hasn't Markham come back yet?" only a hopeless future so long as Rosa- morning when Diana had come home, she asked.

room once before leaving for another | More breathless moments. Anna

"Yes, madam-she seems thorough-

ly worn out."

She bent a little lower over Diana. "I suppose she's-all right?" she bent over the girl lying there.

ing as it did, through the stifling fog heavily," Anna said quickly, with a the only hope, left to her-asked a blanket, and Jonas felt his skin rise faint feeling of discomfort as she re- broken question: in little pin points as he waited for it membered that once in the past she had been severely admonished for ad-Then it came again-a woman's ministering a sleeping draught to Diana without doctor's orders.

self together and took up her gloves It was not exactly a call for help- and handbag. "I should let her sleep it was more like a frightened wail, it out," she said vaguely. "It will

take another look at Diana.

A sloping, muddy bank, broken She was very pale-even her lips

It was icy cold.

For a moment she stood petrified with fear; then she turned and ran from the room.

"Miss Diana is ill-you must fetch

"The car has just driven away." But Anna was not the sort to lose her head in a moment of emergency.

give him the address." knowing that Rathbone had attended went away.

to interview Markham herself. But Anna's evident anxiety whipped

him to swifter action. "If Dr. Rathbone is there, bring him back with you. If he is not there, bring the first doctor you can find, but don't come back without someone, or it will be the worse for you."

She ran back to Diana and pulled the curtains, opening both windows wide.

The fog was not quite so bad, one could see the lights in the street below now, like bleary yellow eyes, staring GOOD GAS AND OILS upwards. As Ann turnd away her glance

fell on the bottle she had left on the dressing dable.

She caught it up, holding it to the light; then her face whitened, for it Satisfaction guaranteed—Lowwas nearly empty.

Anna permitted herself the luxury of one moment's emotion. "Oh, poor lamb!" she said pity-

She knew a great deal more about Diana than the girl had ever dreamed -knew all about the affair with Waterman, and understood that it had ended with Diana's illness, on his side, at all events, but she had never been Let her die . . . nobody would ever lieved that the girl had done this deliberately in a moment of overwhelm-

She lifted her gently, laying her flat on her back, and began to chafe

Anna had only seen Rathbone once, that even though Diana would never after the girl's breakdown; but she know, he was fulfilling his promises. had been impressed by his personal-Then the cry came again: strangled, ity and quiet strength, and she found considered prayer "old-fashioned rub-

one bitter March month after a heavy temptuous of Diana's weakness, realizing how easily, during her short For one second still Jonas hesitated, life, the girl had allowed herself to be standing rigid, his head craned for- bandied about, the victim first of one ward in strained attention; then he and then another, in the vain, un-

in her heart now as she tried by every means in her power to rouse Diana

from her dreadful unconsciousness. One of the maids came presently, Her mouth felt all dry and hot. atic. Torn between two loves, Diana to Diana, and found her sleeping al- with scared eyes, to know if she could cannot decide until Linda Waterman ways in the same position, lying on do anything to help, but Anna shook offers to divorce her husband so he her side, her face turned against the her head. She would not admit it, but can marry Diana. Dennis refuses to pillows, an arm flung up above her she believed the time was already past | Ladies' Full Fashioned 42-gauge when anyone could help Diana.

"Not yet . . . I think that's a taxi

watched the door with strained eyes.

"Has she been asleep all day?" she If Markham had come back alone . . . The door opened, and she gave a little sob of relief as Rathbone strode into the room.

He came straight to the bed and

Arna, watching his face-always It sounded weird and unearthly, com- "Oh, yes, madam-just sleeping watching him, as if she falt he was

> "Oh, sir . . . she's not dead, is she?" Rathbone shook his head.

"No . . . what is it? What have you given her?"

Anna explained as well as she could. "I only gave her four drops; she seemed so worn out, and yet she couldn't s'eep; but I left the bottle on the dressing table, and the poor lamb must have taken some more. It's nearly empty now."

Anna turned her face away and wept, and she would not have believed it had she been told that her tears were not so much for herself or for Diana as for the froken-hearted look she had suddenly surprised in Donald Rathbone's eyes.

HAPTER XXIV.

Diana was so used to dreams. Nearly every night lately, half awake and half asleep, she had imagined with one part of her senses, even though the other part knew it could not possibly be true, that she was back near Temple, Texas. at the Creature's cottage, in the little room with its chintz wall paper and Elm School, Bell County. muslin-petticoated dressing table, with Rathbone sitting beside her.

It wasn't such a bad dream until one quite woke up!

She wished she could make him "Tell Markham to call a taxi and to smile. Down at the cottage, no matter Baylor University. go at once for Dr. Rathbone-I'll how cross he had been with her, or how grimly he had looked at her while Calm High School, Hill County. She had made a mental note of it she hurled her silly little troubles at 1923-24, I was a law student in Bayyesterday morning when she dis- him, in the end she had always man- lor University, and received the depatched Diana's letter to him, and aged to make him smile before he gree of Bachelor of Laws, with honor,

Diana during her illness, she thought Diana said, "Thank you," in a little and horrible, her mouth wide open as he was the most suitable one to sum- whisper and closed her eyes. The Winters High School, Winters. tears couldn't get through if she kept | June, 1925, I became a member of To expedite matters, she went down them tightly closed, and Donald hated the law firm of Wilson and Childers to see her cry.

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Donald had said that after she had asked if he would let her live with

people take-what you and I might

him. She supposed he must have been horribly shocked really, though he had only looked at her with eyes that seemed to understand.

Funny that people, especially those whom the world called good people, should think anything physical such a deadly sin, much worse than anything else.

She moved restlessly, and Rathbone spoke her name gently: "Diana!"

Her eyes turned to his face and

rested there for a moment. "I'm so thirsty," she whispered. (Concluded Next Week.)

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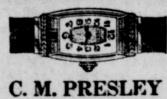
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at Abilene.

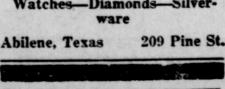
1925-26, I was principal of Bethel School near Hamlin. 1926-27, I was principal of Winters

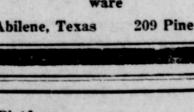
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Rev. G. W. Laurie of Abilene was passing visitor with friends here Tuesday afternoon.

were guests the first part of the week day. of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, and family.

Mrs. Clayton Hale and daughter, Miss Aileen, and Miss Gates of Kilgore are guests in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hale and Mr. and Mrs. John Crain.

Mesdames J. B. Winn and E. Rogers were Sunday guests of their parents, and Mrs. Bill Brown and little sons not be sufficient to perpetuate your-Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English, of Herm- have been on a fishing party.

Messrs. Troy and Guy Eiland of Mildand were passing guests of relatives here Monday.

Monday after a stay of a week with a Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Phillips. brother, who is seriously ill at Cool-

Mesdames T. G. Hamner and C. C. McRee are visiting in Houston this week.

Mrs. T. L. Stevens received the news that T. H. Erwin of Dallas died there Thursday, June 23, and was buried the following day. Daddy Erwin a lot of small grain yet to be cut and was an old-time resident of this place, having lived here many years before sympathize so much with his wife Albert Elliott. and children in their loss.

the bedside of her mother, Mrs. J. L. last week. Byrd, who died shortly after she arrived.

Grandma Williamson who has been as much improved.

Mesdames Boots Brown and Byron a ten days fishing trip. Dingle visited in the homes of relatives here last week. They went from water visited home folks here two days here to Hermleigh for a visit with last week. their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Eng-

the guest of her mother, Mrs. R. B. family, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Burruss.

finger amputated last Tuesday, is re- ing only about twelve acres of cotton ported as doing nicely.

Mrs. Russell of Stanton is guest of her daughter and her son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. V. Vessel.

Tuesday, died there a short time af- help to the crops and gardens. ter the accident. Burial services were Mrs. Grady Bonds was carried to is in a hospital at Wichita Falls, three improved condition. little girls and a son, his father, John A romantic courtship resulted in a and Matt, your two sons, and your Thixton, a sister, Mrs. Rose Edwards, marriage ceremony last week, when brother, W. W. Blanton? Were they and three brothers and a number of Miss Rubye Wallace became the bride other relatives and a host of friends, of Mr. Jerden Clemmer. We wish to who extend sympathy to all the be- congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer

their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. ding anniversary together that they Harold Bowers and Charles Bowers will be as happy and devoted to each of Ahilene.

Miss Jean Scott was hostess for a Thursday, the happy occasion being day and Saturday before. a quilting bee for their dolls. As each guest arrived, she was given a needle, pere Baptist church, preached Sunday. thread and thimble and each quilted a row. Then it was judged by Mesdames church and Sunday School services M. G. Scott, O. A. Smith and Alex Sunday, for the first time in years. Williamson, Doris Margaret Steen refreshments of cake and lollypops Horton home Sunday afternoon. were served. The invited guests were: Dorothy Jo and Willa Dean Strawn, Ina Mae Childers Monday. Elsie Bishop, Hazel Wanda William-Dorene Scott.

two children were week-end guests of Sunday. their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Frank Ramsey has work at Rule for Beckham, Mrs. Beckham had ben visi- the present. ting her father, Mr. R. R. Fisk, of Several in our community are just Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Bone of Hamlin must work right on. were passing guests here Monday on their way to Big Spring where they will assist in a revival.

Mrs. Juanita Hutcherson, who is employed at Sweetwater, was here visiting friends the past week.

Mrs. John Strawn and daughters have returned from Waco where they have been visiting Mrs. Strawn's sister. Mrs. E. E. Holt.

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 offering of their goods.

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White Church News

We have certainly been having the rain in the Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Winn of El Paso home of Mr. and Mrs. H. West Sun-

> Mr. and Mrs. Tommye Patterson of Route 3 were visitors in the A. D. Barnes home over the week-end.

Miss Mary Dean Baucum of Abilene Honorable Thomas L. Blanton, was seen in our midst last week. Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown were

shopping in Merkel Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tye and Mr.

quite a bit better at this time.

DORA DOINGS

"Rain, rain all around, I won't go home until morning." But you could not do that now since it rained all Sunday night and Monday night with some is getting in a fair way to waste.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Richardson and moving to Dallas, and he has many children of Sweetwater spent Sunday friends here who mourn his death and here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. T. B. Stater enjoyed a visi Mrs. Seth Nugent returned Monday with her sist , Mr and Mrs. Burt from Waco where she was called to Lowe, of Fert Werth several days

H. A. Tyrone made a business trip to Fort Worth over the week-end. C. P. Perry and son, W. T., Charreal ill for the past week is reported lie Huff and on, J. D., and Douglass Jones have gine to Devil's river for

Miss Dorothy Phillips of Sweet-

Mrs. S. E. Porter is expected home Saturday from Plainview where she Mrs. W. E. Chiles of Fort Worth is has been visiting her daughter and She writes that the Burruss' crop was Bert McRee, Jr., who had to have a hailed out last Tuesday night, leav-

COMPERE NEWS

from a truck in Big Spring last much appreciated and will be a great South Trimble send me. It was pretty

held here at Trent cemetery Wednes- the sanitarium last Sunday for an alibi that a congressman has to pracday, with Rev. U. S. Sherrill officia- operation. We are anxious that she tice fraud on the government by placting. He is survived by his wife, who soon will be able to return home in an ing a dummy on the payroll to distri-

and truly hope that, if they're per- to pretend or deceive. Your publicly Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers had as mitted to celebrate their golden wedother as they now seem.

Elder W. D. Ramsey filled his monnumber of her little friends last thly appointment at Rule, Texas, Sun-

> Rev. John Walker, pastor of Com-Grandma Young attended the

Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, Sr., Mrs. C. S. was given first prize and Jean Scott, Childers and Mrs. W. D. Ramsey and second. Following games and stunts, little son were visitors in the R. P.

Robbie Horton spent the day with

Twelve of the young people of the son, Betty Lou Howell, Kathryn Shan- community were dinner guests in the Washington when your brother's famnon, Doria Margaret Steen and Miss home of Mrs. E. B. Wilburn Sunday. ily is involved. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas of Noo-Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham and dle were visiting Mrs. Lucas' mother

Wichita Falls and W. J. reports that recovering from severe colds. Some hail almost stripped everything at have had the flu and can hardly regain their strength as they feel they

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Candidate Jones In Answer to Open Letter From Blanton

The Mail has been furnished the of north of town were visitors in the following open letter, dated June 21, he becomes a thief and grafter in written by Joe H. Jones of Eastland, your eyes. I remember when I was Yes, we miss her sweet and loving candidate for congress, in answer to making speeches for you, you would the open letter from Thomas L. Blanton, incumbent congressman:

Washington, D. C.

My Dear Judge: Your open letter of June 18th is clever politics all right, but this will self and your daughter on the payroll Mr. B. D. Pressly has been down for two more years. The people down with a spell of rheumatism, but is here are not going to swallow your customary campaign boloney on an Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips of Blair empty stomach. If you have saved us Mrs. W. J. Armour returned home are visiting in the home of their son, so many million dollars, where are they, and why are we so broke, and why are our taxes still increasing? If you saved us so much money, why do we have an additional one cent tax on gasoline, and a tax on all checks, Matt, and your daughter, Annie, have which goes in effect today, and why will we be compelled to put a three cent stamp on letters beginning July

> Judge, the people down here are wondering why it is that our governmental expenses have been growing ever since you have been in congress. The people are wondering why you follows don't cut down on the mileage going to and from Washington. It ems to us ordinary citizens that enty cents a mile is too much profit for congressmen to charge when the actual expense is not more than six cents per mile. Why don't you reduce this expense before coming home?

If you have been slaving to stop extravagance and graft at Washington, as stated in your letter, why have you had members of your family on the public payroll? Your brother, W. W. Blanton, served for several years as a secretary and drew a salary of \$2 .-500.00 a year. Your son, Tom Blanton, Jr., was on the payroll for years for the sum of \$98.33 per month. Your son, Matt Blanton, was also on the public payroll for several years at \$98.33 per month. Your daughter, Annie L. Blanton, has been on the payroll for years, and is now drawing \$3,000.000 per year, at this time.

Judge, the folks got a good laugh Charlie Thixton, who was thrown The nice rain of the week was very out of the telegram which you had clever but it smelled too much like politics. It is so ridiculous to have an bute clerk hire. How about Tom, Jr., on the payroll merely to distribute clerk hire too? Some joke, Judge.

Judge, you state that one ought not criticized Mrs. R. Q. Lee, when running against her in this district, for having accepted from the government a special allowance and funeral expenses on account of the death of her late husband, Colonel R. Q. Lee. At the same time you were making this criticism in this district of Mrs. Lee, you well knew that Daisy Rubelle Blanton, widow of your brother, William Walker Blanton, who had been working for you, received the same benefit from the same government about which you were criticizing Mrs. Lee. Yes, Judge, a fellow ought not to pretend or deceive, If you are against a thing in this district when Mrs. Lee's family is involved, you should be against the same thing while in

You state in your letter that you have already done everything that I propose. What have you done about this nepotism business? What have you done about keeping the congressmen's relatives from getting on the payroll? When I get up there I am

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Judge, you certainly are a peculiar Eighty and one-half years man. From the way you tell it, you We kept her here to love, never had an honest opponent. The But now she has gone to live minute a man announces against you, With her Saviour above. always run down and blaspheme the good name of your opponent. But this time I thought it would be different. I thought you would show some common gratitude for my past friendship and support. I thought you would be Free from sorrow, sin and strife, grateful for the speeches I had made | She has gained a richer life for you. I thought you would run a And with her passport in her hand clean race. But folks told me you She has entered the promised land. would try to assassinate my character and wreck and ruin me in order to She has met her Savior, face to face, keep yourself and your daughter on And heard His word, "Saved by the payroll two more years.

You state that you are not in office Now to her loved ones left to weep, for financial gain. If this is true, Remember she is only asleep. why don't you refund to the treasury the quarter of a million dollars in money which you, your brother, W. W. Blanton, your sons, Tom, Jr., and

See you in Cisco July Fourth. Sincerely, Joe. H. Jones.

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Dean, also one visitor, Mrs. Taylor. We will meet on July 8 with Miss Mabel McRee. Every one is invited. -Reporter.

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Grandmother there And throughout the countless ages you will sing

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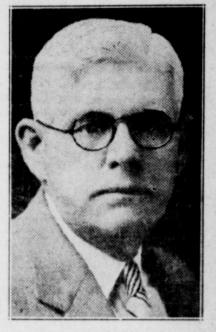
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Receipts, 2,400; 400 calves; steady; very good fed steers 5.10; grassers down to 3.25; good to choice fat yearlings 6.00-25; fat cows 3.00-25; butcher grades 2.00; bulls and stockers scarce; good heavy fat calves to 4.25; plainer grades including Brahma types 3.50 down.

Over 20 Inches

(Continued from Page One.) tied up on the other side of Stamper, and similarly passengers and mail were sent east from the water-bound train there. These trains were then turned back.

Great damage is reported to have been caused by flood waters of the clear fork of the Brazos. J. E. Boaz told a representative of The Mail that bout 300 acres of wheat and oats, so about six miles of fence on his arm were washed away and that the water there was ten or 12 inches higher than it had ever been known.

Pierce Horton had a combine in his wheat field of 200 acres ready to go to work. He could not estimate the damage as the grain was totally covered by the flood waters. A. J. Barbee and a number of others also sustained heavy losses in bottom lands along the

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Last rites for Mrs. Sarah Eliza-Lilly, near Merkel. Burial was in the force at this shop Thursday. Bluff Creek cemetery, near Bradshaw, beside the grave of Mr. Lent, who died in 1926. Mrs. Lent died at the Lil-

and moved from Robertson county to the Bradshaw area in 1882. Survivors hart and a sister, Mrs. Alice Middle- papers in the past. ton of Ovalo

Mrs. Lent was a member of the Merke! officiated for the rites.

Mother Frazier.

Martha Caroline (Pool) Frazier was born in Ferry county, Ala., Augand in the fall of the same year they moved to Texas, settling in Milam county. In 1895 the family moved to this is the first reported to this of-Taylor county. She was converted in fice, early life and united with the Metho-For District Judge, 42nd Judicial Dis- Mrs. Mattie Teaff, Mrs. Ida Jones of trons, Mayor Elliott states, but he MILBURN S. LONG, (Re-elec- burn of Olden, Texas; Mrs. Lee Hodges of Amherst, Texas, and Henry and Walter Frazier of Merkel. Four | Eris Ash, one of Merl 's popular of the daughters were present at the young men, is now operating the City

27, at 7 o'clock, terminating a long in shoe repairing work and is well life of more than 80 years. The last equipped to give satisfactory service. few months of Mother Frazier's life He is being assisted by his mother, were filled with interese suffering, Mrs. E. L. Ash, who is looking after which she bore with courage, and she the business end. was ready to go when the hour came. She had been one of the saintly pion- 104th Grand Jury eers of Texas-62 years she had lived FOR SALE-Nice New quilts \$2.00 in the state. Her children live today to call her name and memory blesesd.

The husband and father preceded the wife and mother in death a little over 13 months. He was laid to rest May 29, 1931, in the Rochester

Funeral arrangements were under the supervision of Mr. E. H. Smith held at the graveside by Rev. M. R. 104 summoned for the term. Thirty-Pike of the Methodist church at Roch-FURNITURE repaired and exchange ester. Interment in the Rochester ed. J. F. Campbell and Son, next cemetery Monday afternoon at 4

WANTED TO BUY wheat, oats, bar- near relatives in attendance. God will ments, the report said. ley, maize and all kinds of grain, al- sustain those who sorrow and His

> Price Raising Fines. Austin, Texas, June 30 .- Warning ing offenders to justice."

TO TRADE-good car for fresh milk was given Saturday by the United A. S. Payton was foreman and cow. W. B. Hawkins, Box 159, Mer- States internal revenue collector that John R. West, secretary of the grand the government can collect a fine of jury. \$1,000 or give a year's imprisonment or both for raising the price of articles on the false ground that such articles are being taxed.

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Mrs. Lent was born May 10, 1853, ing News, also for the Dallas News, any district in the state. Jim Patterinclude a son E. D. Nesbitt of Barn- served customers of these state daily of about 2300 young people, was op-

Baptist church, Rev. O. D. Pruitt of barber shops of Merkel, effective Jack Dale of Dallas as toastmaster, er, from court house steps;

patch. Blooms are late this year, but by Mary Crawford of Dallas.

dist church. Twelve children were Mayor W. M. Elliott was in Abilene of internal revenue has ruled that born into this home, 10 girls and 2 Wednesday afternoon in attendance newspaper plants are industrial enboys. Five of the daughters are liv- on the state-wide conference on gas terprises and electric energy consuming today, and both of the sons. The rates. No change of rates has been ed is therefore not taxable under the children are Mrs. Minnie Strickland, officially submitted for Herkel pa- new revenue law. Rochester, Texas; Mrs. Mary Col- went to Abilene on invitation extended to all cities in this section.

funeral service and both of the sons. | Shoe Shop on Kent street. He has Death came Monday morning, June had a number of years of experience

Grand jury in 104th district court, completing investigations for the summer term, Tuesday returned six indictments in report to Judge W. R. Chapman-Sixteen bills previously had been returned.

The grand jury reported it had exof Rochester. A short service was amined 94 witnesses from a total of three were examined during the two-day sitting closing Tuesday. Forgeries, burglaries and liquor law violations were the most common There were many grandchildren and offenses charged in the 22 indict-

> The body commended the "officers. city, state and county, including those of the state highway department, for their diligence in bring-

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D. N. Buford in the Petty and Buford At the 43rd annual convention of barber shop, Charles H. West, well the Texas Christian Endeavor union, district will meet in joint debate at beth Lent, 79, resident of Taylor | nown barber for nearly thirty years held in Dallas June 23-26, Gordon Cisco next Monday, July 4, at 3 p. m. county for 50 years, were held at 10 here, returns to the shop that he once Weir of Abilene, president of the Mid- This will be the only joint meeting of Merkel Folk Enjoy o'clock Wednesday morning from the owned, having sold out this shop in west district, was elected vice-presi- the two candidates, as, in response to HOUSTON ROBERTSON, (Re- home of a granddaughter, Mrs. Bill 1925. Dean Higgins was added to the dent of the state union. The district a challenge from Blanton for joint Effective the first of the month, ment, fifth in the publicity contest. fication that, besides the July 4th

taking over the business from J. T. son was the Merkel delegate. Darsey, Jr., who has so satisfactorily The convention, with a registration tion.

Ends Summer Term

Nurmi Breaks Record.

Nurmi, famed Finnish distance runner, shattered all world's records for In 1775 Washington was one of the the marathon distance Sunday, covering the 26 miles 385 yards in 2

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also won the banner offered for the debates in all the 19 counties of the greatest work in the extension depart- district, Jones accepted with the quali-Marshall Stalls becomes agent for the and was also awarded the banner for speaking date, he would meet Blanton ites at picturesque Deep Eddy, Ausly home at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening. Abilene Reporter and Abilene Morn- the greatest all-round achievement of in joint debate in Abilene on July

> ened with a great speech by Dr. H. C. Snodgrass. Friday night the Dynamo the district: New rates were inaugurated by the club held its annual banquet, with Thursday morning, as follows: hair Saturday night the huge convention cut 25c, shave 15c, shampoo (Fitch) banquet was assembled in the ball-25c, tonic 15c, oil 10c, massage 25c, room of the Dallas Athletic club with singe 25c, steam, any kind 25c, bath six hundred of the registered delegates in attendance.

Sunday morning the delegates at-G. C. Smith, who is farming the tended Sunday School and church in A Round of Pleasures ust 28, 1851. She was married to John Vol Martin place west of the city, the church of their choice and at the Robert Frazier in the spring of 1870 brought to The Mail office Tuesday concluding conference in the afternoon a specimen of cotton from a six acre a model Christian Endeavor was led

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Contestants for congress from this Blanton refused the July 15 proposi-

Congressman Blanton has announced the following speaking dates in R. B. Irvin, Misses Opal Sloan,

Friday night, July 1, at Sweetwat-

Saturday morning, 11 o'clock, at Roscoe: and Saturday afternoon 2:30 o'clock at

Merkel, the place to be arranged by friends here.

For Former Merkelites

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hodges, of Levelland, formerly of Merkel, are here visiting their children and friends and their visit is proving a round of pleasures. Arriving June 5, they spent the first two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mattinly. Last week they Wortham, and family of Trent.

While in Trent, Mrs. Lydia Payne gave a musicale in their honor, with the Trent string band furnishing the

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mattingly took

them to Big Spring Saturday to visit their granddaughter, Mrs. Claude Miller, returning Sunday.

They intend staying with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hodges of Compere next

Reunion at Deep Eddy

Word comes of a happy get-together of Merkelites and former Merkeltin, on Saturday evening, June 25. 15, declining any other appointments. Deep Eddy is ideal for swimming and a picnic feast afforded added enjoy-

> Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Evelyn Curb, Julia Martin, Madge Pierce, formerly in Merkel and now in Goose Creek, and Frances Reast, Childress, and Ralph Duke, Supt. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Carvel Tucker of Santa Maria and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin S. Davis of Mc-

Will Preach at Blair.

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METHODIST NEWS NOTES. The interest being taken in our church and Sunday School is highly was Lost." appreciated.

We are expecting a record crowd at Sunday School next Sunday.

There will be no preaching service at our church next Sunday. We are Gardner. planning a "pay-up" day. We will pay back the visits that other church- Moore. es have made with us. Everyone is expected to attend some church in our city. It will be visiting day-paying Preston Dickinson. back visits made us.

The service last Sunday held by Boney. Rev. W. M. Murrell was highly appreciated by a full house.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The league has a special program for Sunday, July 3. We are trying to give some interesting and helpful pro-"Hanging Your Fiddle on the Door." gin at 8:30.

Which door do you hang yours on? The door of your bootlegger, or do Wednesday, July 6. you go in and play for him? The door of the church, or do you do church work?

Come to league Sunday and find which door to hang your fiddle on.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

"Shut Off the Radio and Open Up the Bib e." The above caption is the up remarkably well, last Sunday's at- first." "Let insignificant self flee invery nice and timely expression of tendance at the six reporting Sunday Mr. Harold Ingraham of our Sunday Schools being 793. This compared with School board.

the church would be strengthened and the cause of Christ would go forward.

We were very happy to receive five new members into our growing church Afternoon Prayer service is the sevfellowship last Sunday. Let us make enth chapter of 1 Corinthians, which next Sunday a better day. Our Sunday will be read by Charlie Jones. W. M. School and B. T. S. is growing in Elliott is to comment on the scripture spirit and in numbers. Come thou with lesson. A cordial invitation is exten- at 15 cents per pound. Dandy us-the First Baptist church is a ded to every man in Merkel and the Bakery. good place to worship.

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SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

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"Following

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Ted McGehee. "Following Means Sacrifice," Mrs.

Ted McGehee. "Jesus' Promise to Those Who Fol-

low." Carroll King.

"The Call Today," Fannie Bell

All members are urged to be present next Sunday night at 7 o'clock. New officers will be elected and a soc-

ial will be announced. Visitors are cordially invited.

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"God Punishes Their Sin," Murphy

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Summer time attendance at the 767 on the previous Sunday and with If all church members would do this, 769 on the same Sunday a year ago.

MEN'S PRAYER SERVICE.

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Mrs. Fannie King, Supt. Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

We had a great service last Suning, praying, singing, shouting, and Lowe. all rejoiced together as sinners made their way down the dark aisle to the altar and there the Light of the Gospel shone into their souls.

ternoon after singing. Our goal for quarterly shower. open air revival is "100 souls." Everybody in their place doing their captains and the losing side of the ready. Let's go.

Bible School Sunday 9:45. Lesson

will move into a large new tabernacle, at which time we anxiously look forward to another Pentecostal day, an all-day and all-night service. Every-Sunday Schools in Merkel is holding body pray without ceasing. "Put God to oblivion" and loose yourself in the New prices effective Thursday, service of God.

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FISHING PARTY.

Lake Stewart was the beautiful location selected by a gay group last Thursday evening for a midsummer night's outing. Fishing, swimming and boat-riding were enjoyed until a late hour when a delicious picnic supper was served to Messrs. and Mesday night, regardless of the threat- dames Bob Mayfield, George West, ening weather. The lights went out Charles Largent, L. C. Zehnpfennig, about the middle of our service, but Carlton Vick, Mrs. Elmer Lowe, Miss we just continued our service, preach- Louise Booth, J. E. Boaz and Jack

CLASS MEETING.

The Dorcas and Alathean classes of the First Baptist church met in mon-Next Sunday night we begin an thly meeting in the parlors of the open air meeting which will continue church last Thursday afternoon. Affor a period of several weeks. An an- ter singing "Let Others See Jesus in nouncement as to where the meeting You," prayer was led by Mrs. Causwill be located will be on bulletin seaux and the scripture was read by board at church. Everybody welcome. Mrs. Brown. It was agreed for the There will be baptizing Sunday af- class to make pillow cases for the

The class then appointed new group work will win the goal. Everybody class contest served refreshments consisting of cake and ice cream to Mesdames Jones, Brown, Hamm, Polley, McDonald, Chambless, Carson, As the revival comes to a close we McCandless, Stevens and Causseaux.

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