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## YOUTH KILLED IN COLLISION WEST OF TYE

**James Melton, 17-Year-Old Merkel Boy, Fatally Hurt While Riding Running Board of Auto; Burial Here Tuesday.**

Collision of a truck and automobile on the Bankhead highway west of Tye Monday afternoon resulted in the death of a Merkel boy, James Melton, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Melton.

The tragedy occurred when the touring car, on which young Melton was riding on the left-hand running board, and a truck coming in the opposite direction passed each other, the boy's body being crushed by the truck bed as the machines met. His body was finally thrown over the automobile and onto the pavement. He died at the scene of the accident, within three minutes after the collision.

With Orno Worthan, a Trent youth, young Melton had accepted a ride with Mr. and Mrs. Stanford of near Stephenville, who were en route to visit Mrs. Stanford's mother, Mrs. J. T. Hazelwood, residing south of Merkel. They were picked up on the highway near the High school building in Abilene. Worthan, riding the right-hand running board, was unhurt and Mr. and Mrs. Stanford and their two small children escaped with minor bruises.

The body of young Melton was carried to an Abilene undertaking parlor. County Commissioner Philip A. Diltz, who passed the scene shortly after the crash, conveyed the Stanford's to the home of Mrs. Stanford's mother.

Funeral services were held at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon from the family residence, conducted by Elder W. G. Cypert of the Church of Christ, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Beautiful tribute was paid the boy, just emerging into the responsibility of young manhood, and the minister in tender words brought comforting thoughts to the bereaved parents and sisters and brother.

Four sisters, Cleo, Clara, Juanita and Hazel Melton, and one brother, Hermalee, survive. One of the sister, Miss Cleo, started from Oklahoma City upon receipt of the sad news of her brother's death, but did not arrive home until Wednesday.

The family removed to the Plains last fall, remaining there from September until March, since which time they have resided here.

## Second Son Born To Lindberghs on Tuesday Morning

Englewood, N. J., Aug. 18.—A son was born to Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh at 6:30 a. m., E. S. T., Tuesday.

The child, the second son of the Lindberghs, was born at the Morrow home here five months and 16 days after the first boy was kidnapped from the Lindbergh home in Hopewell, N. J.

The Lindbergh's first baby was 20 months old when he was kidnapped and would have been a little more than two years old now if he had lived. His body was found near the Lindbergh home, after a world-wide search and officials believed he had been killed by the kidnapers perhaps accidentally, almost immediately after he was stolen from his nursery.

## Rally of Sterling Supporters Set For Next Tuesday Night

Two prominent Abilenians, Judge J. M. Wagstaff and C. M. Caldwell, will address a rally of Sterling supporters in western Taylor county at the Merkel tabernacle next Tuesday night, beginning at 8:15 o'clock.

The meeting is being arranged by the Sterling club of ladies formed here in advance of the first primary, with Mrs. C. H. Jones as local chairman.

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will preside as master of ceremonies and will introduce the speakers.

This is the first public rally of the Sterling forces in Merkel during the 1932 campaign and a large crowd is expected.

### ABSENTEE VOTING.

Next Tuesday, Aug. 23, is the last day for casting absentee ballots, as ballots cast in absentee are due in the county clerk's office four days prior to election. Person who have not yet secured absentee ballots should write at once for them to County Clerk W. P. Bounds.

## Ruth Chatterton Marries Again.

Harrison, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Within 24 hours after being divorced from Ralph Forbes, Ruth Chatterton, actress, was married Saturday to George Brent, motion picture actor.

### Big Gain in Farm Prices.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Farm prices rose 10 per cent in the month ended July 15, the biggest gain for any month in three years, according to the department of agriculture.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Explosion of a bomb in the Rex theatre at Borger caused damage to the building and projection machines estimated between \$6000 and \$7000.

The list of known dead in the vast wreckage caused by the Texas coast hurricane of Saturday night climbed to 40 Tuesday, with the discovery of eight more bodies.

Phil H. Clements, 77, doorkeeper of the Texas house of representatives, and who years ago served as a member of the legislature, died Tuesday at his home in Goldthwaite.

Clarkeville, county seat of Red River county, is planning to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its settlement during the summer of 1933, the exact date to be determined later.

Citizens of Abilene will vote next Saturday in a specially arranged election on the question of permitting Sunday movies from 2 to 7 p. m. In an earlier election this year, the issue lost.

Edward Byrd, 89, credited with being the first man to drill oil in Oklahoma and believed to be the oldest native of Texas living in the state at the time of his death, died Saturday at Cisco.

The Mexia Textile mills, providing full time employment to 75 workers, reopened Tuesday and J. K. Hughes, president of the company, said there was a possibility of night shifts being put on.

Governor R. S. Sterling has announced that he will call a special session of the legislature to meet on September 5, or earlier, to hear his proposal for the state to assume county highway bonds.

On his first night off in 20 years as a motion picture theatre employee, Harry Gould, manager of the Palace theatre in Fort Worth until it closed recently, went to a movie and enjoyed it.

Miss Eva Wingo, 16, of Kaufman was drowned in the Trinity river Tuesday when she waded into deep water. Two of her sisters and a sister-in-law, who also waded beyond a safe depth, were rescued.

A big steel bridge, across a bayou in Houston, which had been long abandoned, was sold the other day for 5 cents, the purchaser announcing that he would have it torn down and turn over what profit he made to the unemployed.

## Court Declines to Pass on Question of Negro's Right to Vote

Austin, Aug. 18.—The Texas supreme court Monday dismissed without answer a question certified to it whether the Texas democratic party was within its rights in excluding negroes from participating in its primaries.

Because of the nature of the original action, brought in Bexar county, and subsequent decisions on it by the district and civil appeals courts, the supreme court held the parties "are not even before the court."

C. A. Booker, San Antonio negro, sought, through injunction, to restrain election officials of his precinct from denying him a vote in the democratic primary last July. The district court granted the relief, but the fourth court of civil appeals reversed and remanded. The judgment and ordered the case dismissed. The question then was certified to the supreme court.

The court held that the statutes "forbid the supreme court from answering purely abstract questions of law."

## Merkel Baptists Meet Sweetwater Players

A hotly contested ball game is scheduled for 6:30 on Friday afternoon at the High school grounds, between the Merkel Baptist indoor ten and the team from the Gulf Refining company of Sweetwater.

These two teams met in Sweetwater last Friday, the Merkel boys being victors 11 to 8. As the time of the game is set after the stores close, it is expected that a large number of fans will turn out.

## THREE PERSONS FACE CHARGES IN EAST TEXAS

**Investigation Discloses Hundreds Cast Ballots Illegally in July Primary; Votes in 132 Counties Exceed Poll Taxes.**

Dallas, Aug. 18.—Comparative figures show the number of voters in the governor's race in the first primary exceeded the poll tax holders in more than half of the counties of Texas. The average excess in the 132 counties in which this condition prevailed was 10.4 per cent.

In several counties the vote was more than 20 per cent larger than the poll tax payments. That was true, notwithstanding the fact that the number of qualified voters usually is estimated at only 15 per cent more than the poll tax holders and the qualified voters include negroes, republicans and all those who fail to vote because of sickness, absence or indifference.

Never before in the state's history have the voters exceeded the poll tax payers in so many counties. Of the group of 132 counties, only 16 had a like situation two years ago, and the vote at that time was unusually large.

The greatest excess of votes over poll tax payments was in Gregg county. Seven thousand two hundred and seventy-six persons voted for governor whereas there were only 4,205 poll tax holders, including approximately 250 negroes, who were not permitted to vote. District Attorney John E. Taylor and the Gregg county grand jury began an investigation.

Already three persons have been indicted on charges of illegal voting and steps have been taken to prevent improper voting in the second primary. Officials in other counties will be asked to take similar steps.

The state democratic executive committee took cognizance of the situation in its recent meeting at Fort Worth, instructing all county chairmen to call a meeting of their precinct judges before the runoff election and make all arrangements necessary to protect the purity of the ballot.

Of the 132 counties in which the votes exceed the poll taxes, Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson led in 94, Tom F. Hunter was ahead in 20 and Governor Sterling led in 17. One was a tie.

Mrs. Ferguson's lead over Governor Sterling in these counties was 75,090. Her final lead was only approximately 105,000.

Some interesting figures regarding the 132 counties follow: 1930 poll tax holders were 438,029; 1930 total vote cast was 377,942; minus 60,187. The 1932 total vote cast was 397,836; 1932 poll tax holders 359,667; plus 37,719.

In other words the total vote increased nearly 20,000 while the poll tax payments decreased almost 80,000.

## Auto Accident Claims Famous West Texan

Amarillo, Aug. 18.—Men and women of the Panhandle-Plains, pioneers and newcomers, public leaders and plain citizens, Monday thronged Amarillo to pay tribute to Henry Ansley, 35-year-old Amarillo newspaper man, who died Saturday following injuries suffered in an automobile accident late Friday.

Funeral services were held at the overflowing Central Presbyterian church, where final respects were paid the West Texas leader, author of "I Like the Depression," and the man who probably had larger personal acquaintance than any other individual in West Texas.

Bishop E. Cecil Seaman, of the Episcopal church, of which Ansley was a member, and Dr. R. Thomson, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, conducted the services.

### Seat Sells for \$150,000.

New York, Aug. 18.—A New York stock exchange seat Tuesday sold for \$150,000, an increase of \$30,000 over the previous sale. Not since March have seats sold at \$150,000 or better and since that time they fell to \$68,000, a record low for several years.

### Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wiser, Trent, Thursday, August 11, 1932.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry, Friday, August 12, 1932.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeman, Trent, Sunday, August 14, 1932.

## July Sales Cotton Cloth Far in Excess Month's Production

New York, Aug. 18.—One of the most bullish reports on cotton cloth sales this year was issued by the association of cotton textile merchants Tuesday, showing sales for July were 57.1 per cent above production.

Billings were 16.9 per cent over output, while unfilled orders, at 221,952,000 yards on July 31, showed a gain of 33.4 per cent over the beginning of the month.

Reduction of stocks continued, decreasing 7.8 per cent to a total of 281,249,000 yards. Production was held down to the lowest rate on record, 141,673,000 yards. Sales totaled 222,616,000 yards.

Reflecting a major feat in adjustment of supply to demand, production for both June and July was 110,000,000 yards less than in the corresponding months of 1931, the association reported.

## City Budget Meeting Postponed to Friday; School Budget Also Up

On account of the torrential rain late Monday afternoon, the meeting of tax payers with the city council, previously called for the tabernacle at 8 o'clock that night, was postponed until Friday night of this week. The hour of meeting will be the same, 8 o'clock, and it is hoped that a large number of tax payers will be present.

The purpose of the meeting is to study the budget for 1932-1933, as prepared by the mayor and city council, and all tax payers who desire are invited to sit with the council in their deliberations at that time.

### SCHOOL BUDGET.

Tax payers are also invited to attend a meeting of the school board to be held Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the office of W. O. Boney, secretary of the school board, called to fix the budget of expenditures for the coming year of the Merkel public schools.

## SALARIES TO BE CUT UNDER GROUP'S PLAN

**Countywide Sub-Committee Would Also Slide Valuations From 21 Million to \$16,800,000, Rate Staying at \$1.00.**

Taylor county's budget makers, Judge Tom K. Eplen and the commissioners court, will "wait on the legislature," Judge Eplen said Wednesday. Assisted by Ocie B. Hunt's countywide public expenditure committee, the court will continue its study of county finances, but will defer fixing the 1932 tax rate and adoption of the 1933 budget until the legislature has acted on the bond remission plan.

Judge Eplen looks for that action in the first week of September. The commissioners court will meet the second Monday, September 12, and then, if the remission plan has not been enacted, adjourn from day to day throughout that week, holding the statutory budget session when remission has been put on the law-books of the state.

Meanwhile, the Hunt committee will conduct a series of conferences with county officials in its campaign to save \$12,000 in 1933 through a sweeping salary reduction schedule affecting all classes of officials—those on the fee system, and those whose compensation is fixed by law. On the salary subcommittee are C. M. Caldwell, George S. Anderson, W. A. Minter, Abilene; Walter Taylor, Tuscola; J. T. Warren, Merkel, and L. E. Adrian, Trent. From the subcommittee came this word Wednesday: "We have not seen all the officials, but we are making satisfactory progress and feel encouraged."

Crux of the expenditure committee's recommendation to the court was contained in the following statement:

"The committee proposes a further reduction to be accomplished by reducing the county valuations from \$21,000,000 to \$16,800,000, the (Continued on Page Six.)"

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 16, 1912.)

### MINIATURE WATERFALL IN WINDOW.

The passers-by on Edwards street when passing the furniture store of Behrens-McMillen are caused to stop by the nice arrangement of a hand-made waterfall, water wheel, sail boat, fish, ferns, fountain and fish pool, all made into one of the old time waterfalls. The display is the work of Mr. McMillen and was made to convey the idea to the average westerner of what such mythical places are really like.

Much to the delight of little Miss Louise Warren and her little girl friends the 13th day of August was on Monday and a beautiful day, just the right kind of a day in which to celebrate Louise's eleventh birthday. Those present to enjoy the afternoon were Misses Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, Katie Ross of Dallas, Lucy Tracy, Mildred Hogue, Lillie Pratt Sears, Hazel Harkrider, Elizabeth Barker and a little cousin, Mary Cleo Booth, of Hawley, Julia Martin. After many games were played the guests were served cake and punch.

Miss Mamie Rister left Brownwood Wednesday night for St. Louis to assist Mr. Gaitner in purchasing the fall stock of goods for the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Miss Winnie Warren left for Abilene Wednesday where she will visit Miss Mary Paxton.

S. F. Haynes was a passenger to Abilene Saturday.

Notice:—We have just received the best stock of Boys' Bloomers Hip knee Pants that we have ever shown.

Miss Ether Williams left Tuesday for Abilene where she will go to school this year. She will make her home with her sister, Mrs. Jno. M. Rice.

Mrs. Jeffie Hibbits visited friends in Abilene Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Willie Valentine came in last week from Waco where she has been this summer.

Miss Nell Gibson visited relatives in Abilene Tuesday.

Sunday afternoon quite a jolly crowd attended the Christian meeting at Trent, taking advantage of the early twilight services and returned on the ten o'clock eastbound train. Those going from here were Mesdames I. S. Allen and E. C. Kellow, Miss Letha Burns, Euffie and Hollie Cypert, Maude and Minnie Ferguson, Inez Sharp, Fannie Pearl Moore, Isla McDonald, Vada, Holden, Messrs. Ollie Cordell, Parker Sharp, Ennis and Emmett Grimes, Ramond Touchstone, Jim Brown, J. G. Hale, Guy Hale, Minor Burns, Chas. Williams, Oily Dye, John and Henry King, Alva McClain.

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—IN LATE AFTERNOON—

It was very late in the afternoon in Galilee. The dozen men who had walked all day over the dusty roads were hot and tired. The sight of a village was very cheering, as they looked down on it from the top of a little hill. Their leader sent two members of the party ahead to arrange for accommodations, while he and the others sat down by the roadside to wait.

After a bit the messengers were seen returning, and even at a distance it was apparent that something unpleasant had occurred. Their cheeks were flushed and their voices angry. Breathlessly they told it—the people in the village had refused to receive them, had given them blunt notice to seek shelter somewhere else.

The indignation of the messengers communicated itself to the others. This back-woods village refuse to entertain their master—it was unthinkable. He was a famous public character. He had healed sick people and given freely to the poor. In the capital city crowds had followed him.

"Lord, these people are insufferable," one of them cried. "Let us call down fire from Heaven and consume them." The others joined in with enthusiasm. Fire from Heaven—that was the idea! Make them smart for their boorishness! Show them that they can't affront us with impunity! Come, Lord, the fire—

There are times when nothing a man can say is nearly so powerful as saying nothing. Every executive knows that instinctively. To argue brings him down to the level of those with whom he argues; silence convicts them of their folly; they wish they had not spoken so quickly; they wonder what he thinks. The lips of Jesus tightened; his fine features showed the strain of the preceding weeks. He needed that night's rest, but he said not a word. Quietly he gathered up his garments and started on, his outraged companions following. It is easy to imagine his keen disappointment. . . . Would they never catch a true vision of what he was about?

Down the hot road they trailed after him, awed by his silence, vaguely conscious that they had failed again to measure up. In the mind of Jesus the thing was too small for comment. "And they went to another village."

Eighteen hundred years later an important man left the White House in Washington for the War Office, with a letter from the President to the Secretary of War. In a very few minutes he was back in the White House again bursting with indignation. The President looked up in mild surprise. "Did you give the message to Stanton?" he asked.

"Yes, and he tore it up," exclaimed the outraged citizen, "and what's more, sir, he said you are a fool."

"Did Stanton call me that?" he asked. . . . "He did, sir and repeated it." "Well," said the President with a dry laugh, "I reckon it must be true then, because Stanton is generally right."

The angry gentleman waited for the storm to break, but nothing happened. Abraham Lincoln turned quietly to his desk and went on with his work.

Next Week: "Boyhood Background."

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**PERSONALS**

Mrs. Paul Smith of Sonora is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith.  
Mrs. C. B. Gardner has as her guest Mrs. Edwin Kirchhoff of Plainview.

Miss Bertha Mooreland is visiting with her parents and family in Ropesville.

Miss Edna Marie Jones of Abilene was the guest Thursday of Miss Christine Collins.

Miss Billie Louise Nix has as her house guest Miss Katherine Russell of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Shelton returned recently from a visit with relatives at Wynnewood, Okla.

Mr. Melvin Caple and Miss Tootsie Crow of Fort Worth are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Messrs. Comer Patterson and J. D. Ashby visited Allen McGehee in Ranger last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lafavers of Waco were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple last week-end.

Mrs. M. E. Perry of Blooming Grove is the guest of her granddaughter, Mrs. Bond Whatley.

Mrs. M. L. Holden had as her week-end guest her aunt, Mrs. L. A. Penix, of Colorado City.

Mrs. J. H. McDonald enjoyed a visit Wednesday from her cousin, Mrs. J. M. Dean, of Brownwood.

W. R. Russell and son, Rosser, of Imperial Valley, Calif., are here for several days visiting his brothers.

Mrs. Alice Daniels returned to her home in Abilene Tuesday after a pleasant visit with relatives here.

Byron Burton of Cleburne spent the week-end in Merkel, the guest of Fred Baker and Byron Patterson.

Miss Imogene Morgan of Colorado, Texas, is spending the week with Miss Lola Mae Reidenbach.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cummings of Midland visited with Merkel friends a few hours when passing through Saturday.

Mrs. Jewell Boswell and two children of Afton in Dickens county are guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bird.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins have as their guests their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Collins, of Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamilton and little daughter of Lorraine are guests for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas.

Supt. Roger A. Burgess and Mrs. Burgess returned Tuesday from a vacation trip to Lubbock and points in New Mexico.

Misses Lorena Dry from San Saba and Loyce Dry from Clarksville spent the past week with their mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry.

Misses Edna Wilson of this city and Asha McLeod of Trent have returned from Lamesa where they visited Mrs. Joe English.

G. A. Keel of Red Oak, Ellis county, and his son, Raymond, were here last week to visit his brother, T. H. Keel, on Route 3.

Barney Garrett, Waco attorney, is here spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, and meeting old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Anderson had

as their week-end guests their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Alston, from Hereford.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye, accompanied by Mrs. Ada Heeter, have returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Causseaux in San Antonio.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith early in the week were Mrs. Marx Weise and three daughters of Junction, who were enroute to The Plains.

Mr. E. A. Angus, who has been in California this summer, stopped over en route to her home in Fort Worth to visit with Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Leeton and two sons, Harold and Jimmy, of Overton, Texas, are visiting Mrs. Leeton's mother, Mrs. J. H. McDonald, and other relatives.

Mrs. J. E. Boaz and daughters, Misses Willie Evelyn and Fannie Belle, were accompanied by Misses Imogene Middleton and Lois Whiteley to Lubbock for a week's visit.

D. I. Shelton, who is one of the directors of the Texas Cotton Co-operative association, is spending the week in Dallas on matters in connection with the organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Esker Curtis of Ranger, who have been in California for the Olympic games, are here for a few days visiting Mrs. Angus' parents as they were returning home.

Postmaster and Mrs. O. J. Adeock and son, Waymon, also R. L. Adeock and family went to Brady Sunday for a family reunion. The postmaster and his family have not yet returned.

Miss Christine Collins leaves Friday morning for Dallas where she will visit Misses Lil and Madge Dean. She will accompany Miss Loyce Dry that far on the latter's return to Clarksville.

Mrs. Harry Barnett and children and Mrs. Bob McDonald and children returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Cedar Hill, Dallas county. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Miles Sink of Cedar Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott and Burneal and Nancy Jean arrived Tuesday night from Colorado where Mr. Scott has been since the first of the year and where the others went as soon as school was out.

Mrs. Ewell Allen, accompanied by Mrs. Sayon Roe and Miss Jess Higgins, returned last week from a visit with their sister, Mrs. Cowan Hudson, at San Angelo. They also spent a few days at Christoval.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barnett have had as their guests the past week Mr. Barnett's brother and sister, Mr. M. L. Barnett of Dallas and Mrs. Bill Smith of Blue Ridge. Mrs. Smith was accompanied by her daughter, Janny Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leach, Miss Thelma Leach and Clayton, accompanied by Mr. O. B. Leach, returned Tuesday from a delightful automobile trip to Campbellsville, Russell Springs, and Jamestown, Ky. En route they visited in Hope, Ark.

Robert Beasley and family are here from Ropesville, visiting friends; Mr. Beasley in the home of John Shannon, Miss Verna Tee Beasley with Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes, and Miss Lois and David Beasley, also Dee Mooreland, in the home of Dr. W. M. Gambill.

Rev. S. A. Jones, wife and little daughter of David City, Neb., are here for a visit with the former's

brother, J. H. F. Jones, and sister, Mrs. M. B. Watson, of Stith. Rev. Mr. Jones, who is now pastor of the First Baptist church of David City, taught school at Comper in 1920-21.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dennis and son of Matador, Mr. and Mrs. Claude McLaughlin and daughter of McAdoo and Bruce McLaughlin of McAdoo returned Monday after a very pleasant week-end with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker and other relatives. Mrs. Jewell McLaughlin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, remained for an extended visit.

Miss Mary Eula Sears has been in Abilene this week attending the many pre-nuptial affairs given for Miss Vivian Sears, who will be married to Gorham Streeter in an elaborate church ceremony on Friday morning at eight o'clock. Miss Vivian Sears is the oldest daughter of Mrs. Arthur Sears, former Merkel people, who have a host of friends here who will be interested to learn of her marriage.

Regents of Texas U. To Visit West Texas

Austin, Aug. 18.—The nine members of the board of regents of the University of Texas, President H. Y. Benedict, and J. H. Walker, commissioner of the general land office, will leave Austin Sunday morning, August 21, following a meeting of the board of regents on Saturday, and will visit the seventeen West Texas counties in which the university owns 2,000,000 acres of land. The trip will be culminated August 28. The four oil fields on university lands—the Taylor, Link in Pecos county, the Big Lake in Reagan county, the Church-Fields in Crane county and the Penn in Ector county—will be included in the itinerary.

Arrangements for the tour are being made by Dr. Hal P. Bybee, geologist and mineralogist, Frank F. Friend, surveyor, and E. J. Compton, in charge of grazing leases for the board for the lease of University lands, headquarters of which are located in San Angelo. These men will accompany the party.

Camping out, save on a couple of nights when university bunk houses in oil field camps will be occupied, will furnish a vacation element that is expected to add to the group's enjoyment of the tour. Regents making the trip

will be Judge R. L. Batts, Austin, chairman; R. L. Holliday, El Paso; Edward Crane, Dallas; Buford Jester, Corsicana; W. M. O'Dell, Fort Worth; Frank Yount, Beaumont; Dr. Edward Randall, Galveston; John T. Scott, Houston, and Leslie Waggener, Dallas.

The following is a list of the counties with their respective acreages of university lands: Andrews, 294,400; Crane, 63,680; Crockett, 356,480; Ector, 6,080; El Paso, 11,520; Hudspeth, 453,120; Culberson, 46,080; Irion, 22,720; Loving, 22,400; Pecos, 184,960; Terrell, 61,440; Schleicher, 57,600; Reagan, 194,560; Upton, 77,440; Ward, 80,640; Winkler, 53,120; Martin, 14,080.

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During my period of service as your Tax Collector in Taylor County I always have given most careful consideration to the wishes of the people.

The county committee on tax reduction has investigated thoroughly the matter of county expense and I have given them every assistance in their important work.

For me to wholeheartedly endorse their program, including an adjustment of mine and all other salaries in my department, is merely a continuation of my policy since holding office.

Therefore, if you re-elect me your Tax Collector, I want you to know it is my intention to serve you during this emergency at the reduced rate of compensation recommended for my office by the public expenditure committee of Taylor county.

And as long as I hold the office of Tax Collector, I shall use all of my experience and abilities to the end of giving the people the very best service possible. I am very grateful for all favors bestowed upon me in the past and will appreciate your support in the coming election.

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**SIXTH INSTALLMENT.**

**SYNOPSIS:** Johnny Breen, 16 years old, who had spent all of his life aboard a Hudson river tugboat plying near New York, is tossed into the river in a terrific collision which sinks the tug, drowns his mother and the man he called father. Ignorant, un-schooled, and fear driven, he drags himself ashore, hides in the friendly darkness of a huge covered truck—only to be kicked out at dawn—and into the midst of a tough gang of river rat boys who beat and chase him. He escapes into a basement doorway where he hides. The next day he is rescued and taken into the home of a Jewish family living in the rear of their second-hand clothing store. He works in the sweatshop store—and is openly courted by Becca—the young daughter . . . The scene shifts to the home of the wealthy Van Horns—on 5th Avenue, where lives the bachelor—Gilbert Van Horn—in whose life there is a hidden chapter. That chapter was an affair with his mother's maid, who left the house when he was accused. The lives of Johnny Breen and Gilbert Van Horn first cross when Van Horn sees Breen win his first important ring battle. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

Malone, in the dressing room with the fighters, saw Sol Bernfeld slowly count out three five dollar bills and offer them to John. They were standing in a corner, partly shielded by a locker.

"What's that?" Malone demanded sharply, approaching the boy and his manager.

"What I won, I get fifteen and Sol gets ten; he's my manager," John explained.

"Say—you dirty crook!" The trainer glared at Sol, blanched to a deathly pallor at the discovery of his duplicity. "You give that boy his money, Malone, with a sudden grip, pulled the retreating Bernfeld backward. "Dig, damn you—dig!" and he drove his elbow sharply into the middle of Sol's soft back. Bernfeld, wincing with pain, hesitated. John eyed him with suspicion. "Dig, you rotten crook," and Pug Malone gave him a second and much harder hook in the back as a crisp fifty dollar bill came to light. Malone snatched this and handed it to John. "Take that, son, you earned it. An' you," turning to Sol, "fade, an' fade fast, before you get what's comin' to you." Bernfeld took the hint without delay.

"What's your name, son?" Malone asked, "You look white."

"Breen, sir, John Breen," the "sir" slipping from some dormant cell, recorded, perhaps, while overhearing Captain Breen address some wharf or ship officer. Pug Malone, compact, grap haired, and pink, looked like a god to the boy.

"Where do you work?" Malone knew that John was not a professional.

"With Mr. Lipvitch in the Clothing Emporium."

"Pay?" demanded Malone.

"Yes, sir, he pays me." John felt his benefactor was under criticism.

"Of course he does, son. How much? What do you get a week?"

"Three dollars—and board," John added, by way of good measure.

"Board! Board!" Malone ran his hand over the body of the boy. "Board—rats!" And then, seeing the alarmed look on John's face, he went on in a kindly tone. "What you need is feedin'. Better stay here. I'll give you a job, five a week an' real board. Rubbin', that's the work, an' I'll train you, son, and split right. Are you my boy?"

And so John Breen left the Ghetto to enter the Bowery of the Greater City of New York.

A year passed over the head of John Breen, a year of ampler freedom and of physical development, a year charged with the elements of crime, of drunkenness and brawling. John saw, without knowing, the dregs of the city. Blear-eyed victims of the sodden slums of Chinatown drifted into the bar at McManus' for a bowl of beer and a snatch of lunch, then to sink back again to the drug-soaked atmosphere below. He saw these things through the swinging doors between the gym, at one end of the dance hall and the private parlors of the bar. It was merely another picture of the overpowering city, so tremendous in its contrasts.

Pug Malone, ex-prize fighter, trainer for the Samson Sporting Club, a hard, honest, medium-sized, middle-aged man, shorn of his illusions,

watched over John Breen. John rose at six, with Malone, jumping up in the brisk air when he skipped rope, swung the clubs and shadow boxed under the eye of the trainer who sat on the edge of his cot smoking his morning pipe. After a half hour of this John turned out the blankets to air, and master and pupil met a string of boys at the rear door of the club and ran hard for another half hour before the awakening of the city traffic, coming back to the club for a cold shower and a rub down.

Malone and John then breakfasted alone, in a card room back of the bar, on large bowls of oatmeal, bacon and eggs, rolls and coffee. The day was spent in taking care of a string of fighters, boxing, rubbing and punching the bag, or working at the chest machines. Regular meals, clean air, and early to bed filled out his frame with an abounding health that glowed and sparkled through his clear skin in startling contrast to the sodden wrecks of men and women drifting all about.

After two months of training for condition, Malone initiated John into the science of pugilism, coaching him behind closed doors in the art of jabbing, hooking, and blocking blows. He impressed upon him the great value of infighting, and the secret of terrific punches with the crooked elbow, throwing the full force of the body into the blow by applying the fundamental principles of mechanics and dynamic force.

One day, after a long go with Malone himself, the trainer, wiping a bleeding nose, and out of breath, remarked shortly, "You'll do to take a crack at a few second raters." John flushed. "Sure—you must always win. Don't forget that, John. Get the habit of always winnin'—always. It's the principle of success."

And then John polished off a half dozen "set ups," third and second rate boys disposed of with startling rapidity and with cold calculating precision. Almost over night the name of Fighting Breen, the welter weight, became known on the Bowery from Chatham Square to Cooper Union. The Grogan Gang claimed him as one of their original members and boasted of his renown. Fighting Breen was on the road to championship honors and rewards.

And at most of these fights, sitting near the ringside, alone or with Judge Kelly, was the well-known sporting man, Gilbert Van Horn. He always bet heavily on Fighting Breen.

"No," Malone was positive, "that boy's under my care. Never mind about meetin' him, now. He'll be a champion then you can all meet him. The kid's too young—don't give him bum ideas. You sports spoil too many good fighters."

Strangely, it was Marvin Kelly who wanted to talk with John Breen. Gilbert merely looked on. He had bought a Panhard, and on days following the fights roared through the countryside in clouds of white dust, tearing up the water packed macadam. People thought he was crazy in his goggles and mask. He hardly knew whether he was or not. At Dobbs Ferry he upset a farmer's truck cart, the horses were really at fault, and the Morning Advertiser carried a long story of his doings. It seemed as if the Van Horns would always be in the public eye.

In the meantime, Malone, guarding John with the care of a father, placed his winnings in the Bowery Savings Bank and John, at the time of the reform wave, engineered from the inside, had saved over four hundred dollars and had also provided himself with an elegant wardrobe. The lapse in the fighting game pleased him for he was beginning to hate the contests. A feeling of hopeless unrest seized him. He became moody, discontented, pettish. Malone studied the boy and wondered what poison was entering into him when they were engulfed in the heat of the great municipal campaign of 1901.

Malone sensed something strange in John, just what he attempted in vain to discover. But the boy, noting a bar-room loafer sitting at one of the tables thumbing a newspaper, knew that he was looking at a superior being. The bum's clothes might be foul; he might be filthy inside and out, but he possessed a key, the great key to all; he could read. John had grasped a word or two in casual contact with letters. He knew that BEE spelled rye whiskey and that BEER spelled beer, but the label Pilsener Genossenschaftsbrauerei was utter mystery. He did

know that there were such things as letters and an alphabet. But he knew of no way in which he could go about the task of acquiring the art of reading, or of what he might find out should the gift come to him like magic in the night. For he did dream such miracles, often, that he could read, and just as he was about to gain some mighty truth his fairy gift faded away. Then, at times, he consoled himself with the thought that it was no great gift after all. None of the readers he saw were particularly wise, except, of course, his idol, Pug Malone.

John's inability to read was brought to light one day. "Here's the story of my scrap with Stiff. I just dug this up in my old trunk. Lookit over, Jack, an' you'll see Stiff topped me by ten pounds" and Pug held out the paper to John, John took the paper, glanced at the full length wood-cut of Malone, middle weight champion, etc., etc., his eye roaming over the figure of his friend in fighting pose. Tears welled into his eyes; the picture blurred; the red tinge sheet was not so crimson as his. His blush of shame, and his tear-bathed eyes, looking straight at Pug, halted the trainer in his recital.

"Pug, I can't read a damn word!" he said. "Can't read! Can't read the Gazette?" Malone almost dropped a bottle of seltzer he was about to squirt into a highball, a customer having appeared before the bar at that agitating moment. "Well, I'll be dammed!" and Pug shot the water with such force it splashed the bar, drowning out the Scotch. "Here, take some more," and Pug passed the bottle back to the customer who spiked the drink liberally, wondering what the excitement was all about.

When Malone recovered the whiskey bottle he turned to the boy. Tears glistened in John's eyes and stained his cheek where he had roughly dashed a sleeve across his face. A great lump rose in the throat of the trainer. He went to the end of the bar, poured out a large drink of cold black coffee and tossed it off. When the customer left he returned to John.

"Why in the name of hell didn't you tell me this before?"

"Too busy, Pug," the boy explained haltingly. "I wanted to make good at the scrapping. I ain't had no chance. I figured I was too old. So what's the use?" John's voice held a note of hopeless maturity. Time, the master, had passed him by. On leaving the bar Pug and John walked into the gym and donned gloves for their usual fast round before supper. Malone, scoring a hard left to the nose, drew blood.

"There, son, you see you got to go to school now." He carefully wiped the red smear from his glove with a towel, while John laughingly held his bleeding nose. "It's night school for you. Night school with them kykes an' Polacks. You start tomorrow, kid, at the beginnin'." Pug was positive. "I'll bet you'll be readin' the Police Gazette in a month," he added hopefully.

John Breen knew no more where he was heading than did the first voyagers who sailed their crazy caravels across the waters of a virgin world. He plowed ahead with an energy sustained by his magnificent vitality. In

six months' time he had burst his prison bars. In his feverish research he ran beyond the limits of the school. In a year he carried on his quest to science and philosophy. The day John Breen first stumbled into a second-hand book store he became aware of a vast mine of incalculable wealth. John trembled as he walked off with his treasures, and then spent the night searching the pages, wringing from them the ecstasy that went into their making.

(Continued Next Week.)

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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Little Martha Mearl Freeman took up her abode in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeman Sunday night, arriving about 11 o'clock. Both are doing nicely.

Mrs. Tom Hardison of Vernon is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Gafford. She is accompanied by Mrs. Bonner, also of Vernon.

Mesdames Boone and Dowdy returned Monday afternoon from Hobbs, N. M., where they had visited with Mrs. Boone's daughter, Mrs. Joe Alexander, a few days. Mrs. Alexander and son returning home with them to visit some two or three weeks.

Aubrey Dowdy of Abilene visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Joe Nalley spent last Sunday at Cottonwood with her father, B. Rutherford, who at this writing is slowly recovering from an attack of paralysis.

Walter Massey of Denton visited last week with his brother, Ernest Massey, and family.

Zant Scott and family of Floydada, en route to Weatherford, were overnight guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott, and Mrs. Scott and daughters accompanied them on their journey as far as Abilene where they made another visit with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin.

Mesdames Dick and Bullard of Eskota were shopping in our fair city one day last week. Thanks, ladies, call again.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Johnson in company with Mrs. J. H. Barnes of Anson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards recently.

Miss Naoma Rogers has returned from Lamesa after spending a few weeks with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews of the White Flat community have as their guests their daughter and her children, Mrs. T. L. Bowers, of Dallas.

Maurice Dingle, formerly of this city, is with us again, greeting one and all with a friendly handshake.

J. E. Bowers and wife left last

Sunday for Dallas where they will remain a few days buying fall and winter merchandise for the firm of Bowers and Hammer. In the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. J. M. Billings is assisting the young Mr. Bowers in the store management.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wiser are the happy parents of a baby girl, who made her appearance last week. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. J. M. Deen of Merkel was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Friday of last week.

Miss Lucille Adrian left last Saturday to begin her school at Colony, Okla.

Mrs. Rose Edwards attended to business matters in Sweetwater last Monday.

Cecil Winn and family of El Paso are spending a few days with the former's brother, J. B. Winn, and family. Mr. Winn is en route to Chicago where he will enter on his new territory as shoe salesman for the Enna Jettick Shoe company, having been transferred from El Paso to Chicago.

Jack Freeman had the misfortune of losing a fine horse last week.

M. G. Scott, L. E. Adrian and W. A. Wood attended business in Abilene last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Perkins have returned from a two weeks visit with Mrs. Perkins' parents, who live at Sebastian.

Miss Asha McLeod has returned from Lamesa after a two weeks visit with relatives there.

At this writing the rain seemingly will interfere with the Baptist meeting which is in progress here, but the meeting will continue on. Brother Parks of Roscoe and Brother King of Rule will do the preaching, both being deep spiritual men. Brother Eual Boone and wife will have charge of the music. Brother Bone needs no introduction, having led the song service for several meetings here some years ago. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

**MRS. HOWELL HONORED WITH BRIDAL SHOWER.**

Mrs. L. E. Adrian, assisted by her daughters, Lucille and Marjorie, entertained in honor of Mrs. Tilman Howell, a recent bride on the afternoon of Thursday, August 11. Mrs. Howell was Miss Rowena Perkins, daughter of Mrs. J. E. Perkins, before her marriage on August 6.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with cut flowers. Upon their arrival, each guest was given a hemmed cup-towel upon which to embroider her autograph. These towels were in turn given to the honoree.

Later in the afternoon, little Lanette Edwards and Jerry Massey, dressed as bride and groom, entered to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, played by Mrs. Buster Edwards. The two children were drawing an express wagon which was loaded with gifts for the bride.

Refreshments of angel cake and punch were served to the following guests: Mesdames T. Howell, J. E. Perkins, Wallace Kelly, Curly Edwards, Alex Williamson, Buster Edwards, M. G. Scott, Ed Burks, Clifford Estep, Ernest Massey, A. W. Wood, L. E. Adrian, P. C. Forrester, Hosea Winn and her two children, Jerry Massey, Lanette Edwards; Misses Helen Hogue, Marjorie Adrian, Doreen Scott, Lucille Adrian, Viola Smith and Opal Freeman.

**HOME CANNING CLUB.**

The Trent Home Canning club met Wednesday, August 10, in their regular session. New rules were adopted concerning the cooker and sealer, which the club has recently purchased. Each member, new or old, must pay the sum of 25 cents per year in order to have access to them and also that will permit them to have full right to all business dealings that the club might have. Everyone will be welcome to join the club whether the fee is paid or not.

The president urges each one to come Wednesday, August 24, and

bring their 25 cents and help us carry on the work. We have some important business to discuss at the next meeting, including a round table discussion about getting a market for the disposal of our canned products.

Our annual picnic of Taylor county extension work at Buffalo Gap Thursday will be well attended from here.

Anyone having any chickens for sale will please notify one of the club members as we now have a market for canned chicken.

Those present were: Mesdames T. H. Williamson, R. L. Reeves, Ed Burks, A. C. Wash, Roy Stewart and A. Williamson.

We wish to thank everyone that contributed to our play in helping us procure our cooker.

**Palace at Sweetwater To Reopen Next Month**

Reopening of the Palace theatre at Sweetwater, which closed several months ago, is tentatively scheduled for early September, it was announced Thursday by H. M. Rogers, manager of R & R theatres there, who, with Mrs. Rogers, has just returned from the Dallas headquarters of the company.

"The company has already bought a cooling system for the Palace, the one there having been moved to the Ritz, and other preparations are being made for opening in September," Mr. Rogers said. "Business conditions everywhere seem to be on the upgrade and it appears that it will be possible for us to again operate the Palace beginning next month."

Mr. Rogers said the new list of bookings, as shown him in Dallas, assured Sweetwater of continuing to have all the best pictures including the "big" pictures, as fast as they were released.

It is probable, he said, that the Palace will be reopened around Sept. 1 to 15.

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**CANYON NEWS**

This community enjoyed a nice shower Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews attended the Baptist meeting at Blair last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kostras of Putnam are visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. Bernell Crow and Miss Jimmie Spran of Noodle visited Mr. and Mrs. Odger Matthews Monday.

Rev. J. Frank Reynolds and Rev. Bailey Wilson will begin a Holiness meeting at the Butman tabernacle Saturday night, August 20.

Misses Evelyn Perry and Loneta Blackburn celebrated their birthdays Sunday with a "birthday dinner" in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry. Games were played in the afternoon and supper served at a late hour. Those enjoying the occasion were: Jimmie Dell Perry, Mary Ellen Frazier, Virgil Jones, Morgan Frazier, Julius Jones, Floyd Matthews, Frank Lewis, Mrs. Emma Peterson and son, Bobby Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Griggs and son, Billy Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Odger Matthews and son, Carlton Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry, Mr. V. L. Blackburn and the honorees.

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**RURAL SOCIETY**

**ENTERTAIN FOR FRIENDS.**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hudson was the scene of a party Saturday night when Vernon Hudson entertained a number of his friends.

Several games were played. The guests were then invited into the dining room where delicious cake and lemonade were served to Misses Addie Fay Patterson, Ruth Pinckley, Norah Foster, Pauline and Marie Pinckley, Gladys Petty, Winifred Yancey, Fay and Marcella Pinckley, Lela Patterson, Willie Mae Hudson, Messrs. Joe Hartley, Paxton Hays, James Hudson, Roy Patterson, Vernon Hudson, and Messrs. and Mesdames Otis Foster and Jessie Hudson.

**CROW-SPRAIN.**

Miss Lynn Sprain and Mr. O. B. Crow, popular young folks of Noodle, were united in marriage Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Methodist parsonage, with Rev. E. L. Yeats, Methodist pastor, officiating. Mr. Crow is a brother of Mrs. W. W. Toombs of Merkel. The young couple will make their home at Noodle where best wishes of a host of friends are being received.

**Ft. Worth Livestock**

Fort Worth, Aug. 18.—Buyers had lower orders for practically all classes of cattle and calves, and at noon most of the cattle offered at Fort Worth Wednesday were unsold. Most bids were about 25c lower and spots more. A few sales were made early at prices that were about steady. Such stocker cattle as sold were steady. Hogs were mostly 5c lower, with a top at \$4.45 to small killers. Fat lambs and yearlings were weak to 25c lower. While the eastern markets were not very active on dressed meats, most of the sales were about steady. Beef was steady, with real steady to strong in spots. Lamb and mutton sold steady and pork was a little uneven.

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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# CHURCHES

## Young People's Revival To Begin Sunday Night

The young people of the Methodist church are sponsoring a revival to begin, Sunday, August 21, at the Methodist church. The aim of the young people is to touch every person in and around Merkel and we are asking for the co-operation of every Christian young person in Merkel to help us put this over.

We not only want your prayers but we want you to be present and really do some active work. Paul Collins and Roy Patterson are going to do the preaching. Let's stand behind these boys and push! We want the prayers and presence of every Christian in Merkel.

Everybody is invited, old and young alike. Come and let's have a real revival in our town!

### METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

It is to be a unique revival beginning at the Methodist church Sunday night. The revival will be sponsored and services held by the young people. They will do the singing, playing, preaching and conduct all services. All ages and all people are invited to attend these services. Miss Addie Fae Patterson is the president of the evangelistic committee.

The pastor, after being absent for several Sundays conducting revivals, reports that he is at home for keeps and will preach Sunday morning.

Many compliments have been reported concerning the musical special by Messrs. Pee, Buzbee and Buford last Sunday morning and the sermon that followed by Rev. J. T. Griswold of Baird.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Let's be present, on time, with a prepared lesson.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Visitors are always welcome.

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

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sin and prosperity were coiling themselves around the souls of men and God looked on in pity and sent "The Depression" to give man a chance.

What is wrong with the church is a much discussed question these days.

Pastor's subject Sunday at 11 a. m. will be "What is Right with the Church?" His subject at 8:15 p. m. will be "A Revival of Faith and Its Results."

Sunday School 10 a. m. B. T. S. meets at 7:15 p. m.

We invite you to worship with us.  
J. T. King, Pastor.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

With no report from the Nazarene church last Sunday, the other five Sunday Schools in Merkel showed a total attendance of 702. This compares with 789 on the same Sunday a year ago and with 653 on the previous Sunday this month.

### FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Can a person be a Christian and play "42", go in "mixed bathing," play bridge or "titter totter" with the world, will be the subject for next Saturday night.

We want everybody who is not in Sunday School somewhere to come to our "big tabernacle" two blocks north of the Church of Christ, next Sunday at 9:45 a. m. and join a real Bible school where the Bible only is taught.

Sunday morning the pastor will preach in overalls; so, men and boys, you have no excuse. Put on the best you have and come and feel at home. If we can associate together on the streets and in our homes with our common clothes on, why not in our church home?

Sunday night we will preach on "Infidelity Exploded." If you are skeptical, come and hear this sermon.

Bible study every Monday night. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Men's and boys' service every Friday night. Singing every Sunday 2:30 p. m. Beginning Sunday afternoon after singing. Everybody welcome.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

Although there is more traffic in the city of London than in any other similar area, street accidents last year caused only 16 deaths and 67 cases of injury.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

## Max Mellinger Goes To Northern Markets

Max Mellinger, accompanied by his son, Isadore, left Friday night for St. Louis on a buying trip. Prospects of good fall business appealed to Mr. Mellinger so strongly that he decided to augment his purchases for fall and winter by a personal trip to market.

### LOCAL BRIEFS.

Car loadings for the 1932 grain crop up to Thursday morning totaled 77 cars of wheat, 23 cars of oats and one car of barley, according to tabulation compiled by Local Agent, J. C. Childress.

At all the grocery stores in Merkel the ladies of the Epworth league will demonstrate cakes from the Dandy bakery next Saturday, a percentage to be donated by the bakery management to the ladies organization.

Over two inches of rain, falling during Sunday and Monday, improved crop conditions in this territory to a great extent, being beneficial both for cotton and feedstuff. The precipitation for the two days totaled 2 1-8 inches, bringing the year's figure to 23.72 inches.

Mrs. C. M. Largent was carried to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium Wednesday for treatment, but she was able to be brought back home Thursday.

### CARD OF THANKS.

To all of those dear friends and neighbors, who were so kind and tenderly loving to us in our sad bereavement in the loss of our son and brother, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks. We are indeed grateful for every thought, word and deed that assisted us so much in bearing our great grief.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Melton and Family.

### Same Barber After 60 Years.

Brookfield, Mass., Aug. 18.—Returning to Brookfield for the first time in 60 years, James A. Capen was shaved and given a haircut by Albert D. Hooker, 87, the same barber who shaved him regularly until he left town in 1872.

### County Budget

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levy (tax rate) to remain at \$1. Reductions in valuations are to be applied alike on a percentage basis to all property.

Explanation given was:

"The committee proposes that the reduction be accomplished by reducing valuations and allowing the rate to remain the same because it will mean a larger saving to the individual tax payer and yield, at the same time, the same income to the county.

"Our study convinces us that a reduction of at least 30 per cent in taxes this year over last year is possible. We think it possible to cut Judge Eplen's proposed budget from \$39,000 to \$208,000. We maintain the accomplishment is possible without endangering the credit of Taylor county, or crippling any service the county owes the people."

Vote for Judge William Pierson, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. On a splendid record he won first primary by about 42,000. He is able, conscientious and worthy. Re-elect him. (Political Advertising.)

So quietly does a groundhog sleep during hibernation that an observer would have to use instruments to be sure that it is breathing.

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## Lost 20 Lbs. of Fat In Just 4 Weeks

Mrs. Mae West of St. Louis, Mo., writes: "I'm only 28 years old and weighed 170 lbs. until taking one box of your Kruschen Salts just 4 weeks ago. I now weigh 150 lbs. I also have more energy and furthermore I've never had a hungry moment."

Fat folks should take one half teaspoonful of Kruschen Salts in a glass of hot water in the morning before breakfast—it's the SAFE, harmless way to reduce as tens of thousands of men and women know.

For your health's sake ask for and get Kruschen at any drug store—the cost for a bottle that lasts 4 weeks is but a trifle and if after the first bottle you are not joyfully satisfied with results—money back.



### BRIDE HONORED.

On last Thursday afternoon the beautiful home of Mrs. S. D. Gamble was the scene of a gay party by members of the Junior Sunday School of the Baptist church complimenting the head of their department, Mrs. Comer Haynes, who was until recently Miss Lucy Tracy.

Outdoor games were played on the lawn and at the culmination of the play-hour, little Miss Geraldine Teague presented the honoree with a lovely Axminster rug. Delicious cream and cake was served to Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Dent Gibson, Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Mr. John Toombs, Misses Edith Baker, Margaret Canon and Floy Ash, Little Misses Katherine Russell of Fort Worth, Billie Louise Nix, Elma Maye Gamble, Lurline Tarlton, Dela Vergne Teague, Rose Mary Lassiter, Mildred Bird, Dorothy Sue Bird, Lena Maye Moore, Becky Gardner, Geraldine Teague, Barbara Nell Dewitt, Masters Charles Escue, Don Warren, L. B. Gibson, David Gibson.

### CLUB PARTY.

The home of Mrs. Brooks Patterson was the scene of a happy gathering of "42" players on last Thursday afternoon. At the culmination of the games Mr. Patterson was assisted in serving delicious refreshments by Mrs. Claude Dye to Mesdames Eli Case, C. K. Russell, Fred Latham, Herbert Patterson, R. F. Mashburn, Fred Baker, B. C. Moore, Duncan Briggs, J. E. Richardson, Doc Vaughn, Oscar Buford, W. M. Gambill, F. E. Church, E. L. Turner and E. L. Yeats.

### FAMILY REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker were very happy to entertain with a sumptuous dinner Sunday in honor of their children and grandchildren, who are visiting them. Those enjoying the day with Mr. and Mrs. Baker were Mrs. Jewel McLaughlin, a daughter from McAadoo, and her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dennis, and son of Matador, Mr. and Mrs. Claude McLaughlin and daughter of McAadoo and Bruce McLaughlin of McAadoo, Mr. and Mrs. Brit Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker and daughter, Miss Edith Baker, and son, Fred Baker, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson and son, Byron Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn and son, Terrell Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dye and son, Billie Jean.

### HOUSE GUEST COMPLIMENTED.

Miss Bettye Lou Grimes entertained last week in honor of her guest, Miss Emma Lillian Savage of Abilene, with a swimming party at Shannon's

pool on Thursday afternoon.

After a delightful swim a watermelon feast was enjoyed by Misses Emma Lillian Savage, Elma Maye Gamble, Billie Bernice Gambill, Dela Vergne Teague, Sarah Sheppard, Bettye Lou Grimes, Messrs. Bud Gambill, Tally Holloway, Jr., Reed Faust, of Comfort, Robert Grimes, Jr., Lawrence Thornton.

### SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Dean Higgins complimented her husband Tuesday night with a surprise birthday party. Music, jokes and contests were enjoyed throughout the entertaining hours.

The hostess passed mixed candies after which iced watermelons were served to Misses Lillian and Edna Jowers, Una Mae and Georgia Fay Rister, Edith Sedberry, Messrs. Jack, Bill and Paxton Hays, Joe Higgins, Jarrett Pinckley, Nim Teaff and the honoree and hostess.

### WATERMELON FEAST.

On Tuesday evening at Shannon's pool a group of young people enjoyed a watermelon feast.

Games were played and delicious watermelons were served to Misses Fay and Marcella Pinckley, Gladys Petty, Ruth Pinckley, Willie Mae Hudson, Winifred Yancey, Pauline and Marie Pinckley, Messrs. Vernon and James Hudson, Pete Petty and Messrs. and Mesdames W. C. Lee and Jessie Hudson of Putnam.

### THORN-MARTIN.

Mr. Edwin Thorn and Miss Reba Martin were quietly married on Tuesday at the home of Brother Williams, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church in Abilene. Miss Alta Thorn, sister of the groom, and Miss Ruby Grace James, a friend of both of the contracting parties, were the only attendants. The young couple will be with the groom's mother, Mrs. E. Thorn, south of town.

### BRIDAL SHOWER.

Complimenting Mrs. Edwin Thorn, bride of Tuesday, Mrs. J. W. Barbee entertained with a bridal shower Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in her home in Bettis heights. Guests were: Mrs. Bill Decker, Misses Ruby Grace Jones, Alta Thorn, Myrtice Rice, Etta Pruitt, Lena Webb, Ruby Rice, Ouida Rice, Neoma Grayson, Lois Oleta Thorn, Nell Pruitt, Floy Wells, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. E. W. Thorn and the honoree.

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## Pecan Specialist Visits "La Puerta"

W. B. Burkett of Clyde, state pecan specialist, was a visitor to Merkel this week and Rev. E. L. Yeats had the pleasure of showing his pecan orchard, "La Puerta," near Roby to the horticultural expert Monday.

In addition to complimenting the site as an ideal location for pecan propagation, Mr. Burkett cited the planting of this orchard as pioneering in pecan creek orchards, which he heartily commended.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

## Round Trip Rate of \$7.75 to El Paso

Another popular excursion rate of \$7.75 for the round trip from Merkel to El Paso is announced by the Texas and Pacific railway to be on sale one day only, Saturday, August 20, final limit for return August 30.

On sale two days, August 20 and 21, the Texas and Pacific offers a very low round trip rate of \$35.90 to Los Angeles and San Diego, Calif., (\$10.00 more to San Francisco.) 21 days in addition to the date of sale are allowed for return.

# SPECIALS

## FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

TOMATOES, fancy pinks, pound	5c
COMPOUND, full 8 lb. pail	65c
OATS, 55 ounce package	15c
BLACKBERRIES, new crop, No. 2 size	10c
PORK & BEANS, 3 cans	20c
SOAP, Cocoa Hardwater, pkg. of 6 for	25c
K. C., 50c size	35c—25c size 19c
VANILLA EXTRACT, 8 oz. imitation	25c
SYRUP, Dreamland, gallon	50c
SOAP, all kinds, giant size, 6 for	25c
COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 2 lbs.	27c
CATSUP, full 14 oz. bottle	16c
PEANUT BUTTER, quart jar	25c
CRACKERS, 2 lb. Saltine	19c

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## To The Citizens of Taylor County:

I am highly elated at the proposed budget recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee pertaining to reduction of county expenses. And if elected, I shall voluntarily, without equivocation, accept just such reductions in compensation.

I will prepare my books this fall, on my own time, and on January 1st begin seeing just how much of Taylor County I can assess in four months, solely by myself, and that by contacting the people in person as the law prescribes, I shall always be found cooperating with the Commissioners' Court in the interest of economy, and that of all people in the matter of property assessments and valuations.

I have the ability to operate your Assessor's office on just as economical a basis as any person, and that will be done.

Sincerely,

# C. W. Boyce

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I take pleasure in certifying to the honesty, efficiency and worthiness of C. W. Boyce who is a candidate for County Tax Assessor. He has been my Deputy for six years and I've always found him courteous and accommodating to every one he came in contact with.

I am not running any one for office, have no axe to grind in this contest.

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