

STERLING CITY NEWS-RECORD



Around OUR PLACE
by Fred Gipson

All week long I've been as ringy as a bob tailed bull in fly time. I'm not certain just what started this grouch, unless it is a fishing trip I took the other day with Joe Small.

Small is the stringy editor of The Southern Sportsman magazine and he came to fish with me on the strength of my assurance that in a hideaway pool I'd discovered up on Mill Creek there were bass so numerous that when the water is low they sometimes have to swim in shifts.

Well, the bass were there, if I did stretch the blanket a bit about their number. But would they take a lure? They would not. We chucked everything but our hats at them and they lay back there under the lily pads and gave us the fishy eye.

I have come to the conclusion that those were just old ignorant country bass that do not know what these city fied lures are made for. But how can you explain a thic like that to the editor of an outdoor magazine after he's crippled himself among the rocks and the brush chasing bullfrogs as a buck negro in a moonlight graveyard?

For frogs were all those bass would take, and not many of them we couldn't catch the frogs!

An afternoon of the most strenuous work I have done in years resulted in our leaving Mill Creek with three legal bass and enough cow ticks to keep us busy clawing our hides for the next couple of weeks.

But fishing is not what I set out to gripe about. What's got me ready to prize up hell and prop it with a chunk is the salaries paid to Uncle Sam's buck private soldiers.

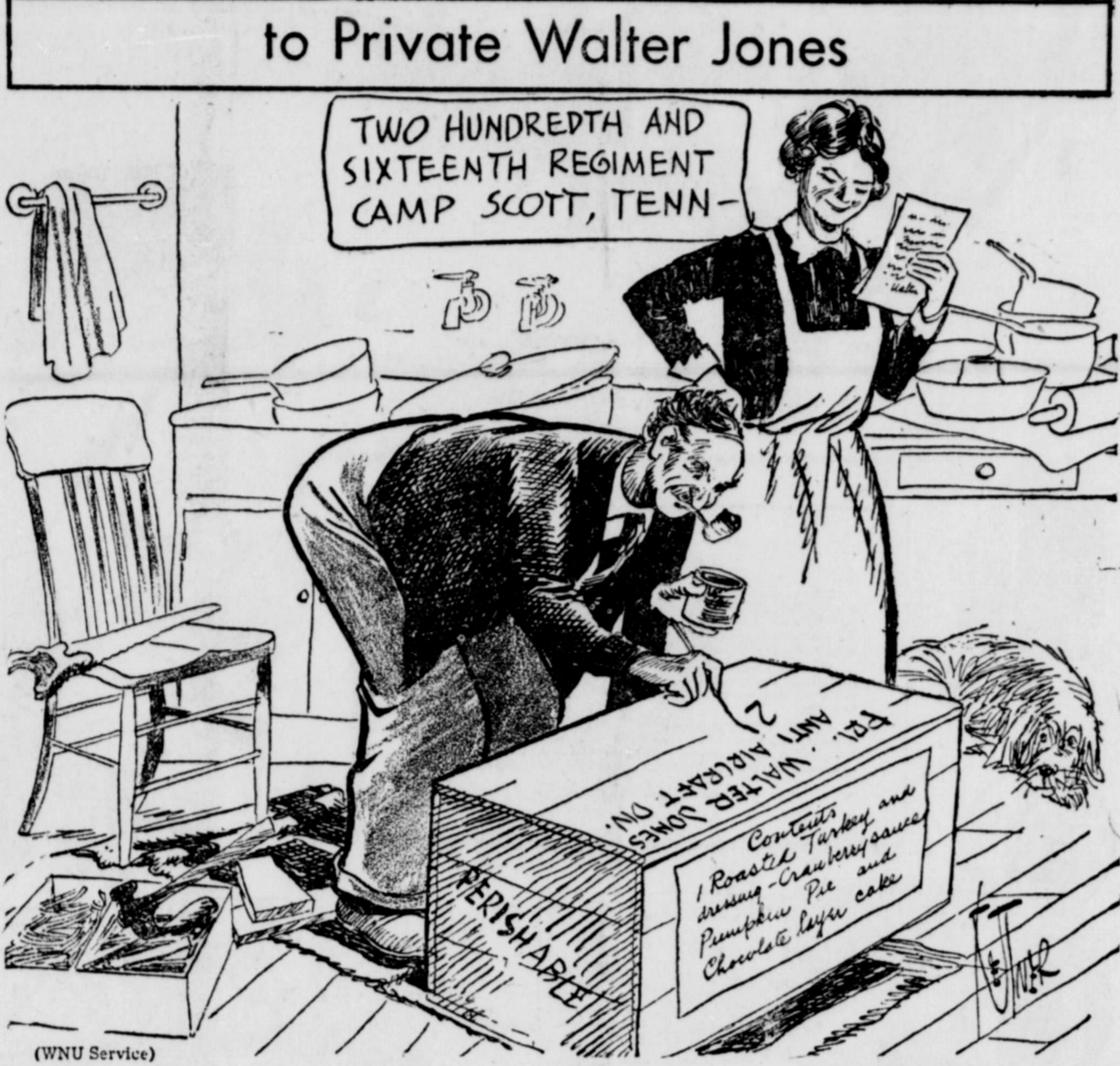
I was too young for the first World War. I'm a little old for this second one. But when I think of fine young men training for their own slaughter on \$21.00 a month, I am beset with a compelling urge to knock somebody's teeth back down a throat.

As if the soldiers had any say in that matter!

It seems to me that a worker in an airplane factory, for instance, is worth \$200 dollars a month, the sorriest kind of a soldier risking his life to save this country for the profiteers is worth at least half that much.

Sure—I know the howl that would go up if Uncle Sam were to pay his soldiers anything like a wage comparable to what defense workers get. Tax payers would run in circles, yelping like hound dogs caught in smokehouses. "It'll break the government!" they'd squall.

But did you ever here a govern-



(WNU Service)

DRAWING THE STING OF OLD AGE

When a fellow is getting old and the pangs of rheumatism make him wonder if life is worth living after the vigor of manhood fades, he is often brought to the realization that after all, old age brings a lot of sweet rewards. The respect of those who come after him and are in the vigor of life is worth bearing all the ills to which old age is heir.

The other day I was hobbling through the grass on the court house lawn when I stepped into a hole and fell. I was maneuvering to get on my feet again when a couple of lads who were playing nearby saw me and ran to help me up. Each laid hold of my arms and helped me to rise and steadied me until we reached the pavement. I was not aware that these two fine lads had seen me fall.

As we reached the pavement, something got into my throat as I thanked them for their kindness. My voice didn't sound right to them and they thought I had been hurt by the fall, but I wasn't. It was because of the gratitude I felt toward them.

Most every day, Johnny, Bill, Nan, Willie Belle, Roy, Anna Lee, and a dozen others pick me up in their cars and carry me home. You know, the respect and sweet courtesies extended to me by these youngsters serves to draw the sting of my old age and infirmities.

It is great to live in a community whose younger generation is full of respect for age and is always ready to lend a hand to support the faltering steps of those who have grown old.

These youngsters make one feel that, after all, it is not so bad to be old—Uncle Bill.

MAN'S ESTATE

Fred Gipson, who writes the column, "Around Our Place," for this and other papers, has at last come into man's estate.

When he acquired the Duchess, about all Fred could think or write about was the Duchess; and to my mind, she was and is all that he said she was, and then some.

Then, as Good Lord had decreed and ordained, a son, named Mike Gipson, came into the Gipson home to make Fred a man of good standing in the community in which he and his regal Duchess live.

The attention formerly bestowed upon the Duchess has been transferred to Mike. While Mike's antics and baby activities are common to all normal babies, yet, every funny little incident and impish trick is full of human interest. No normal man or woman, who has come into his or her estate, can read "About Our Place" without a thrill as Fred tells how it all happened.

Fred has found a true subject of which to write, and until Mike begins to shave and make dates with the girls, Fred will always have plenty of readers.—Uncle Bill.

Wallace-Cope Marriage

Miss Mary Joe Wallace and Robert Cope were married at the Methodist Parsonage at Mills on November 1, the Reverend Leon Brown officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wallace of this town. The bridegroom is a member of the medical detachment at Goodfellow Field at San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Cope are at home in San Angelo.

Wool Market Is Awakened Here

After slumbering for the past three months, the wool market here awoke with a start yesterday when around 325,000 pounds of twelve months wool sold at prices ranging from 41 to 42½ cents per pound.

Martin C. Reed Wool & Mohair Warehouse sold around 190,000 pounds to Joe Blakeney for Hallowell, Jones & Donald of Boston at 41 cents.

Sterling Wool & Mohair Company sold 135,000 pounds to Joe Hunter and Hallowell, Jones & Donald at prices ranging from 41 to 42½ cents per pound.

While this is the only considerable lot of wool sold by local wool houses this season, prices remain steady and it is believed that the entire accumulation will soon move out.

Local Red Cross Makes Much clothing

Members of the Sterling County Red Cross have made 165 garments, knitted 135 sweaters, crocheted 14 shawls and knitted 3 scarfs.

Those knitting four or more sweaters are:

- Mrs. G. H. Cannon, 13; E. B. Butler, 13; R. P. Davis, 9; H. L. Pearce 11; W. R. Hudson, 10; Seth Bailey, 5; Martin, 10; George Broome, 11; Ben Atwell, 6; D. P. Glass, 9; H. P. Malloy, 4.

Rev. Geo. M. Sullivan of Pecos was mingling with friends here last Monday.

ment going broke that hadn't just recently lost a war?

Now that I've got that "subversive propoganda" off my chest I seem to have forgotten what else meant to gripe about.

Apparently, very little is thought of my ideas for making this world a place of peace and happiness, any how. I've gripped about the weather for years, and nothing's been done about it as yet.

But a man just naturally has to let off steam sometimes.

ARMISTICE DAY

We celebrated Armistice Day last Tuesday. We did so in honor of the noble dead, so that the living may know that we have not forgotten our dead who died for the cause of freedom and justice.

If there be one so thoughtless and lost to native pride as to say that our heroes gave their lives in vain, let him hide in shame, where his croaking voice is not heard and his covering face is not seen.

This is a holy day! With pride we point to the heroic deeds of those who heard their country's call and willingly went forth to do battle with her enemies and the enemies of humanity. Hosts of them are now sleeping beneath the poppies in Flanders Field, but we want them to know that we are holding the torch that was thrown to us when they sank to rise no more.

The living must keep alive the memory of those who so nobly made the supreme sacrifice that democracy might live.—Uncle Bill.

Boy Scout Hike

Boy Scout Troop 51 of Sterling City celebrated Armistice Day by taking an eight mile hike to the nearby mountains. Various items of interest were discovered including sea shells, interesting rock formations, and unique cacti. Nine boys passed their Knife and Hatchet requirement for Second Class Badge.

Those participating in the days activity were Jackie Durham, Joe Snead, Joe David Crosso, Billy Findt, Billy Hudson, Bobby Luckett, Narvin Brown, Claudell Reed, Edgar Finney, Joseph Blank, Billy Gene Ray, Jackie Tweedle, Darrell Rhoden and Lowell O. Ryan, Scoutmaster.

Logan Spalding Dead

Logan Spalding died at Colorado City on Monday of last week and was buried the next day in a cemetery of that City. He was a brother of Mrs. T. S. Foster of Sterling City, who attended the funeral.

The deceased was well known to many of the citizens here, where he had often visited in the past.

TRADING WITH HOME FOLKS

Some people are prone to pass up their home folks and trade with those who live at a distance. Distance, you know, lends enchantment to the view.

When we farmed, Brother and I made sorghum syrup during the summer and fall season. After much practice we became quite efficient at making fine syrup. The neighbors soon learned of this and we had no trouble in finding a ready market for our product.

We had a neighbor, whom I will call John Bolivar. John said he always bought his syrup from Kellum & Rotan at Waco, and always got the best for his family.

We had made a barrel of extra fancy syrup and tried to sell it to Mr. Bolivar. He tasted it and said it was very good for homemade syrup, but he preferred to buy store bought syrup. So we hauled this particular barrel of syrup to Kellum & Rotan, and requested Ed Rotan to hold it and make a special effort to sell it to John Bolivar.

In a few days John came in and when he called at the store, Ed told him that they had just received a consignment of the finest syrup, and he was holding back a barrel of it especially for him, because he always demanded the best.

"Just step back here, John" said Ed, "and sample it." Ed poured out a sample on a piece of white paper, and it looked like a ladle of melted gold. John tasted it, and it was like new honey. He smacked his lips and said: "how much is it?"

"Seventy-five cents a gallon," said Ed. "I've got cheaper stuff, but you always want the best."

Roll'er out," said John.

When John got home, he bragged to his neighbors about a barrel of fine syrup he bought from Kellum & Rotan. He sent samples of it to some of his neighbors, and they declared that it was the same as that they had been getting from us.

After awhile the joke leaked out, and everybody rawhided John for buying syrup at Waco at 75 cents per gallon when he could have bought it at 50 cents where it was made by his neighbor within a mile of his home.—Uncle Bill.

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RURAL TRENDS
BY ROGER M. KYES

IT'S A SMALLER WORLD

Not very many years ago, a farm family was a pretty isolated and self-contained unit of civilization. The problems of that family, and the solution of those problems, were fairly well confined within the fences of the farm itself.



That has been changed by modern inventions. First came the automobile, with its traveling companion, the hard-surfaced road. That made the farmer a better and closer neighbor. It became an hour's trip to town and back, instead of a whole day's journey.

Then along came the RFD, which brought the farmer his mail, and his daily paper, right to his front gate every day. He began to know what was happening, not only in the county seat, but in the nation and the world.

And finally the radio arrived, with the effect of making the whole world a group of neighbors. There was a time when there could be a war in China, and we wouldn't know a thing about it for six months. And every school boy knows that the battle of New Orleans was won by "Old Hickory" several weeks after the war was over and peace declared!

That can never happen again. We know about battles in Europe, or torpedoes in the Indian Ocean, actually while they are taking place. Truly, it's a smaller, more intimate world.

The benefits we have all enjoyed from modern transportation and modern communication must not be regarded as one-way tickets to better fuller living. If we have more neighbors, we must have more neighborliness.

A drought, or a war, on the other side of the world, which used to seem a million miles away, now takes place, so far as effect is concerned, in our own yards. We have become a part of the world. Perhaps we still live off the main highway, but our individual farm, large or small, is itself a part of the world, with a full share of responsibility toward the millions of neighbors we now have.

We can no longer tell ourselves "Let those foreigners settle their own affairs; I've got troubles of my own." That doesn't work any more.

Look at the present world-wide struggle if you want a case history. We didn't make the war, perhaps we didn't contribute a single factor to its underlying causes. Definitely, it's not our war. We don't want to be in it at all. But we feel the effects of it, whether we like it or not. If you need any further evidence that we have a responsibility in this war, just think of what your tax bills will be next year, and for all the years to come.

We are neighbors of the whole world. We have to be neighborly.

Church of Christ

R. D. Smith, minister

You are invited to attend the services at the Church of Christ. You will always be welcome and your presence will be appreciated.

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Preaching at 11:00 a. m.,
Communion Services at 11:45
Preaching at 7:45, p. m.

Prayer meeting at 7:45 Wednesday evening.

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What to Do in Case of An Enemy Air Raid



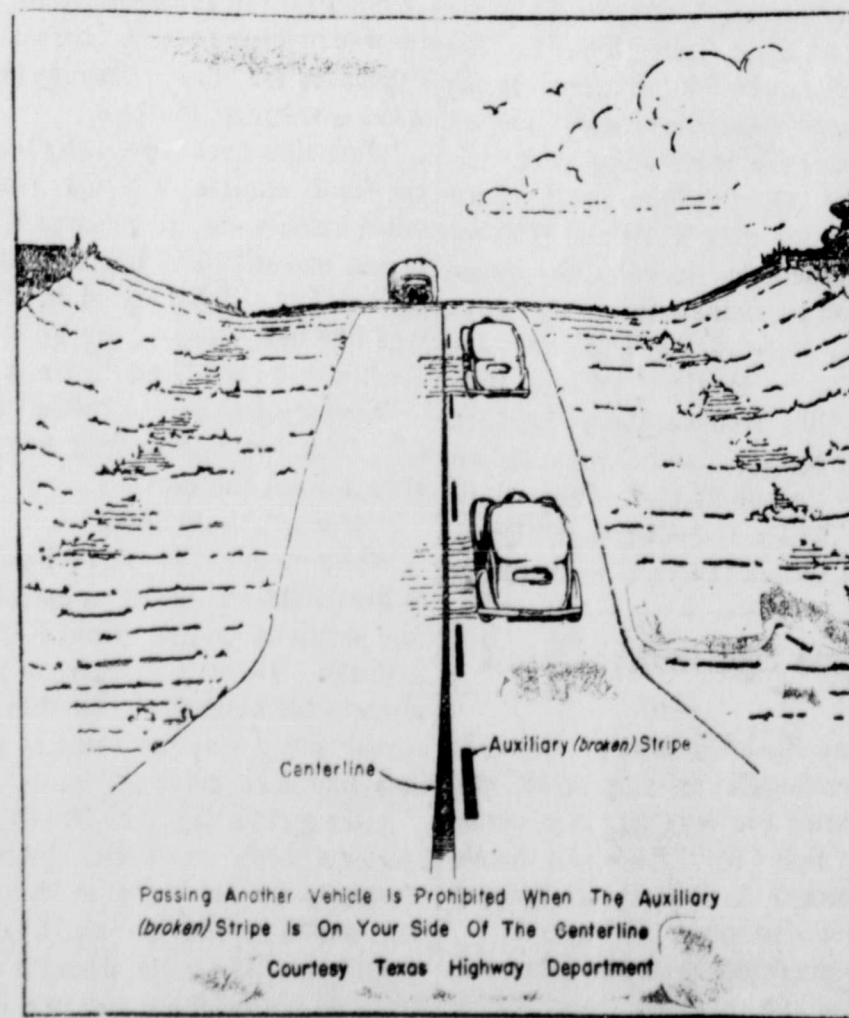
But It's True

PIERRE MIS
FRENCH STATESMAN OF THE LATE 18TH CENTURY, KILLED 64 MEN IN DUELS BEFORE HE HIMSELF LOST HIS LIFE THAT WAY IN 1797...

FIFTY BUMPS IS A TOWN IN OKLAHOMA!

SAMUEL KROLL OF GUERNSEY CENTER, NOVA SCOTIA, HAS USED THE SAME MOTORCYCLE FOR 36 YEARS!

WHEN BEAVERS BUILT A FIVE-STORY, 18-ROOM HOUSE... NEAR WESTPORT, NEW YORK... SUMMER OF 1919.



Sometime during last Wednesday night, an itinerant skunk must have stolen in this shop, stunked and then stole out, because when I came in, Vinnie Fred had her nose aimed the ceiling with a phooley expression on her face.

I did not ask any questions, because the first breath I took plainly answered any I might have made. The overpowering odor of a skunk nearly stifled us. However after firing up the heater and several of us got around the stove, we soon had all smelled up.—Uncle Bill

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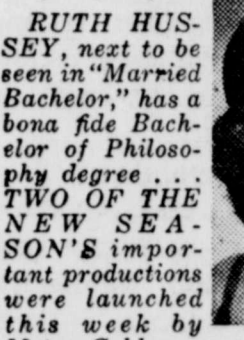
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BROADWAY & HOLLYWOOD

By Lee O. Lyon
If you're blue and want something sooney We'd suggest any movie With Rooney.



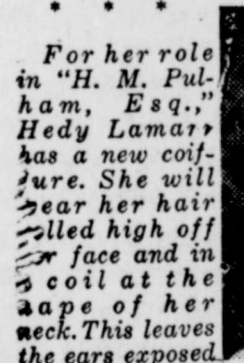
MICKEY ROONEY has had a most eventful career. He's met the President of the United States, some of America's and the world's nobility and had adulation of all sorts heaped on his young shoulders. But his truly big moment came when "Melodante," a symphonic composition by Mickey, was publicly played and broadcast for the first time. Mickey had been working on this symphony for more than two years. "That," said this popular young star, "was my thrill of a lifetime!"



RUTH HUSSEY, next to be seen in "Married Bachelor," has a bona fide Bachelor of Philosophy degree... TWO OF THE NEW SEASON'S important productions were launched this week by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. These are "Johnny Eager," an underworld drama that teams Robert Taylor and Lana Turner for the first time, and "Steel Cavalry," a story of the Army's mechanized forces starring Wally Beery as a top sergeant... Reginald Owen and Fay Bainter have won important roles in "Woman of the Year," the Spencer Tracy-Katharine Hepburn co-starring story.



A busy schedule confronts **SPENCER TRACY**. Having completed "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," this star is ready to begin work in "Woman of the Year" with Katharine Hepburn. When this chore is completed he's slated to star in the adaptation of John Steinbeck's "Tortilla Flats." And no rest after this one either, for he has just been assigned another starring vehicle, "This Strange Adventure," which Anthony Veiller and William H. Wright have adapted from Clyde Brion Davis' novel...



For her role in "H. M. Pulham, Esq.," **HEDY LAMARR** has a new coiffure. She will wear her hair pulled high off her face and in a coil at the nape of her neck. This leaves the ears exposed, and to cover them up, Hedy will wear earrings... Current New York visitor is Joan Crawford, vacationing from her recently completed "When Ladies Meet."... **CHILL WILLS**, last seen with Wally Beery in "Barnacle Bill," will rejoin that star in "Steel Cavalry." Henry O'Neill, the editor in "Billy the Kid," is another to join the Beery cast... When you see **VAN HEFLIN** in "The Feminine Touch," you'll appreciate M-G-M's plans for this recruit from the New York stage. Heflin, you'll recall, played opposite Katharine Hepburn in the stage version of "The Philadelphia Story."

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Messrs. and Meadames Marvin
Martin and F. M. Williams went to
Lamesa last Tuesday, where Mr. and
Mrs. Williams will spend a time in
visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lane were in
town from their Reagan County
ranch last Saturday. They reported
that stock and range conditions in
their country were never better.

Jack Frost was here Wednesday
morning biting everything that was
green. He made the rank growth of
green weeds look like a fire had
scorched them. The temperature
was three degrees below the freezing
point.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snow of Eden
celebrated their 40th wedding anni-
versary by visiting old time friends
here last Monday. The Snows came
here in 1909 and made their home
for a number of years and made
many warm friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cannon spent
last Sunday and Monday in Austin
where they visited their son, Gar-
land, who is a freshman in the Uni-
versity of Texas. Garland made third
highest grade in chemistry in a class
of 600 students in last examinations

Methodist Church

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Morning worship, 11 o'clock
Young People's Service 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:00 o'clock

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10:00 Teaching service
11:00 Devotional in song
11:30 Sermon
P. m.
6:30 B. T. U. Training service
7:30 Evening worship
Monday
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Wednesday
P. m.
7:00 Evening devotion
7:30 Choir practice
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Alice Marble Says 'Easy Does It'



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