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LIONS TO HAVE FISH FRY FOR LADIES' NIGHT

Tuesday, June 16, Set for Event Complimenting the Ladies; Tuesday Luncheon was "Guest Day;" Merriment Abounds.

Fourteen guests were present at the special "Guest Day" luncheon of the Lions club last Tuesday and the event was, as is usually the case with Lion club affairs, stamped a decided success. Including club members, there were about thirty present.

Following the club singing, led by E. Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown playing the accompaniment, the invocation was given by Rev. R. A. Walker. A. T. Sheppard was presented by President Dillingham as the toastmaster and he turned the duties over to Rev. E. L. Yeats.

Incidental piano music during the luncheon was pleasingly rendered by Mrs. Brown.

Much merriment was caused by roll call responses on the weighty question, "What words to use in parting from one's wife after breakfast so as to have hot biscuits for dinner." This was carried out in happy vein under the lighthearted guidance of the toastmaster.

Dee Grimes, reporting for the committee on ladies' night, announced that a fish fry was in prospect, to take place on the night of the next meeting date, Tuesday, June 16. The place will be the golf club. There will be no luncheon on that date. Volunteers in great numbers responded to join the party to catch the fish.

Rev. R. A. Walker is to be toastmaster at the next noon luncheon, which will be the first meeting date in July. He will be assisted by W. W. Haynes.

The guest list for Tuesday's luncheon read: Mrs. E. Yates Brown, Messrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr., George Woodrum, Henry West, Byars Petty, George Caple, Wren Durham, L. B. Reeves, Frank Golladay, George West, James H. West, T. G. Bragg and Dr. M. Armstrong.

Four Merkelites on Summer Jury Panel

Four men from Merkel and the rural routes out of this city and four Abileneans make up fifty per cent of the grand jury panel for the 104th district court. Judge Chapman's court will open its seven weeks summer term at Abilene next Monday and from the following 16 men the grand jury of 12 will be picked:

H. H. Toombs, Eli Cordill, A. R. Booth and F. T. Hogan, Merkel; E. M. Whately, W. J. Fulwiler, B. Miller and D. D. Parramore, Abilene; G. L. Fox, Buffalo Gap; T. C. Richardson, Hamby; Will Ne Smith, Potosi; R. M. Beasley, Trent; Walter Taylor, Tuscola; H. U. Drummond, View; J. S. Hamon, Goldsboro; and Tom W. Foster, Wingate.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 9, 1911.)

A NEW BUSINESS OPENED.

The Merkel Bottling works has been overhauled, cleansed and put in first class running order. We are ready to furnish all kinds of bottle goods, such as has been handled here before, and also furnish gas for fountains and ice cream in any quantity at all hours.

We are here to accommodate the public and solicit your trade. Patronize home industry and watch it grow. J. N. Routh, Mgr.

Misses Josie Lowrey, Ola and Annie Pope left Saturday for Canyon City to attend the summer normal.

Frank Ferrier resigned his position with B. C. Gaither and Sons and is now with Rust and McCauley Drug Co.

Miss E. Love Hawkins left Monday for her old home in Tennessee.

Wesley Edwards has been visiting in and near Midland since our last issue.

W. A. Scott was in Abilene on business Saturday.

A large crowd assembled at the tab-

Two Needy Sisters Lease Land for Oil; Get \$35,000 Apiece

Henderson, Texas, June 4.—Riches do not always come when they are needed most, but when they do, they are doubly welcome. This was the experience of Mrs. Della Reagan-Wooley and Mrs. Lizzie Reagan-Herman, sisters, living in what is known as the Old London community, ten miles northwest of Henderson on adjoining farms, one having thirty acres and the other about sixty acres.

While the farms of the two sisters were free from incumbrances when Henderson came on the map as an oil-producing section, in September of last year, neither of the sisters was overly blessed with this world's goods; in fact, they were sorely pressed, by reason of crop failures and other unfavorable conditions. Both Mrs. Wooley and Mrs. Harmon have several children about grown.

Up to the present time, as a result of leases sold, Mrs. Wooley has realized \$35,000 from her acreage, a similar amount having been received by Mrs. Harmon, with a small amount of royalty sold by both. The greater portion of their royalty rights are still maintained.

Merkel's Roque Team Captures Breck Tourney

Breckenridge, June 4.—Merkel's crack roque team beat their way through an entry list of 23 teams to win the two-day roque tournament here Friday and Saturday.

The Merkel team, Joe Hendricks and little Joe Higgins, scored an easy victory over the Breckenridge team, composed of Jack Johnson and Jim Wragg, to win the tournament. Johnson and Wragg had played good roque to enter the finals, defeating the former state championship team from Fort Worth to go to the finals. Merkel defeated the locals two straight games in the final match.

Large crowds watched the roque games played each day and night.

Twenty-three teams were entered in the tournament from Fort Worth, Cleburne, Mineral Wells, Merkel, Cisco, Abilene, Baird, Albany and Breckenridge.

Besides the members of the championship team, the Merkel entries included Tom Coats, R. W. Conder, Uncle Joe Higgins, King, Ike Garrett and Jess Anderson.

One Quarter Inch Rain.

While the rainfall was heavier in some other parts of the county, the gauge of B. M. Black, volunteer weather observer, showed only a quarter of an inch for Merkel for the weekend. Even this small amount of rain did considerable good, however.

ernacle Monday night to hear Dr. Eichelberger speak on the prohibition question.

Merkel Camp U. C. V. will meet in regular session at the city hall June 4 at 2 p. m. In addition to the regular business Lieut. S. R. Curtis will make his report as delegate to the reunion at Little Rock; Dr. J. T. L. Annis will give a historic sketch of the state of religion in the general organization and Hon. J. T. Tucker will speak on the good of the order.

Meeting open to the public. A. A. Baker, Com. W. H. Hawkins, Adj.

Mesdames Moore and Hibbits returned Monday from Fort Worth where they have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Kunze.

Mrs. E. M. Rust left Sunday for Dallas to attend a meeting of the jewelers and opticians.

One of the last duties of Rev. W. C. Taggart as pastor of the Baptist Church at Merkel was to baptize three of our young people at Cunts tank Sunday. It is the manly thing to do to join the army if you wish to make a soldier.



KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

A pilotless monoplane was flown successfully by radio control from another airplane at the Houston municipal airport Monday.

A votive candle was credited with starting flames which fatally burned three-months-old Francisco Hernandez in his crib at Juarez Monday.

Construction work is under way on the \$1,500,000 hydroelectric plant being built on the main canal of the Maverick county irrigation district.

Fort Worth has been selected as the site of the narcotic hospital for the western half of the United States by the joint interdepartmental committee.

Fire of undetermined origin Saturday destroyed a small wooden hangar and three airplanes at the Houston airport, causing damage estimated at \$25,000.

John Ross, 64, fell dead over the grave of his parents at Washington cemetery in Houston while working at the burial plot, where he had been accustomed to spend much time hoeing and chopping weeds.

Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley in a tour of army posts visited Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio Wednesday and then expected to visit Fort Brown at Brownsville and Fort Bliss at El Paso.

Governor Sterling's first veto was addressed against the bill providing for licensing of ginners, his reasons being that the bill would place an additional burden on gin operators and would be of no benefit to producers of cotton.

James T. Brooks of Big Spring has been named by Governor Sterling as special judge of the 32nd judicial district, a temporary second judgeship for this district having been created for a period of two years by an act of the 42nd legislature.

C. C. Julian, prominent Oklahoma and California oil operator, and his aide, C. C. Boren, were fined \$5,000 at Laredo Monday and freed of charges of assault, conspiracy and kidnapping, while Clay Mann, another associate, was freed on "insufficient evidence."

Ben C. Richards, Jr., of Dallas, former Ku Klux Klan official, who was convicted of forgery in connection with a bet over the result of the Mayfield-Connally senatorial race, that ended in the slaying of the stakeholder, has been granted a general parole by Governor Sterling.

First of the five men to be tried for the alleged kidnapping of Robert Cerf, son of a prominent Corsicana banker, Currie Caldwell was found guilty Wednesday of assault on a person while masked and his punishment was assessed at twelve years imprisonment.

With the expected arrival of 12 veteran members of the United States customs border patrol from Detroit, plans are going forward for the establishment with headquarters at Galveston of a coast patrol against liquor smugglers to extend from Corpus Christi into Louisiana.

San Antonio was selected as the 1932 convention city of the county and district clerks association of Texas and L. Emmett Walker of Coleman was elected president to succeed Miss Belle Wellborn of Abilene at the closing session of the organizations annual convention in Dallas Saturday.

Figures compiled by J. R. Moore of Austin, statistician of the Texas association of Railway general managers, show that the principal railroads of Texas have had to take a loss of more than 50 per cent in net operating income during the first three months of 1931, as compared with the same period of 1930.

STOCKS STAGE BEST ADVANCE IN 12 MONTHS

Upturn Net \$3 to \$8 per Share Gains; 3,300,000 Turnover Made; Traders Cheered by Rebound on Exchange.

New York, June 4.—The stock market treated itself Wednesday to the strongest rally in almost a year.

In a turnover of 3,300,000 shares, equity securities of the country's leading corporations, battered by a three months' decline, bounced up \$3 to \$8 net as shorts scrambled to cover during the afternoon hour.

Although brokerage houses felt the recovery might not be more than a technical rebound after a period of heavy selling, sentiment was cheered by the change in trend. The advance averaged \$7.30 for 90 stocks, the largest net gain since June 19, 1930, when the market temporarily revived from a spring drive on prices. The improvement that day averaged \$7.40 a share.

Two constructive developments influenced the rally. First, there was the news that the government would not oppose further, by carrying an appeal, the merger of Standard Oil of New York and Vacuum Oil Company into the billion dollar General Petroleum Corporation.

Wall Street placed a constructive interpretation on this decision, holding that it indicated a more lenient attitude not only toward possible consolidations of the old Standard Oil units, which have been forced to paddle their own canoes while independent companies were merging, but toward unions in other lines. Any steps that would strengthen the oil industry by eliminating duplications, effecting more orderly production permitting fair profits, would be welcomed.

The other event was the announcement that the big New York banks had decided to cut margin requirements on collateral loans to brokers to 20 percent from 25 per cent. This meant that the loan value on acceptable stock exchange securities had been lifted to 80 per cent from 75 per cent, and was viewed as reflecting a belief in banking circles that such stocks were conservatively priced.

There have been reports that a huge money pool was to be formed to support the market, but the step taken Wednesday suggested that the banks had decided to extend aid through the medium of lower margin requirements which might be expected to stimulate borrowing for market purposes.

Thirty-Eight Entries Competing in Yard And Garden Contest

First judging in the Yard and Garden contest, sponsored by the Merkel Lions club, assisted by a committee of ladies, including Mrs. Len Sublett, chairman, and Mesdames Dee Grimes and Booth Warren, took place Monday and Tuesday afternoons of this week.

It was especially noted that the yards visited were well kept from front to back, cleanliness being one of the marked effects of the general participation of the contestants.

Thirty-eight yards were judged, the entries totalling this number when the time for entering the contest expired on June 1.

The yards will be judged twice more during the contest, on July 1 and on August 1, the contest closing on the latter date.

The Colorful Story Of Roy Bean, "Law West of the Pecos"

San Antonio, June 4.—At last the colorful, picturesque and resourceful "Judge" Roy Bean is to come into his own. Twenty-eight years after the famous self-styled "Law West of the Pecos," Justice of the Peace, saloonkeeper, wit, jester and grand alcade of a far-flung, though mythical, jurisdiction passed away at Langtry, he is the subject of an entertaining biography by Everett Lloyd, San Antonio editor and writer.

The title of Lloyd's book is "Law West of the Pecos: The Story of Roy Bean," the first edition of which will be released to the book trade and libraries in June by the University Press, Inc., 419 Main avenue, San Antonio.

For several years Mr. Lloyd has been collecting material and photographs for the Bean biography. The chapters dealing with the life and times of Bean accurately cover all the events of his career.

Everett Lloyd is widely known in newspaper and literary circles. He was educated at Tulane University and the University of Texas. As a newspaper reporter he worked on various papers throughout the country and for five years was staff writer of the National Magazine of Boston. His home is in San Antonio, where he is the editor and publisher of Lloyd's Magazine.

Merkel Girl Begins Duties as San Saba Demonstration Agent

On June 1 Miss Lorena Dry, daughter of Mrs. J. M. Dry, of this city began her new duties as home demonstration agent for San Saba county.

With the close of the past school year, she resigned her place as teacher of domestic science in the Ennis public schools, where she had taught for several years, and both by preparation and training she is well qualified to fill her new position.

After graduation from the Merkel Public schools, Miss Dry taught in the local public schools and then attended the College of Industrial Arts where she received her B. A. degree.

Her many friends are extending congratulations and best wishes for success in her new career.



OTHER PEOPLE'S SUCCESS.

We went to the opening night of a play. Between the acts we were talking with the author when a friend rushed up. "It's going to be a great success, old man," he cried. "I congratulate you."

Then his expression suddenly changed. Jealousy shot into his eyes. "I wish I knew how you get away with it," he exclaimed. "Why in the world can't I write a play?"

As he walked away we looked after him with pity. We know him well. We have seen him act the same way before. His whole attitude is introspective. Envy gnaws forever at his soul.

One of the most pathetic figures in the literary history of England was the author George Gissing. What was the secret of his constant unhappiness? He reveals a part of it in presenting the hero of one of his own novels:

"Intensely self-conscious, he suffered from a habit of comparing, contrasting himself with other men, with men who achieved things, who made their way, who played their part in the world. He could not read a newspaper without reflecting, sometimes bitterly, on the careers and position of men whose names were prominent in its columns."

Philosophers and religious teachers have attempted in various ways to account for the gross inequalities of life, and to hold out future hope to those who seem to have received only a niggardly portion of happiness.

Christian theology presents the promise of another world where rewards will be distributed in proportion to sacrifice, courage and fidelity to truth.

The reincarnationist holds that the soul is but a short time tenant in any human frame; that if I make spiritual progress in this incarnation I shall reappear in happier form; or, failing to progress, will be demoted, to work my way painfully up again.

Until we have passed across the River we shall not know which, if either, of these philosophies is true.

Meanwhile, the sensible man is not afraid to face frankly the facts about life and about himself. He recognizes that he was born with certain limitations; that, however strong the desire for brilliant achievement, he has neither the talent nor the opportunity. He recognizes further that success, as the world views it, contains a very appreciable element of chance.

He surveys his own equipment and tries serenely to do the best he can with whatever he has. As he grows older and more mellow, he recognizes that every minute of jealousy poisons his own soul.

And that he can vastly increase his own pleasure by the habit of enjoying other people's success.

FACULTY LIST INCLUDES TWO NEW TEACHERS

Mrs. Elsie Sharp Nash for First Grade and Miss Pauline Pinckley for Intermediate grades; Mrs. Irvin to High School.

Two new teachers were added to the faculty of the Merkel Public schools in the list of teachers elected for the coming year.

Mrs. Elsie Sharp Nash was elected to fill the place as teacher of the first grade made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. B. B. Sheiton, whose husband will teach near Colorado next year.

Miss Pauline Pinckley was elected as teacher of reading and spelling in the Intermediate grades, the place formerly filled by Mrs. R. B. Irvin, who was moved to the High school as teacher of English, succeeding Miss Hazel Williams, who resigned and will teach in the Brantley-Draughon Business college at Fort Worth next year.

The complete list of teachers for 1931-1932, as announced by Supt. Roger A. Burgess, reads:

Grammar: Mrs. Elsie Sharp Nash, first grade; Mrs. Holland Teaff, first grade; Miss Alzada Pogue, second grade; Miss Evelyn Curb, second grade; Mrs. Jack Anderson, third grade; Miss Vennie Heizer, third grade; Miss Imogene Hayes, fourth grade; Miss Orpah Patterson, fourth grade.

Intermediate: Miss Opal Sloan, writing and drawing; Miss Pauline Pinckley, reading and spelling; Miss Carrie Coffey, English; Ralph Duke, history; Miss Virginia Welch, geography; Mrs. Len Sublett, principal, arithmetic.

High School: Miss Julia Martin, history; Miss Helen Patterson, mathematics; T. D. Riddle, science and American history; Mrs. R. B. Irvin, English; Miss Lucy Tracy, English and public speaking; R. Briggs Irvin, principal and coach, Spanish.

Farm Hand Wanted.

In response to the plan proposed several weeks ago by J. T. Warren to bring the man wanting laborers in touch with the laborers wanting work, Allen D. King, residing on Route 5, has asked The Mail to state that he wishes a married man to come and live on his place and to do farm work.

He will use the man as long as there is work to be done on the farm, he says.

Second Annual Cowboy Reunion June 25, 26, 27

Stamford, June 4.—Invitations to the second annual Texas Cowboy Reunion to be staged in this city, June 25, 26, and 27, are being broadcast to all who saw actual service on the range of West Texas prior to 1895. All who fall in that classification will be honor guests of the three-day program.

In addition to the get-together meetings that will be held for the pioneers during the reunion there will be numerous entertainment features including cowboy contests each afternoon and evening; square dances, old fiddlers contest; a group of ranch chuck wagons and numerous other attractions.

On the evening of June 26, all who qualify for membership in the old-timers organization will be guests at a chuck wagon supper, where a variety of early day dishes will be served. Arrangements for the entertainment of the pioneers is in charge of a committee headed by Col. R. L. Penick, who settled in Jones county in 1880.

According to A. C. Cooper, vice-president of the reunion association, the entertainment program will be staged for the particular benefit of the pioneers of the range but will be of interest and pleasure to everyone and he is expecting several thousand people here for the affair in addition to those who will be the honorees.

Only cowboys who are actually engaged in ranch work will be allowed to compete in the rodeo contests. Last year there were 98 entrants in the program and W. G. Swenson, president of the organization, is expecting more than that number this year. The rodeo will be directed by "Scandalous John" Selmon, foreman of the S. M. S. Flat-top ranch, located near Stamford, well known among the cattlemen of the Southwest.

Last year over 300 of the early day citizens of the West Texas cattle ranges were here for the reunion. It is expected that at least 600 of those men and women will come this year to meet their friends of the past and enjoy the various features of the program.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.



"Nerves"

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

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

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

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

\$1.00 at your drug store



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Utilities Head Tells Why They Advertise

Why do the gas utilities advertise? This question is frequently asked by people who believe that gas utilities are monopolies, and sometimes the question contains a note of criticism.

The Lone Star Gas company and its affiliated companies are publishing an advertisement over the signature of L. B. Denning, of Dallas, president, explaining why his companies use newspaper advertising. Newspaper advertising represented 74 per cent of the total advertising expenditure of representative natural gas companies of the country last year. The companies in the Lone Star Gas group show a much higher percentage than this average, as they use about 98 per cent of their advertising expenditures in the daily and weekly newspapers of their territory, Mr. Denning said.

The advertisement gives the following four principal reasons why the gas companies advertise in the newspapers: To tell their customers and the general public about the company, its policies, its methods of doing business, the men and women who work for it, and its plans for development; to promote public co-operation by directing attention to that which will encourage thrift, to promote safety, to build up industrial enterprises, and to make the community a better place in which to live; to sell the service of the company and to keep its customers advised of the facilities that make this service possible, to assist its customers in saving gas and reducing their gas bills, to sell its fuel in competition with other fuels; to give it a means of expression whom misunderstood and unjustly attacked.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

6 6 6
LIQUID OR TABLETS

Relieves a Headache or Neuralgia in 30 minutes, checks a Cold the first day and checks Malaria in three days. 6 6 6 Salve for Baby's Cold.

Minors Claim Merkel Sewer Damages Land

Charging that drainage from a septic tank of the Merkel sewer system had caused depreciation in the value of a 140-acre tract of cultivated land, Jack and Rachel Patterson, minors, have filed suit against the city of Merkel for \$9,800. The petition was filed in 104th district court at Abilene by Homer Patterson, guardian of the children.

Petitioners state that water and disposal from the Merkel sewer system tank, located south of the plaintiff's property, has drained onto the land, washing a 50-foot wide ditch across the tract, one-half mile in length. This has necessitated the building of a stone driveway across the ditch in order to get farming implements from one part of the field to another, the petition sets out.

Washing of the ditch and odors



Quickly Bleaches Muddy Skins

Dull, ordinary appearances vanish as blemishes and defective features are forgotten under the lure of the bewitching beauty instantly rendered. Beneficial in correcting tan, flabbiness, freckles, wrinkles,

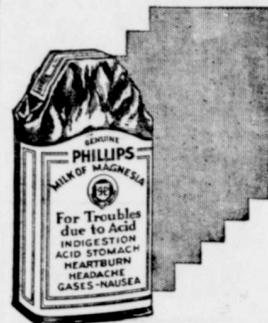
GOUARD'S ORIENTAL CREAM
White, Flesh and Facial Shiner

For ACHES and PAINS
BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT
Penetrates! Soothes!
Sold By Merkel Drug Co.

from the disposal left on the land have caused the property to depreciate \$30 per acre in value, plaintiffs claim. The property lies in the Warnick addition to the town of Merkel. The sewer system was built in 1923.

Scarborough, Ely and King are attorneys for the plaintiffs.

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'll know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offerings of their goods.



Reduce the Acid

SICK stomachs, sour stomachs and indigestion usually mean excess acid. The stomach nerves are overstimulated. Too much acid makes the stomach and intestines sour. Alkali kills acid instantly. The best form is Phillips Milk of Magnesia; one harmless, tasteless dose neutralizes many times its volume in acid. For 50 years the standard with physicians everywhere.

Take a spoonful in water and your unhappy condition will probably end in five minutes. Then you will always know what to do. Crude and harmful methods will never appeal to you. Go prove this for your own sake. It may save a great many disagreeable hours. Get the genuine Phillips Milk of Magnesia, the kind physicians have prescribed for 50 years.

NATIONAL COTTON WEEK

June 1st to 6th

All over our nation this week the better stores are participating in the promotion of cotton goods and the cotton industry.

Cotton consumption is of prime importance to this section of the state.

We Talk Cotton
We Grow Cotton

LET'S USE MORE COTTON



INSURANCE

is like a spare tire. YOU may travel for miles without calling it to your aid, but sooner or later it will fill a very pressing need.

We write all kinds of insurance, backed by companies whose prompt service and dependability are well known.

Better have us write Hail Insurance on this Grain Crop.

W. O. BONEY
MERKEL, TEXAS

Farm Loans and all kinds of Insurance
Consult Your Insurance Agent as you Would Your Doctor or Lawyer.

Wake Up Your Liver Bile —Without Calomel

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

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

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

If this bile is not flowing freely, your food doesn't digest. It just decays in the bowels. Gas bloats up your stomach. You have a thick, bad taste and your breath is foul, skin often breaks out in blemishes. Your head aches and you feel down and out. Your whole system is poisoned. It takes those good old CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS to get these two pounds of bile flowing freely and make you feel "up and up." They contain wonderful, harmless, gentle vegetable extracts, amazing when it comes to making the bile flow freely. But don't ask for liver pills. Ask for Carter's Little Liver Pills. Look for the name Carter's Little Liver Pills on the red label. Repeat a substitute.

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Old-Fashioned "Ironing Day" Has Been Eliminated

THE back-breaking, time-consuming agony of old-fashioned "ironing day"—made more intense by a frantic desire to get through—is but an unhappy memory to progressive Home-managers who have profited by the purchase of a modern and efficient Electric Ironer.

Comfortably seated before a table-height ironer, merely guiding the pieces through smooth-running rollers, these wise housewives complete their ironing in but one-third the time and with but a fraction of the work and nervous strain required by old-fashioned methods. Offering these important time and labor-saving advantages, don't you think a modern Fedelco Ironer a wise investment—especially when the finished work is far superior?

Ask a salesman to arrange a demonstration for you in your own home. The purchase price is unusually low, and operating costs amount to but a few pennies a week! Call him today!

Convenient Terms

West Texas Utilities Company

TIGER EYE

By B. M. Bower



TENTH INSTALLMENT.

Bob Reeves, the Kid, was nicknamed Tiger Eye by his friends down in the Brazos country because his "gun-eye" was yellow. When his father, "Killer Reeves," died the Kid left Texas to avoid continuing his father's feuds. Reaching Montana he is forced to draw on Nate Wheeler, an irate nester. In the exchange of shots Wheeler drops dead; the Kid later learning that Bob Garner who had also shot at the same time, really killed Wheeler.

Garner gets the Kid to join the Poole outfit as a rim rider. The Kid succeeds Wheeler's widow and is interrupted by Pete Gorham and some other nesters. He shoots Gorham through both ears for coupling his name with Wheeler's widow. Later he rescues a girl, Nellie, and her dad from Gorham, wounding Pete again. The girl, in spite of her belief the Kid is an imported Texas killer, warns him the nesters will kill him. The kid warns Garner the nesters are planning an attack on the Poole outfit. He meets Jess Markel, a Texan who is boss of the Poole wagon crew and shoots him through both hands.

Nellie's dad is shot from ambush and suspects Babe against his wish. The latter thinks another nester killed the old man. Babe is wounded by hidden enemies, who also shoot at Tiger Eye but miss. The Kid pulls Babe back into the cabin and wounds one of the attackers.

Nellie comes to the cabin secretly to aid the Kid and the latter crawls through the roof and makes plans to escape with the wounded Babe at night. He and Nellie wait for darkness outside of the cabin.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"Babe's woke up." The kid lowered the mouth organ from his lips, heaving a big sigh as he wiped it on his sleeve and slid it into his pocket.

He sighed again as he rose, hitched up his gun belt and looked gravely down at her.

"We all could get outa heah easy if it was just us two. But I kain't leave Babe. He's been pow'ful good to me. Babe has—"

"Of course, we can't leave him. They'd kill him sure, and there's been too much killing already. We'll make it somehow. I—you can just do anything, Tiger Eye!"

"Shoah fel like I could, from now awn," said the kid, looking at her with sky meaning, and started to climb. "We'll make it," he called softly down at her. "We've plumb got to make it!"

They did make it. Down the gully, with Babe tied on his horse, insensible to pain or motion. Fifty yards, a hundred, with the rifles on the ridge barking foolishly at the empty cabin.

The sun went down behind the rim, the daylight was merging into dusk when the kid forced the horses up the steep bank.

"Say, where do you think you're goin', Tiger Eye?" Babe roused suddenly to consciousness and speech when they stopped beside Nellie's horse, circling the rock anxiously in the starlight.

"Reckon we'll go awn ovah to the Poole, Babe."

"What you goin' to the Poole all of a sudden for?" Babe's voice sharpened. "Think you'll beat me to the bounty? You've got another think comin' Kid. I'll do the collectin' on this one."

"Don't know what you'all talking about, Babe." The kid glanced uneasily toward Nellie. "I'm totin' yo'all ovah to the Poole, account of that bullet hole in yoh side."

"You're a damned liar!" Babe's voice was abnormally loud and distinct. Nellie, mounting her horse, reined close to listen. "You're goin' to try and gyp me outa my money for old Murray. You can have the pay for gettin' Ed Murray, if you want to be on the grab, but I'll be damned if you're going to collect for the old man!"

"Oh, you—you fiend!" Nellie forced the words out through her clenched teeth. "Paid killers, both of you!"

"Ain't paid yet but I'm sure, as hell goin' to be. Damn right!" The brittle strength that had upheld Babe for a minute began to ebb. He swayed in the saddle. "Dirty work—and it's money talks, in this neck uh the woods. Damn right I'll be paid! Tiger Eye ain't goin' to get the best—the best of me—he can't—" His head lolled on his chest then, as his body sagged against the ropes that held him in the saddle.

"You killer!" Nellie jumped her horse toward the kid.

She had pulled her quirt from the

saddle horn, and struck him across the face; swift, slashing blows which the kid never felt at all, save in the heart of him. He just stood there in the starlight and held the frightened horse quiet, while the quirt he had given her left its mark on neck and shoulder and cheek.

"And I trusted you like a fool—and thought you were good!" With one final blow her arm fell to her side as if in despair at ever wreaking vengeance upon him. "Shoot me now, why don't you? I'll turn my back!"

"Yo'all's crazy as Babe." The soft drawl of his voice had a chill. "Yoh brotha was shot befo' I evah came into the country. I nevah did kill a man in my life—but I'm plumb tempted to right now, lesson he's daid s'ready."

"Why? Because he gave you away?" Her voice shook with stubborn rage.

"Yo'all knows bettah than that, Miss Murray. Yo'all knows in yoh own mind I nevah hahmed a livin' soul." He leaned forward, staring up into her face with a cold intensity that thrilled her with something like fear. "But that ain't sayin' what I will do f'om now awn."

"Bob! If you didn't—if I knew—" "Evenin', Ma'am. You'all knows the way home."

He loosed the bridle and struck her horse on the rump with the flat of his hand and watched her go, and the thud of hoofbeats on the prairies fell like blows upon his heart. When no sound came back to him, the kid mounted Pecos, took Babe's bridle reins in his hand and rode away into the night.

The kid was pulling out, but he was taking his time about it and he was not leaving anything he owned behind him. With his gray hat set low over the utter misery in his eyes, he stood in the middle of the cabin at Cold Spring and his lowering glance moved slowly around the room, just to make sure that he had not missed any of his possessions. It was not a cheerful looking place. The glass from the one window lay in splintered fragments on the oilcloth table cover, and a few early flies buzzed in and out through the shattered panes, where rifle bullets had buzzed in yesterday. The log walls were scarred with the thin leaden hail that had beaten intermittently against the cabin.

The kid swung toward the bunk and looked at the pillow still nestled to the shape of Babe's sleek black head. The muscles tightened along his jaw. Babe wouldn't have liked the look in the kid's eyes just then. Crazy as he had been from fever, Babe would have sensed the deadly quality in the kid's arrested glance, the tiger eye round and staring.

He got his own pillow and tucked it savagely under his arm. The nights when he had laid his head down beside Babe's in contented comradeship fairly slapped him in the face now with a bitter contempt for his blind faith.

And when he talks like you're the one that did the killing—when he talks like that right before Nellie, and makes her so crazy mad she starts in quirtin' you over the head and calling you a killer, just because she's only a girl and can't shoot you down like a dog, it's something worse than hate you feel toward him. Babe had brains sharper than any old he-wolf, but his brains sure weren't working last night, when he made that talk up there on the Bench.

Most men would have shot Babe right then and there. They wouldn't have cared a damn about his being drilled through the middle and plumb out of his head. But even with the welts of Nellie Murray's quirt on his cheek and the lash of her contempt searing his heart, the kid couldn't pull his gun and send a bullet into Babe Garner, wounded and sagging against the rope that held him tied on his horse. That would be putting himself down on a level with Babe, killing a man that hasn't any chance to shoot back. Had to go on and take Babe to the Poole ranch, same as if he were a friend.

The kid rolled himself a cigarette, lighted it with a match held steady in his fingers, picked up his rifle where it stood leaning against the cabin beside the door, slid it into the scabbard on his saddle and mounted. Where he was going, he did not know or care. His hand went up suddenly to a livid welt across his cheek. He hadn't earned that cut of Nellie's quirt. His quirt, if you came right down to it. Braided in pride and high hopes down on the Brazos last winter before Pap and Ben were shot. Never did think that quirt he had braided would be laid across his own cheek with all the strength there was

in a girl's arm. Another half inch and it would have lost him that yellow tiger eye of his—and that, too, would have been something he hadn't earned.

"She nevah will call me a paid killah no moah," he told himself savagely. "She'll heah things about Tiger Eye Reeves that will shoah prove I'm death on killahs. Poole or nestah, it's all the same to me from now awn. She'll know—and she'll know why!" She'd shiver too. He'd have her eating crow before the summer was over. She'd be ready to go down on her knees to him. He'd show her he wasn't called Tiger Eye for nothing. He'd shoah make that name mean something more than just the color of his eye. They'd remember that old Killer Reeves down on the Brazos was his pap, and they'd say the father wasn't a patch to the son, Yes, sir they all better hunt their holes now, Poole killers and nesters! They'd pushed him too far. A shoah-enough tiger was loose on the range, and every man was his meat!

He pulled his hat down over his eyebrows and reined away from the valley rim. To the north there rose a huddle of timbered buttes with deepest canyons between. Ten miles, no more, from the valley; twelve or fifteen from the headquarters ranch of the Poole. There should be some sequestered little nook in there where he could make his lair.

The kid's fingers lifted again to that welt slanting down across his cheek. One last glimpse he had of the low ridge and the line of cottonwoods down there in the valley, and then the rain blotted the place from his sight.

Before dark he camped in a thick grove of young spruces that grew beside a natural meadow. He slept, his quirt-scarred cheek cuddled in the crook of his arm—and dreamed of making love to Nellie Murray. Dreamed that she was going to marry him, and they planned the homestead they would take in Wolfe Buttes somewhere, and how they would build themselves a ranch with honeysuckle vines all over the cabin.

It was morning and it was raining with a cold, steady drip on the spruce boughs that sheltered him like a thatched roof.

Another day of hunting a den for the tiger that would be a scourge to all killers. The kid fished blindly under the blankets, for his hat, found it and put it on as he sat up.

He crawled out of his blankets, buckling his gun belt around him with vicious tugs of the strap.

He stood up tall and full of pride in the man who wouldn't kill because he didn't want to kill. Didn't have to kill to make men afraid of him. They'd look over their shoulder when they spoke his name, and when any one mentioned the Brazos they'd look at each other, thinking that was where Tiger Eye came from.

All that day it rained in windy gusts, with periods of quiet drizzle between.

That afternoon he came upon the

place he was hoping to find. A rock cabin built of fragments of the cliff it hugged close. Half the roof had fallen in. It was the upended ridge-pole with a corner of the roof attached and showing above the bushes that had caught the kid's attention when he looked that way. Except for that tall-tale fragment, the cabin was absolutely hidden in the thicket. When he looked beyond, he saw where there had been a corral and a stable, all built of rock cunningly piled for strength and concealment. There had to be a spring too, of course. He found it, ice cold and crystal clear, in a niche of the cliff that was a part of the back wall of the cabin.

He also saw a rock-walled meadow swelling out like a great fat jug below its narrow neck of a pass not wide enough to let a hayrack through without scraping the wall on either side. The kid climbed upon a boulder and for five minutes he gazed out over this lost paradise. Lost from the world, to be found by him when he needed it most.

It took the kid nearly a week to make the place habitable, though he worked furiously from sunrise until it was too dark to see what he was doing. It took him two days to find his way out of the intricate network of canyons to the open range beyond.

The kid drilled himself and his horses in the twisted canyons of Wolf Buttes, and let the sword of justice dangle awhile over the unsuspecting heads of the paid killers of the Poole. Let Nellie wonder awhile what had become of him, too. He reckoned it wouldn't hurt her to wonder and guess. Bound to guess plumb wrong, and he'd prove it to her, when he got good and ready.

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CHURCHES

Subjects Announced For Closing Sermons Of Baptist Revival

Evangelist George W. McCall will close his series of sermons at the Baptist church Sunday night. His sermon topics for Sunday will be: at 11 o'clock, "Salvation and Rewards;" at 8 p. m. the closing message will be "What Shall I Do With Jesus?" There will be preaching Saturday night. The Saturday night sermon will be, "Where are the Dead, or the Place and State of the Dead between Death and Resurrection."

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Subject: "Living for Jesus in Recreation."
Scripture reading, Will Sheppard, introduction, Carrol King.
"Spirituality and Sociability are Twin Brothers," Oleta Moore.
"Real Life Has Dull Moments," Leonard Reeves.
"How to Test Amusements," Sis Boal.
"Recreation Means to an End," Woodrow Wozencraft.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Scripture, quoted by each member of the group.
"In Ephesus," Madra Elaine Nixon.
"The Third Missionary Journey of Paul," Louise Toombs.
"Many Jews are Converted," Billie Tittle.
"Demetrius, the Chief Idol-Maker," Neeley Tittle.
"Demetrius Becomes Angry," Clara Frances Largent.
"Demetrius Calls the Silversmiths Together," Frances Higgins.
"The Workmen Cry, 'Great is Diana of the Ephesians,'" Frances Owens.
"An Officer Quiets the People," Dana Derstine.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Good attendance and interest Sunday. Let's make an effort to have an unusually large attendance next Sunday for the return of our superintendent, Mr. Elliott, from the General Assembly. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Mr. Elliott may use most, or all of the hour in making a report of the General Assembly.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Dean Boyd McKeown, assistant educational director of the Southern Methodist church, will speak at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday. Boyd McKeown was formerly dean of McMurry college.
The following young people are attending the Young Peoples Assembly at McMurry college this week: Helen Yeats, Imogene Middleton, Lolla Shelton, Wanda Hunter, Tracy Campbell, Orpah Patterson, Paul Collins, Mary Collins, Gladys Middleton, Hazel Lee Rainbolt and E. L. accompanied by Mrs. Bickfield and her two sons, who are now guests in the Laney home. Homer Laney of Tatum, N. M., is also spending several days with his parents here.
Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson were present at the graduation exercises of Texas Christian university Monday when their daughter, Miss Frances, received her B. A. degree. They were accompanied by Jack Anderson, who was joined at Fort Worth by his wife, who had been visiting her parents in Leonard for several days.
Miss Mary Kate Campbell, who has been teaching school in the Amarillo Public schools, returned Monday to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell. She states that great preparations are being made for the visiting teachers of the State Teachers association, which meets in Amarillo Nov. 26.
Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reagh were their two daughters and families: Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Turner and son, Eugene, and Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Ketcham and son and daughter, all from Thrall. John Reagh, a son, who has been working in Thrall for the past several months, returned home at the same time to join in the family reunion.
Mrs. Ralph Stuart and little son, R. A. Jr., returned Wednesday to their home at Lamesa, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher, after a visit of several days with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett. Mr. and Mrs. Christopher will remain at Lamesa until joined by Mrs. Sublett and the three will then go on to California overland.

Yeats. The enrollment is about three hundred.

Some of our loyal members have determined that our church shall have some needed repairs. A new top and a nice spring dress in general. The leaks are to be stopped and put in order. A little from each one will do the work. If you have not contributed, do so.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Song, Prayer.
Song.
Scripture, by leader, Willie B. Toombs.
Bible story, by J. V. Patterson.
Story, "The Winner," by Elizabeth Cypert.
Song, by the Boys Quartette.
Discussion.
Benediction.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Services were very good last Sunday, with 50 percent in Sunday School. Sister Forbes brought a good message at the 11 o'clock hour and all who were present seemed to enjoy the service.
Sunday School each Sunday at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting each Thursday at 8 p. m. Preaching the second and fourth Sundays of each month. A welcome awaits you.
W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The interest continues good, despite the hot weather, in the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer Service. Next Sunday the meeting will be held at the Nazarene church, with S. M. Hunter as leader. The lesson will be the second chapter of Titus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

For the past several Sundays, the attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel has ranged close to 500, sometimes just a little above, sometimes a few short of that number. Last Sunday 887 were present at the Sunday Schools of the city, as compared with 813 the same Sunday a year ago.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Brother Forest Waldrop of Abilene will preach for us next Lord's Day at 11 a. m., at 3:30 p. m. and at 8:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to hear him at these services.

You are invited to come with a well filled basket and all spread lunch together. Let's have a good day. We will sing, preach, pray and eat just as it may suit the crowd during the day.
The program for the week after Lord's Day will be as follows: ladies' Bible study Tuesday at 2 p. m. and Bible study and prayer service Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.
Love, The Elders

Services Each Night Next Week at Trent Methodist Church

Beginning next Sunday, June 7, we will have services each night at the Methodist church at Trent. The service will begin at 8:15. We urge all of our members to attend all of these meetings and very cordially invite everybody to come and worship with us. Speakers, dates and subjects are given below.

If you have never attended an "old fashioned love feast," be sure and come Sunday morning, June 14.
Remember Sunday, June 7, 8:15 p. m., is Young Peoples night. Everybody who has the spirit of youth is wanted for that service.

The speakers and their subjects will be as follows:
Sunday, Young People service, Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Methodist church, Merkel.

Monday, "Stewardship," Rev. E. E. White, presiding elder, Abilene district.

Tuesday, "Temperance," Rev. J. H. Hamblen, Abilene.

Wednesday, "Benevolences," (Rev. W. B. Morton, Abilene.

Thursday, "Missions," Freda Morton, Abilene.

Friday, "Christian Education," Rev. J. R. Spann, Abilene.

Saturday, "The Church," Rev. W. B. Morton, Abilene.

Sunday, 11 a. m., "Love Feast, Yesterday and Today," Revs. E. L. Stutts, J. W. McCowan, C. S. Cameron, Abilene.

Sunday, 8:15 p. m., Lay activities. U. S. Sherrill, Pastor.

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The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann was the scene of a happy reunion this past week-end when their children and grandchildren all met for a visit for the first time in thirteen years.

This splendid couple, married forty-two years, have lived in Merkel twenty-six years of that time at their homestead located in the northwest part of town. The esteem in which every one regards them is evidenced in the popularity of their fine family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Jones and five children, James, William, Louise,

Ruth and Margaret, were here from Tullia. Miss Irene Swann was here from Roswell, New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Swann and daughter, Ruth, were visiting from Galveston, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sears of Snyder, Miss Nell Swann of Meridian, James Swann of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann of Merkel. Mrs. Carson Miles of San Angelo was unable to be here.



MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Ted Nichols to Miss Willie Lois Young of Winters to take place at 5:30 Thursday afternoon.

Further details of the wedding will be obtainable next week.

MRS. GOLLADAY ENTERTAINS.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Frank Golladay entertained with a "42" party. The house was decorated with beautiful pink rosebuds. The color scheme of pink and green was carried out throughout the party. The honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess, who are leaving for New York, and Mrs. Len Sublett, who is leaving for California. Rev. and Mrs. Yeats were honored guests also.

Dainty tallies were passed and every one found their partners.

Individual mint cups of pink and green were passed. Progressive "42" was enjoyed until a late hour, when the hostess presented each with a "Route Contest of Texas." This caused much enthusiasm.

A delicious plate of angel food squares and brick cream was served to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames R. A. Burgess, Len Sublett, T. H. Christopher, L. W. Cox, Herbert Patterson, Oscar Buford, Eli Case, Rush Buford, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats, Mrs. C. K. Russell, Little Mary Faye Johnson and the host and hostess.

GLENER CLASS.

The Glenier Class of the Methodist church was entertained on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Latham with Mesdames Latham, Hicks, Sublett, Vaughn and Vickers as hostesses.

A profusion of summer blossoms graced the entertaining rooms; colorful larkspur, beautiful sweet peas and gorgeous roses were added attractions for the party.

After a short business meeting, clever contests were enjoyed. Little Mary Fay Johnson and Mary Jo Russell entertained with readings. Games of hearts were played and a lovely iced drink with sandwiches were served to Mesdames White, Calvert, Martin, Russell, Golladay, Curb, Johnson, Mirces Annie Lou and Mary Jo Russell, Julia Martin, Gwendolyn Vickers, as guests, and the following members: Mesdames Bickley, Buzbee, Gambill, Patterson, Buford, Case, Hunter, Richardson, Wells, Homer Dunn, Yeats, Ferrier, Johnnie Dunn, Gaither, Dee Grimes, Briggs, O. Buford, Rush Buford, Brown, Delmer, Guitar, Hale, Iddings, Largent, Lowe, Taylor, Underwood and Mashburn.

BAPTIST CIRCLE.

The Blanche Rose Walker circle met with Mrs. T. E. Collins on Tuesday afternoon, June 2. The meeting was opened by singing "More About Jesus," followed by prayer by Mrs. Meeks.

The society voted to study the gospel of Mark for the next lesson, which will be Tuesday, June 9, in the home of Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Sr.

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A large delegation from the Merkel Methodist church attended the night service last Sunday at the Methodist church in Hamlin and heard the Rev. T. C. Willett, former pastor here, preach.

The Methodist quartette, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, Mack Buzbee and Miss Mary Pence, sang a special number, with Miss Thelma McAninch accompanist.

Others going from Merkel were: Herbert Patterson and family; R. R. Buford and family, S. M. Hunter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee, Mason Pee and family from Sweetwater, Mrs. Mack Buzbee and family, Mrs. Duncan Briggs and daughter, Duncan, and Miss Mildred Richardson.

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MRS. HAMPTON PASSES AWAY

Beloved Woman, Former Resident of Merkel, Died at Her Home in Hico May 24.

The many friends of the beloved elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton, who lived in Merkel many years and who moved to Hico about a year ago where their son, R. C. Hampton, resides, will learn with deep sorrow of the passing away of Mrs. Hampton at Hico on May 24.

The following account of her death and tribute to her life by Rev. T. C. Willett, formerly pastor of the Methodist church here, now of Hamlin, is clipped from the Hico News-Review:

"Mrs. W. R. Hampton (nee Sarah N. Kerby) was born in Upshur county, Texas, January 21, 1853. She died at her home two miles north of town, May 24, 1931 at 6:10 a. m. Mr. and Mrs. Hampton were married January 12, 1871. God blessed their union with six children. Three children died in infancy. She is survived by her husband, three children, Mrs. W. E. Porterfield, of Post Texas, R. C. Hampton of Hico, Texas, Mrs. J. S. Kurtz of Napoleon, Ohio, and eight grandchildren and one great grand child.

"Mrs. Hampton professed religion at the age of seventeen and united with the Methodist church. Shortly after moving to Hico, she and her good husband placed their membership in the Hico Methodist church.

"The funeral services were held in the Hico Methodist church with the pastor, Rev. A. C. Haynes, in charge. Rev. L. P. Thomas, pastor of the Hico Baptist church, assisted. Rev. T. C. Willett, pastor of the Hamlin Methodist church, preached the sermon. Burial was in the Hico cemetery.

"Hico and the Hico Methodist church have lost a saint and Heaven has gained a citizen.

"The following article was written by Rev. T. C. Willett, a former pastor of Mr. and Mrs. Hampton, of fifteen years' acquaintance:

"Mother Hampton is gone. We loved her. The writer of this little tribute had a love for her and her husband something akin to the love we had for our mother and father and we believe they had a love for us akin to the love they had for their own children.

"Some fifteen years ago when our children were small and we were unused to the ways of the world and strangers to the problems of home making and parenthood we had the great good fortune to form the acquaintance of these two good people and the happy privilege of having them for our closest neighbors. We shall never cease to be thankful for their wise counsel and encouragement at that time. As the years have passed that friendship has grown into sweetness and intimacy.

"The love and tenderness these two people had one for the other has never been surpassed. They were sweethearts to the very end of the way. This was an inspiration to all who came to know them and their home intimately. If all married couples were like these the divorce courts would go out of business over night. Their love for and devotion to one another was something beautiful to behold.

"Mother Hampton was devoutly religious. Having professed religion at the age of seventeen and even then the sweetheart of him who was to become her husband, the father of her children and close companion for sixty years, she brought religion into her home. Here she kept it, lived it, shouted it and sung and prayed it until God called her home to be with him. Her going has made heaven sweeter for us and added one other reason for us trying to get there.

"Mother Hampton had not been very strong in body for the last few years but she had been vigorous in faith, wise in counsel and cheerful in disposition. We laid her tired body to rest in the beautiful little cemetery at Hico, Texas, May 25, 1931, after she had lived to bless this old world seventy-eight years, four months and three days. Three children are left to mourn the going of their mother, and three children went on in their infancy and they are rejoicing at the coming of their Mother. May God's blessings be upon her dear companion and make the way as easy for him as possible until he, too, shall be called to his heavenly home and may her remaining children so live as to merit eternal with their precious Mother."

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FOR RENT—Five room residence; close in; all conveniences. Inside recently refinished throughout. Jas. H. West.

FOR RENT—4 room house with lights and gas; 4-room house with lights; cheap; will take work; also one furnished apartment with all conveniences. S. F. Haynes. Phone 265J.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, June 4.—Wednesday's cattle market displayed activity, another light run showing up. Values ruled steady to strong on all classes, with calves of lightweight selling at an advance of 25c. The estimate called for 1,500 head of cattle and 300 calves.

Sales of Beef steers made a spread of \$4.25 to \$5.60, the main support of the market coming from order buyers. Good, fat cows sold in carlots up to \$4.10. Heifers, yearlings and bulls were very scarce. Veal calves moved in carlots at \$7.50 to \$8.50 and heavies went at \$6 to \$6.50.

Hogs sold on a steady to strong basis, but only 300 head arrived. No rail hogs were available. The top was \$6.15 to small killers and \$6 to the big buyers.

Receipts of sheep and lambs amounted to 10,500 head. All desirable kinds sold steady, but half-fat consignments moved slowly at a decline of 25c. Spring lambs brought as much as \$7.25, the best shorn lambs made \$6.50, 2-year-old wethers notched \$4.25 and grown sheep were taken at \$2.50.

Cattle Movement.

McCoy and Patterson shipped two cars of mixed cattle to Fort Worth Wednesday.

Enjoyable Reunion.

To attend a family reunion celebrating the 76th birthday of his brother-in-law, W. S. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler spent the week-end in Snyder. There were 32 altogether in the party, with four generations represented, including Mr. Thomas' four sons from Dallas, two daughters from Lubbock, and one daughter, who lives with him.

Will Preach at Trent.

W. G. Cypert will preach at the Church of Christ at Trent at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY. We appreciate very much the patronage we are receiving from the people of Merkel and this section. We are well equipped with a modern laundry plant, ready to meet your needs, and our work has proven satisfactory to a large number of customers. Give us a trial. We call for and deliver.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY. Mrs. Jay, Manager.

Have bought New Separator and want to do your thrashing. See Pierce Horton at Corner Garage.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

A trio of fishermen returned the first of the week from Junction, reporting pretty good luck. In the party were C. W. Delmer, Wren Durham and Ralph Duke.

Miss Lillian Rider underwent a major operation at the Baptist hospital at Abilene Thursday morning.

Dr. R. I. Grimes has returned after an absence of several weeks and is again at his office.

D. I. Shelton left Tuesday morning for New Orleans to attend a meeting of the Cotton Cooperative association. Mr. Shelton is a director of the Texas Coop and joined the delegation from Texas leaving Dallas by special train Tuesday afternoon.

W. M. Elliott, who attended the sessions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., at Pittsburgh, Pa., as lay delegate from Abilene presbytery, is expected home Friday night or Saturday morning.

Mrs. George Woodrum returned Saturday from the Alexander hospital at Abilene after a major operation and is resting well.

Mrs. Rube Henslee has returned from Alexander hospital where she underwent a major operation last week.

Mrs. M. C. Griffis is reported resting nicely at the Baptist hospital in Abilene after a major operation on Friday.

Mrs. Slick Lyle was carried to the Alexander hospital in Abilene Sunday and is still in a critical condition.

Mrs. McClain was carried to Alexander hospital in Abilene where she underwent a major operation on Thursday.

Following a tonsil operation last Friday afternoon, Booth Warren, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National bank, was able to be at his desk for a few hours Thursday. He is convalescing nicely.

Ed Lancaster Goes To Yard at Hamlin

Effective on the first of June Ed Lancaster became manager of the yard for Clay Lumber company at Hamlin. Ed has been actively in charge of the office of the company's local yard for several years under the management of his father, Hale Lancaster, and is well prepared to assume executive duties.

He came to Merkel from Erath county about five years ago with his parents and after attending school at Simmons has been employed in the office of the Clay Lumber company here for the past three years.

Merkel has not lost Ed Lancaster, as he will be located in a neighboring city and will probably exchange time with his father on occasions.

Recipe for Poisoning Grass Hoppers Given

The cotton fields for the past ten days have shown evidence of a grasshopper invasion and County Agent C. M. Heald, who was in Merkel Thursday, furnished The Mail with a recipe for getting rid of these pests.

He suggests the following ingredients of a mixture: 100 pounds of bran, four pounds of white arsenic, 8 gallons of molasses, six gallons of water, one dozen lemons, with peal ground up fine and put in.

"Mix the arsenic and bran dry," he says, "then mix syrup, water and lemon; mix the water mixture with the bran mixture slowly and then spread broadcast over the territory where the grasshoppers are merging. This mixture will poison about ten acres, he says. He suggests that it can be put around the fence rows, if desired, and in this way prevent the pests from entering the fields.

Only Slightly Improved. Our good friend, B. M. Black, one of the old timers here, who has been confined to his home on account of illness for almost a year, is not showing much improvement. Numbers of his friends call to see him and their visits are always made pleasant by Mr. Black and his wife. His strength, however, is returning very nicely.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Head, Friday, May 29, 1931.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Reeves, Trent, Saturday, May 30, 1931.

Tries Eating Tin.

Bluefield, Va., June 4.—A sharp-edged tin tobacco tag was removed successfully by surgeons from the throat of a six-months old negro baby here.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

Voted Most Valuable Member of College Newspaper Staff

Miss Sally Mary Campbell returned Monday from West Texas State Teachers college, Canyon, where she has been attending school. She will spend the vacation with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

Miss Campbell was recently elected associate editor of the Prairie, the college newspaper. Along with a prize of \$35 awarded each year by Olin E. Hinkle, editor of the Pampa News, to the person voted as the most valuable member of the Prairie staff, Miss Campbell was given a gold pin for work of outstanding merit.

Miss Campbell will resume her studies in the institution next September as a senior.

Ninety-Two Kites Compete in Contest

Ninety-two kites entered the Merkel Kite Flying contest last Thursday afternoon, sponsored by Missie Dye and Earl Hill, with five prizes being awarded.

Waymond Adeock won first prize, for altitude and distance, being awarded an indoor baseball by Hamblett's Variety Store, and baby chicks by the Merkel Hatchery.

Other prize winners received baby chicks, offered by the Merkel Hatchery. They were:

Ben Sublett, for the largest kite, (his kite measuring 3 feet by 5 feet by 6 feet.)

Roy Robins, for the fanciest kite; Weldon Davis, for the smallest kite; and

Bud Gambill, for the best fighter. Judges were Uncle Bill Teaff, W. C. Lepard, Herbert Patterson, P. P. Dickinson and W. R. Sumpter.

Among those from out of town noted in the crowd of spectators were Ruck Sibley chief of police, Abilene; Joe Hill, juvenile officer, Abilene; Messrs. Gent and Merritt of the Purina Mills; Frank Irvine, owner of the Merkel Hatchery and the Abilene Hatchery and Seed Store, L. D. Irvine, Raymond Hill, Rena Irvine, Miss Worthy and sister and John Merritt, Jr., all of Abilene.

For assistance rendered Missie Dye and Virgil Perkins were each presented with a Purina pocket knife from the J. M. Garrett Feed Store.

Mrs. Turner, "A Little Better," Late Report

Reports Thursday morning from Mrs. Ed Turner, who is in the Medical Arts building hospital at Dallas, were that she is a little better.

Mrs. Turner was carried to Dallas Tuesday, having suffered from a corneal ulcer for more than two weeks previous. She was accompanied by her husband and son, E. L., Jr., and Dr. C. B. Gardner, the latter two returning late Tuesday.

Cheer Up, Good Times; Public Pays Promptly

Chicago, June 4.—Subtle signs of good times in the making are seen in three major surpluses which the investing public is springing on building and loan associations, according to the United States Building and Loan League in its quarterly survey of coast-to-coast conditions. Borrowers are meeting their installment payments on home mortgages with unlooked for promptness, dollars seeking investment in building and loan are mounting, and bargain-hunting in the for-sale residential areas has started, the league's member associations report.

The organization speaks for the leading savings, building and loan associations and co-operative banks in the country, on the basis of findings during the last 10 days of inquiry.

SPECIAL PRICES.

For the next 90 days we will make the following prices on rolling disc plows:
26's and 24's 75c
Pony discs 50c
Bring us your discs. Satisfaction guaranteed. Prompt service.
C. P. Stevens.

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During this season our thoughts turn to vacation, picnics, fishing, swimming parties and various other out door sports. These necessitate lunches which are easily and quickly prepared; visit your favorite Red & White store before leaving and let him suggest your food requirements. He has a full assortment of groceries suitable for these occasions.

Remember there are over two thousand Red & White stores in Texas.

SPECIALS

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

FRESH FROM SOUTH TEXAS

New Potatoes ^{8 lbs.} For 10c

EXTRA QUALITY

GREEN BEANS per lb. 5c

LIMIT 5 POUNDS

FANCY PINK EAST TEXAS

Tomatoes per lb. 5c

FLORIDA

GRAPEFRUIT, full of juice, each 5c

Oranges ^{regular 35c size} per dozen 24c

GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR, BUY BANANAS BY THE POUND

BANANAS per lb. 4c

Pinto Beans ^{choice, re-cleaned.} 3 pounds for 10c

Salmon ^{Nile Brand Quality} 2 cans 21c

CAMPBELL'S

PORK & BEANS, 2 cans 15c

POST TOASTIES, large package 11c

PURE CANE—CLOTH BAGS

SUGAR 25 lbs. \$1.25
10 lbs. 50c

SNOWDRIFT 3 lb. can 53c
6 lb. can 99c

RED & WHITE

GELATINE DESERT, 2 packages 15c

RED & WHITE

MARSHMALLOW, 1 lb. box 23c

BLUE LABEL KARO

Syrup No. 5 bucket 33c
No. 10 bucket 59c

LIPTON TEA One Fourth Pound Package 22c

RED & WHITE

COFFEE 1 lb. can 39c

CREAM MEAL 10 lb. sack 28c
20 lb. sack 45c

RED & WHITE

BAKING POWDER 1 lb. can 23c

Slice Sugar Cure Dry Salt
BACON, lb. 20c JOWLS, lb. 8c

WISCONSIN FULL CREAM

CHEESE per lb. 19c

Rural Community Correspondence

122 Get Certificates at Graduation Exercises Taylor County Class

The graduating class from the seventh grades of Taylor county rural schools received their diplomas in the second annual commencement ceremony held Tuesday morning at Abilene high school. There were 122 students in the group, representing 27 schools. Principal speaker was Dr. Dossie M. Wiggins, dean of students and professor of secondary education at Simmons university, who delivered an informal address on "The Meaningfulness of Education." He stressed the value of education and the needs of civilization, the place of an educated person and the idea of growth by education.

M. A. Williams, county superintendent, presented the certificates. Professional and recreational marches were played by Miss Lola Mae Atkinson, teacher in the Potosi school.

Names of the county class, by schools, follow:

Ovalo: Bonnie D. Barnard, Harold Johnson, Randall McNiece, Raymond White, T. J. Moody, Alma Delle Alderidge, Dathene Rogers, Thurman Marshall, Bob McAdams, J. W. Reid, A. D. Smart and A. V. Lawless.

Butman: Inez Fussom, Lillian Mainard, James Mainard, Mabel Butman, Oma May Swinney.

Hamby: Oleta Clemmer, Bernice Crane, Eli Deaton, Alfred Poe.

Castle Peak: Cleo Henley, Lou Ella Hughes, Vernon Jones, Robert Malone, Ada Mae Stapleton.

Mt. Pleasant: Alpha Hay, Connie Rodgers.

Rodgers: Arneal Barret, Claude Dillard, Marguerite Gladden, Olivia Martin, William Mason, Etta Monroe, Floy Robinson, Erma Satterwhite, Eilene Spencer.

I. X. L.: Edith Neill.

Neill: Jack Standard.

View: Gorley Carter, Maxie Richards, Ima Jo Smith.

Mere: Burnice Overby.

Buffalo Gap: Lorene Hastings, Elaine Johnson, Joe Oakley, Cleo Talley.

Elmdale: Ava Nell Blackburn, Fern Foster, Carrie Mae Johnson, Riddle Morris, Howard Shackelford, Iva Jewell Skipper, Alice Belle Young.

Tye: Robert Fillmon, Woodrow Hinds, Winifred Isom, Wanda Lee Leslie, Gertrude Moore, Evaline Rogers, Anna Mae Spinks, Polly Ann Thomas, Coleta Toland.

White Church: Emma Dell Berry, Ila Mae Snow.

Blair: Dewene Clinton, Hardy Moore, Woodrow Price, Bessilou Windham.

Caps: Perry Ashley, Troy Ashley, Claude Brewster, James Harris, Howard Hopkins, John Keith, Webb Johnson, Willard McCarty, Weldon Trantham.

Wylie: Leola Dee Farr, Irene Holley, Nannie Sarah Millsap, Matdine Peoples.

Dewey: Aaron Carter, Opal Montgomery.

Bradshaw: Eunice Finch, Sue Harris, Oeoe McCasland, Clytus Parris, Agness Pounders.

Salt Branch: Verner Hester, Zerk Robertson.

Union Ridge: Rubye Carey, Alice Carey, Mildred Dean, Anna Mae Harris.

Potosi: Jesse Fay Brooks, James Collins, Chester Donald, Nina Walter Griffith, Herman Vinson, Dorothy Williams, Angrus Winn.

Iberis: Louise Holt, Clyde Johnson, Horace Trammell.

Mulberry: Weldon Hudson, Woodrow Walden.

Shep: Ruby Carpenter, Ozell Cate, Iva Durham, Estella Reagan.

Cross Roads: Hazel Blair, Edith Dickerson, Lorene England, Ethel King, Nannie Belle Summerlin.

Pleasant Hill: Wayland Boyd, Calie Fay Harber, Beatrice Leonard, Alice Rucker, Talton Spencer.

BLAIR ITEMS

Mesdames Miriam Spears and Adrea Farmer, who have been sick for several weeks, are convalescing nicely in their homes at this writing.

Prof. and Mrs. Rankins and son are enjoying a visit from their father and brother, Messrs. Rankins of the Plains, the past week. They returned Monday from a several days prospecting trip in South Texas.

Mesdames Whitmire and Tulla and sons of Wichita Falls were the charming guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds of Trent were visitors in the home of their children, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hughes, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Emmett Morris is staying for an indefinite time with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Morris, of Cross Plains.

The three small children of Mr. and

White Church News

This part of the Canyon received a fine rain last week and we were certainly glad to get it.

Several from here attended the singing at Trent Sunday.

Mrs. A. V. Henslee is in the sanitarium at Abilene, having had an operation for mastoids. She is reported as doing fine.

Mrs. H. West had as her guest last week Misses Fannie Pearl Perry of Dora and Geraldine, Clark of Clovis, N. M.

Our school closed last week after a very successful year with Miss Mary Dean Baucum of Abilene as principal and Miss Irene Chaney of Tuscola as primary teacher. Etzel Hunter was awarded a prize as making the highest average in school.

Mr. O. W. Reed is reported as being some better now.

Brother Marvin Williams surprised the Sunday School and preached for us. We were very glad to have him.

Miss Beatrice Perry of Dora is spending the week in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Malone entertained with a musical Thursday night and everyone reported a fine time.

The following program has been announced for the White Church Epworth League:

Topics: "The Fatherhood of God;" "A Study of the Apostles Creed;" "Jesus Christ the Divine—Human Son of God."

Scripture—2 Cor. 16:24; Matt. 23:9; John 20:17; Rom. 1:6; Heb. 13:20-17.

Song.

The Lord's Prayer.

Talk by Leader: "The Story of the Creed." Alice Reed.

Repetition of creed by entire league.

Talk: "Some Phrases of Divine Fatherhood." Margie Coats.

Talk: "God in the Old Testament." Elgie Riggan.

Song.

Talk: "God, Our Father," Maurice Freesley.

Talk: "Our Father's Need of Us," Raymond Reed.

Talk: "Objectives of the Young People's Division," Lena V. Harrison.

Talk: "Looking at Jesus The Man," Lottie Butman.

Reading: "A Fisherman Speaks," Clayton Coats.

Talk: "Looking to Jesus Our Lord," Beulah Harrison.

Reading: "My Master's Face," Olive May Reed.

Announcements.

Benediction.

Mrs. Chalmers Patterson of Lubbock are to have a pleasant summer vacation with their grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell of Caps motored over to spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Mrs. W. A. Fuquay visited relatives at Colorado recently.

Miss Zuma Spears is staying with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears, of Valera for a few days.

A number of people from here enjoyed the big singing at Trent Sunday.

Pigeon Chicks' Mother.

Bluefield, Va., June 4.—Mrs. D. F. Worley placed a small hen egg under a pigeon which had laid no eggs. Four weeks later the egg was hatched, and the pigeon is giving the tiny chicken motherly attention.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.

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Bargain Specials For Friday and Saturday

8-in. True Temper Hoe 85c

9-in. True Temper Hoe 95c

Ladies' Rayon Hose 3 Pair for \$1.00

Rayon Step-Ins 3 for \$1.00

9 oz. Water Tumblers 6 for 25c

13 oz. Tea Glasses (Rose Color) 6 for 50c

T. L. HAMBLET'S VARIETY STORE
(Next to "M" System)

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

WEINER ROAST.

On last Tuesday evening a gay crowd set out to find an ideal camp place for roasting weiners, frying bacon and scrambling eggs. Shady Rest was selected and a delicious outdoor meal was enjoyed by Messrs. and Mesdames Joe Nalley, Leslie Beasley, R. E. Dowdy, Cecil McRee, B. C. Hamner, T. G. Hamner, J. E. Bowers; Misses Maurine Smith, Perle Martin, Lillian McRee, Thelma Nalley, and Messrs. Louis McRee, F. H. Kennedy, Bob Dennis of Merkel, and little Billie Jo Bowers.

BRIDGE PARTY.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Hosea Winn was bridge hostess honoring her guest, Miss Inez Arnold, of Roscoe. Mrs. Leslie Beasley won high score, a dainty tea apron. At the refreshment hour, delicious cream and cake was served to Mesdames Carl Murdock, Cecil McRee, Buster Edwards, Joe Boone, Leslie Beasley, Bessie Rutherford, Curley Edwards, Misses Maurine Smith, Pete Smith, and the honoree and hostess.

MISS PERLE MARTIN NAMED HONOREE.

Mrs. T. G. Hamner and Miss Lillian McRee were joint hostesses to a most delightful and enjoyable bridge party Friday evening, May 29, in the McRee home, honoring Miss Perle Martin of Temple.

Dainty butterflied as tallies were passed to the guests: indicating partners and tables. After a most enjoyable evening of bridge a delicious salad course consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches, olives, potato chips, pine-

apple and carrot salad, topped with grated cheese and green cherries, and iced tea was served to the following guests: Messrs. and Mesdames Rodo Archer, Leslie Beasley, Cecil McRee, Royce Dowdy, Hale McRee, Andy Anderson, T. G. Hamner, Misses Maurine Smith, Perle Martin and Lillian McRee, Mr. Louie McRee, Bob Dennis, F. H. Kennedy and little Miss Virginia Chloe and H. L. McRee, Jr.

Garland Franks was here Saturday for a short stay. He expects to enter the University of Texas soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McRee and Bob Miller spent the week-end visiting in Del Rio.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Weiser and baby have gone to Los Angeles for the summer.

Roy Morris of Colorado was a recent guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman.

W. J. Beckham was the guest Saturday of his sisters, Mesdames Williamson and Stribling, as he was returning to his home after a business trip to San Antonio.

Miss Magdalene Payne spent the week-end with friends at Oplin.

Miss Gene Terry of Clyde visited relatives here over the week-end.

Rev. H. B. White, who is holding a meeting at Sweetwater, was a recent guest of his daughter, Mrs. Buster Edwards.

Mrs. Jake Roberts and children left Tuesday morning for a visit to Glade-water and Jefferson. They will also visit in Louisiana before returning home.

The singing convention held here last Sunday was well attended with lots of good singing and a nice time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Reeves are an-

nouncing the arrival of a baby girl at their home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Causseaux of Austin are announcing the birth of a baby boy, named Allen Buckner, May 21st.

Barney Howell, who has been attending school at Stephenville, is home for the summer.

COMPERE NEWS

Quite a large crowd of our citizens attended the Fifth Sunday singing at Trent last Sunday and everyone seemed to enjoy the fine singing which was rendered by the visiting singers.

This community would enjoy a good rain just now as crops are needing it. Most everyone is through planting and those who have grain to harvest are busy with it.

Sunday School at Zion Chapel was well attended Sunday. Remember to come out to prayer meeting on Wednesday night.

Miss Maude Cook has returned to her home after attending high school at Sylvester the past term.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins entertained a few friends on "Saturday night with a '42' party."

Miss Rena Terry and Messrs. Ray

Lucas and Watts Davis were dinner guests of Misses Lila and Flora Atkins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childers and children of Big Spring are visiting relatives in this community. They, accompanied by Mesdames C. L. and R. S. Palmer and Mrs. Smith and son, Howard, will leave the middle of the week for a visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harris and Miss Mae Warren of Hodges visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Palmer awhile Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. G. N. Cook has been visiting her mother, Mrs. A. B. Ely, at Anson the past few days.

Mr. J. D. Johnson had the misfortune to lose his barn by fire one day last week.

Miss Maude Cook was a guest of Miss Eva Lou Allred Sunday.

Men—You can buy a good overall at a dollar. Brown's Bargain Store.

SPECIAL OFFER.
Semi-Weekly Farm News and Merkel Mail for one year for \$2.00.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

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Wanted to represent Texas Life Insurance Company, Waco, Texas, during vacation. Many teachers make more money selling insurance than teaching. Our policies are modern and contain the best features in life insurance and are issued from date of birth to age 60. Home Office contract carrying top commission and renewals. For particulars, address

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TUNE IN—The Lucky Strike Dance Orchestra, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evening over N. B. C. network.

Crop and Business Conditions Favorable

Abilene, June 4.—Generally improved business conditions and encouraging crop prospects are in store for West Texas, according to the monthly business conditions survey of the West Texas Utilities company, made available from the offices of the company here yesterday. The report covers forty-eight West Texas and Panhandle counties served by the company.

Crop and business conditions in the Panhandle region continue better than those reported from other sections of the company's properties, although considerable improvement has been noted in the territories adjacent to San Angelo and Quanah.

The report shows a satisfactory condition of wheat and feed crops throughout the territory, and points out that much cotton has already been planted and is doing well. In the southeastern portion of the territory served by the company—in the neighborhood of Lawn, Coleman and Santa Anna—cotton farmers report a good "stand", with every indication of a crop far above normal.

Although trade and collections are considerably below normal, optimism regarding future prospects has stimulated general business to a considerable degree. Widespread improvement is expected within the next ninety days.

Conservative estimate place the feed and grain yield at from twenty to twenty-five per cent above normal, although the cutworm has been noted at various points throughout the properties.

The report concludes with the observation that "as harvest time approaches, and increasing numbers of men find employment, a general improvement in business of all kinds is expected."

The monthly business conditions survey made available through the West Texas Utilities company is made up from reports submitted by each of the nine district operating superintendents of the company, who gain first-hand information in covering the widespread properties of the company.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF BROTHER J. H. McDONALD.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M.

Whereas on the 23rd Day of May, A. D. 1931 at Merkel, Texas it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe, in his infinite Wisdom, to remove from our earthly existence our dear Brother J. H. McDonald, and to transplant him a member of the Celestial Lodge Above, where the supreme Architect of the Universe presides, and whereas Brother McDonald was honored member of this lodge, and held his membership with us for a number of years, and proven himself to be a Mason in the full sense of the teachings of the Fraternity.

Therefore, be it resolved that in the death of our good Brother the Masonic Fraternity has lost a true Brother, and this lodge a worthy member, one who lived and practiced the true principles of our order, and in his everyday life was a living example of those Great Tenets, Faith, Hope, and Charity, having faith in God, Hope in immortality and charity toward all mankind. Ever ready to lend a helping hand to a Brother, or friend, to aid him in his efforts at reformation, and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble

submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased Brother.

Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the bereaved family, and a copy be handed to the Merkel Mail for publication, and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. BOSWELL.
S. A. BANKSTON.
O. R. DYE.

Passed and approved at a stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M. held on the 30th day of May, A. D. 1931.

Attest: C. L. Boswell.
Secretary Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M.
(Seal)

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF O. S. BRYAN.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M.

Whereas, on the 25th day of May, A. D. 1931, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in his infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear Brother O. S. Bryan, and to transplant him a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe pre-

sides; and whereas, Brother Bryan, was a Charter Member of this Lodge from the time of the emerge of the Trent Lodge with this one, being at all times loyal to the principles of the order, during his membership here, was punctual in attendance upon the meetings of the lodge.

And whereas in the death of our Brother this lodge has lost a worthy member, one who lived and practiced the true principles of our order and in his everyday life was a living example of those great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity, having faith in God. Hope in immortality, Charity toward all mankind, ever ready to lend a helping hand to a Brother or friend, to aid him in his efforts and reformations, and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones we bow our heads in humble submission to the will of our Maker, and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased Brother.

Therefore be it resolved that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of the deceased Brother and a copy published in the Merkel Mail, and the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Signed,
COMER PATTERSON.
ELERY SMITH.
E. O. CARSON.

Passed and approved this 30 day of May, A. D. 1931.

Attest: C. L. Boswell.
Secretary Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M.
(Seal)

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COMER PATTERSON.
ELERY SMITH.
E. O. CARSON.

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Attest: C. L. Boswell.
Secretary Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M.
(Seal)

White House Veteran.
Washington, June 4.—William Stauss, the oldest employe at the White House in point of service, retired Tuesday. He entered the White House service in 1888, serving continuously for 43 years. Grover Cleveland was president when he began his duties as an assistant to the gardener at \$1.50 a day.

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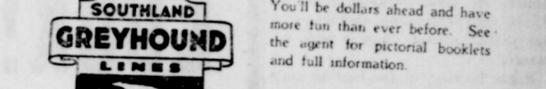
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Fiery Clara Bow in Stern Drama of Love And Danger, "Kick In"

If you remember the picture "Children of Divorce," the forgotten "girl next door" of "Wings," the beautiful gangster's moll of "Ladies of the Mob" or the effective scene in the detective's office in "No Limit," the Clara Bow who makes her dramatic debut on the talking screen in "Kick In," at the R. and R. Palace, Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday, will be less of a surprise, and more of a revelation.

The Clara Bow of "Kick In" is really a new Clara Bow, a dramatic emotionally fiery star, but those who recall those brief glimpses of the real Bow talent in other dramatic moments will find it only the realization of something they knew the "It" girl possessed all along. "Kick In" is something new for Clara Bow, entirely divorced from the "flapper" dramas with which her fame is chiefly associated.

In "Kick In," Clara has both story and an opportunity as the fighting, loving victim of circumstances who battles the law to keep her sweetheart, as a desperate, helpless woman striving to retain her lover's right to go straight. The story is human, vital drama of down-to-earth emotions. Filled with interesting characters, it has pathos, drama, humor and romance.

Regis Toomey, in the leading male role, will be chiefly remembered for his great performance in "Alibi." In "Kick In," he outdoes himself, in a role similar to the one that brought him first fame. Wynne Gibson, one of Paramount's bright, new personalities, seen recently in "The Gang Buster" and William Powell's "Man of the World," is a player interesting to observe. The male support includes Leslie Fenton, Donald Crisp and Paul Hurst.

July 13-20 Dates for Lueders Encampment

The program committee of Lueders encampment has completed the program. It is conceded to be one of the best ever planned for this encampment. Dr. W. R. White, secretary of the Mission Board of Texas Baptists, has agreed to be the principal speaker. He is one of the best loved men in the denomination of the state, is a pulpit orator of great ability, and his presence on the program insures a large attendance.

Instead of the regular study classes, most of the work will be done along conference lines. Every department of the work, Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U., will be represented on the program.

The dates of the encampment will be July 13 to 20. The time has been reduced to one week and every effort will be made to throw every interest into the limited time. General conditions over the country is the reason for the shortening of the encampment time.

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Christ will be the first to meet us When we reach that happy place And the next will be our precious darling; She is saved by His rich grace.

There will be a happy meeting When we clasp hands once more. There to meet and part no, never, On the happy, golden shore.

We will tell her how we've missed her, Of our sorrows and our cares; We will clasp her to our bosom, Then there will be no more shedding of tears.

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Cotton Man Urges Substitution of Cotton for Jute

Austin, June 4.—In a letter to J. E. McDonald, commissioner of agriculture, the belief was expressed by W. J. Walker, cotton agency proprietor of New Orleans, that jute holds the "balance of power" in arriving at the price of cotton.

Walker cited figures from Leaville McCampbell, cotton manufacturer and selling agent of New York city, that to replace jute with cotton in its many uses as burlap bags and bagging would increase the consumption of American cotton in America by 1,500,000 bales a year.

"The farmer will have to start housecleaning at home, by covering his cotton with cotton bagging, by demanding his fertilizer sacked in cotton sacks," Walker declared. "Positively no success can be had in preaching increased use of cotton when the farmer uses jute."

"Cotton bagging and cotton sacks are available, and if the farmer will

demand them, half the battle will be won.

"Just suppose that six years ago we had stopped importation of jute into this country, or had refrained from using it for any purpose. We would have consumed about nine million bales or more of cotton in that period, and there would be a cotton famine now instead of the largest surplus in the history of the south."

Walker is making a speaking tour in Mississippi, in company with J. C. Holton, commissioner of agriculture of that state.

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Mrs. Charles Lindbergh Passes Final Air Test

New York, June 4.—Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh has won the rank of a full-fledged aviatrix.

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