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EARTH TREMORS FELT OVER 500 MILE STRETCH

Merkel Feels Light Shock Early Sunday Morning; First Quake in the History of Many Points; Severest at Valentine.

Reactions to an earth tremor, believed to have been the first quake in the history of many points, were recorded early Sunday in a 500-mile stretch across Texas. Three distant shocks were reported at 5:45 a. m., from El Paso to Dallas and from Amarillo to Eagle Pass and San Antonio. A survey of the area Sunday showed there was no loss of life and only small property damage, the largest occurring at Valentine, where the loss was estimated at \$75,000.

Many Merkel residents, awake at that hour, felt the shock and others were awakened by the tremor. It is said the guests on the upper floor of the hotels in Abilene reported that light fixtures and pictures showed a swing of several inches.

At Valentine, where the severest tremor was followed by lighter ones, walls were cracked, roofs crashed in, plaster shaken down and every chimney in the town dismantled.

San Antonio was the largest city to report quakes. Dishes were broken, windows rattled and chandeliers swayed.

Fort Stockton reported the walls of several downtown buildings were cracked. Comanche Springs, flowing 60,000,000 gallons of water daily, spouted muddy water for an hour after the quake.

Sanderson, Monahans, San Angelo, Big Spring, Van Horn, El Paso, Pecos, Poyote, Odessa, Midland, Stanton, Snyder, Post, Lubbock and Toyah reported distinct tremors. Vibrations were also felt in Anson, Stamford, Winters, Coleman, Cisco and Colorado.

NEW SHAKE ROCKS AREA.

Valentine, Aug. 20.—Nine distinct earth tremors have shaken this little West Texas village since Sunday, when a couple of houses were torn from their foundations, buildings cracked and the 500 citizens given the scare of their lives in the first major quake ever to have visited this section of the trans-Pecos.

Homes were vacated Tuesday night and the people slept in the streets, littered with plaster and adobe from shaken buildings. They were afraid to risk their homes again, after four shocks, one after another, came during the day as rehabilitation work started.

Hamlin Woman Buried Here.

The body of a Mrs. Early was brought from Hamlin by a Hamlin undertaker Wednesday afternoon for interment in Rose Hill cemetery, where relatives of the deceased were buried.

MERKEL 22 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 20, 1909.)

It is better to be born lucky than good looking but Taylor Jennings is good looking and lucky, for he held the ticket which entitled him to \$250 in cash at the West Texas Hardware company last Saturday.

Mrs. T. A. Johnson had as her guests her sisters, Mr. W. J. Winter and Mrs. Geo. Northcutt. Master Deverle accompanied them to their home at Gorman Tuesday.

Miss Annie Fulton has returned to Merkel to accept a position with the Star Store.

T. K. Jones brought the first bale of cotton to Merkel, sold at \$1.2 cents and premiums at \$90.00. Second bale was gathered by A. J. Young and third by Jim Rosson.

Luther Hudson, who travels this territory and who has many friends in this section, was compelled the first of the week to take to bed at the Walker cottage, suffering from typhoid fever. He was later removed to the Hollis sanitarium, Abilene.

Little Miss Velma King visited in Abilene this week.

W. S. Smelser was in to see us this week to renew his Merkel Mail.

Ladies Tailor-Made Suits made to

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Decision to call off the West Texas Fair at Abilene for 1931 was announced Wednesday, following a special session of the executive board of the association.

Willis Rae Cox, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cox of Houston, was killed when the automobile in which she was riding with her mother overturned.

Injuries received when she was thrown from a horse into a barbed wire fence proved fatal to Lottie Vern Park, 14-year-old girl living eight miles south of Amarillo.

Citizens in Road district No. 1 in Callahan county Saturday approved a bond issue of \$15,000 for widening the right-of-way on the Bankhead highway through the county.

Decreased appropriations for live stock sanitary work in Texas have resulted in the discharge of 40 live stock sanitary commission inspectors, it has been announced at Fort Worth.

Charles Davis, former El Paso mayor, was charged with failure to stop and render aid, a felony, after Miss Wilma Knoblauch, 15, had been struck by an automobile while she was looking at a tire.

A reduction in natural gas rates in towns, applying over a five-month winter period to both commercial and industrial users and to schools and colleges, has been announced at the headquarters of the West Texas Gas company at Lubbock.

D. M. Baker, who settled in Runnels county on his arrival in Texas from Tennessee, his native state, in 1880 and who was prominently associated for more than 50 years with the development of that county, died at Balinger Friday at the age of 80 years.

Governor Ross S. Sterling declared martial law in the East Texas oil field, effective 6 a. m. Monday, shutting down all producing wells. The area, embraced in four counties, covers 2815 square miles, with approximately 1600 producing wells included in the order.

Mrs. Wylie Post, whose husband flew around the world in the monoplane Winnie Mae to establish a world's record and whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Laine, reside in the Divide community, is to be guest of honor at the Sweetwater luncheon club Thursday.

After four county officials of Travis county, the county judge, district clerk, county tax assessor and county clerk, had voluntarily requested reduction of salaries, the Travis county commissioners court Monday voted to reduce the salaries of these four officials 20 per cent and added that of the county sheriff also.

Measures taken by Nesbitt and Clark. Pope Rister, A. Stamps, Esq., S. S. Harris and Oscar Adams were Abilene visitors Tuesday.

The delivery horse who pulls the Gaither delivery wagon every morning during the week days put on a show Tuesday morning to show that he still possesses the qualities of a racer. He was left standing in front of the home of J. C. Hamm when two small boys crawled in the wagon. The animal thought that was the time to start and the boys vacated the vehicle and his speed increased until he came through town at his best gait. He was chased beyond the home of Adolphus Stamps, Esq., and caught by J. S. Swann and Prof. B. W. Hudgins on horseback. No damage was done to animal or wagon.

Go to A. H. Jones for cold drinks and confectioneries. Next door to Cobb and Miller office on Kent street.

I. N. Taylor and wife left Thursday for Mineral Wells and Dallas.

Miss Fannie Tippett has returned to her home in Abilene after a visit with her sister, Little Hazel Harkrider, who accompanied her home.

OFFERED \$500 IN PRIZES; PAYS OFF \$55.95



PROTEST VOICED

The full text of the resolutions of protest of Abilene's failure to deliver on their offer of \$500 in prizes for the first 1931 cotton, adopted by the Lions club, follows:

"Whereas, the announcement appeared in the Abilene Morning News of Friday, Aug. 14, followed by a rewrite story in the Abilene Reporter of the same date, that plans for giving \$500 in prizes for the first 1931 cotton produced within a 25-mile radius of Abilene were being formulated by Abilene merchants and cotton men; and

"Whereas, in a subsequent newspaper story in the Abilene Reporter-News the territory included in the offer was extended to include a 50-mile radius from Abilene, embracing parts of 15 counties, and whereas the farmers and business men in this vast area were led to believe that \$500 in cash and prizes were already in hand to be awarded for the first 1931 cotton in this 50-mile radius; and

"Whereas, on the basis of this announcement Elbert Dean, Merkel farmer, carried the first bale weighing 512 pounds to Abilene on Monday, August 17, and received therefor only \$32.45 cash from the Reporter-News and prizes aggregating \$23.50, total \$55.95, besides the actual sale price of the cotton at 6 cents per pound, \$30.72 and free ginning, and

"Whereas the information available to this committee convinces us that the above items represent the sum total of all prizes offered or to be offered as per the bonus proposal of Abilene merchants and business men, referred to above; therefore be it

"Resolved, that the Merkel Lions club as a body, joined by representative business men of Merkel, resent the failure of Abilene merchants and cotton men to fulfill their offer of \$500 in prizes for the first 1931 cotton; that we further resent the injustice to the smaller towns in this 50-mile radius due to the fact that Abilene by reason of this \$500 offer, unfulfilled, is able to claim credit for the first bale, when as a matter of fact Merkel and several other small towns have always raised a bonus of a larger amount than Mr. Dean received for his first bale in Abilene and so far as is known no other prizes for second, third, or subsequent bales are offered at all;

"And more particularly and emphatically do we resent the fact that, after the announcement heretofore referred to (Continued on Page Four)

LOCAL LIONS CLUB ACTS IN BEHALF FARMER-FRIEND

Stinging Resolutions Adopted Demanding That Neighbor City Keep Faith With Farmers or Admit Failure to Do So.

Voicing in plain language their resentment of the failure of Abilene merchants and cotton men to live up to their proposal, as announced in the Abilene papers of Friday of last week, offering \$500 in cash and merchandise prizes for the first 1931 cotton brought to Abilene, characterizing such unfair dealing as an injustice to the smaller towns adjacent to Abilene, who customarily pay off a bonus larger than the recipient, Elbert Dean, a Merkel farmer, received from the above offer or carrying his first bale to Abilene and demanding that Abilene "either carry out their original offer of \$500 in prizes for the first 1931 cotton or admit through the medium of the press that they have failed to keep faith with the farmers in this 50-mile radius," the Merkel Lions club adopted stinging resolutions covering the indignity at their luncheon Tuesday.

Dee Grimes was named chairman of the resolutions committee, which included Booth Warren, A. T. Sheppard, S. D. Gamble and Bill Haynes, and to this committee were added the president of the club, Mat Dillingham, and C. J. Glover, Jr., secretary.

(The resolutions in full are printed in the adjoining column on this page.) The Abilene episode occupied the full attention of the Lions club at their business session following the luncheon.

The matter was presented by Booth Warren and the discussion that followed enlisted the endorsement of every Lion present and several representatives business men, who joined in the proceedings, resulting in the adoption unanimously of the resolutions of protest against the unfair tactics of our neighboring city.

Mr. Warren, prefacing his remarks, explained that the Merchants of Merkel, in behalf of one of our local farmers, resented the unfairness that characterized the published offer in the Abilene papers of \$500 in cash and prizes for the first 1931 cotton, which

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FATS MEET FATS NEXT THURSDAY

Benefit Game for Boy Scouts of Merkel and Sweetwater to be Staged at Sweetwater.

Featured attraction on the baseball calendar of West Texas is the contest carded for next Thursday, August 27, between the Fats of Merkel and Sweetwater to be played at the West Texas League park in Sweetwater.

The Sweetwater aggregation, composed of 20 players and bench warmers, weighs 4,500 pounds, while the Merkel heavyweights, 18 men total, tip the scales for 3,800 pounds. The Nolan county diamond artists have a slight advantage in avoirdupois, which may be to their disadvantage in diamond prowess and lack of endurance.

The game will start at 5 o'clock and it is expected that a large crowd will go over from Merkel for the game. Herbert Patterson, who with T. G. Bragg, J. S. Bourn and H. H. Jenkins is arranging details, asks that those expecting to go from here meet at the fire station by 4:30 o'clock.

The Sweetwater business houses are going to close at 4 o'clock for the game. Admission charge will be ten cents and proceeds go to the Boy Scouts of Merkel and Sweetwater, divided on a 50-50 basis.

OTHER GAMES CARDED.

Merkel brought Roby over here last Friday for a return game and repeated with a second victory by a 6-5 score. But the home boys lost to Clyde Tuesday, taking the small end of a 6-2 count. They will journey to Clyde for another game on Friday of this week.

On the calendar for next week Merkel's crack nine has two games, one with Truby Tuesday and with the Divide Friday.

In the Sunday School league, the Baptists won over the Methodists in last Thursday's game 10 to 5.

Dee Teaff Brings in Merkel's First Bale

Merkel's first bale of cotton for the 1931 season arrived Wednesday. It was raised by Dee Teaff on his farm southeast of Merkel and was ginned at the F. P. Hamm gin.

The weight of this bale was only 432 pounds. It was classed as middling and was bought by George F. West at six cents per pound, about half a cent above the market price.

Sweetwater Welcomes Round World Flyers

The city of Sweetwater was Thursday engaging in a dual celebration. The first event of the day was the luncheon of the Sweetwater Luncheon club at which Mrs. Wylie Post, wife of the famous world-circling flyer, was guest of honor. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Laine, reside in the Divide community and Mrs. Wylie has been on a visit with them.

The second and major event of the day, and one long to be remembered, was scheduled for 3 o'clock at which time Mrs. Post's famous husband had wired he and his aviator-partner, Harold Gatty, would land at Sweetwater in the Winnie Mae and pick her up for her return trip home.

Dr. R. I. Grimes and Rev. E. L. Yeats, as invited guests from Merkel, drove over to the luncheon and to witness the arrival of the famed aviators.

GOLF TOURNAMENT BEING PLANNED

Committee Working Out Details For Local Tournament; Golf Club Officers Re-Elected.

Besides re-electing W. L. Diltz president, and Booth Warren secretary-treasurer, members of the Merkel Golf club at their re-organization meeting Wednesday afternoon at the Lions club hall decided on plans for their annual golf tournament.

A committee was named, with Paul W. West as chairman, assisted by R. O. Anderson and Dee Grimes, to set the date, purchase premiums for and supervise the playing of the tournament, which it was decided to hold immediately.

A permanent advisory committee, which is to serve by way of an executive committee, was also named. This committee includes Mat Dillingham, chairman, George Woodrum and J. S. Bourn.

A third committee, on membership, carries E. Yates Brown as chairman, with Royce Dowdy of Trent and B. H. Lancaster as other members.

The membership committee has started functioning at once, its first duty being to re-sign the members on new pledge cards. The membership committee wishes to call attention particularly to the fact that no one will be eligible to enter the tournament who has not signed the new membership card.

Dub Harkrider Wins Tennis Championship

Defeating William Sheppard in straight sets, 6-0 and 6-1, Dub Harkrider, finalist of the second bracket, turned down Cullen Tittle in the championship match of the city-wide tennis tournament by also winning straight sets at the same odds, 6-0 and 6-1.

Results of the second round of doubles left Garrett and Tucker as contenders with Harkrider and West for finalist honors and the Garrett-Tucker combination took three straight sets, each by 6-4 count, for first honors.

In the semi-finals of the doubles, Harkrider and West had bested Case and Riddle, 6-3 and 6-0, while Tucker and Garrett were winning over the Tittle brothers, 6-4 and 6-2.

Interest now centers in the girls singles. Mrs. Milton Case, after proving victorious over Miss Mary Hutcheson, 6-3 and 6-2, defeated Miss Audrey Farris, 9-7 and 6-0, to win place in the finals.

Her opponent will be the winner of the match between Miss Christine Boyd and Miss Jess Higgins, the latter having won her first round with Miss Gladys Middleton, 7-5 and 6-3.

Conference of Members Texas Co-Op Tuesday

R. J. Murray, general manager of the Texas Cotton Co-operative association, will be the speaker at the pre-delivery season membership conference to be held at Abilene next Monday beginning at 2 p. m.

Special efforts are being made to have a large attendance of both members and non-members, as well as business men. It is stated that there will be no attempt to sign up new members. Among the important features of the meeting will be reports by official speakers on last season's operations and an explanation of the objects of the association.



"I WAS WRONG."

Like many other business men, I subscribe to a confidential bulletin issued by a private news agency in Washington.

It contains interesting comment on affairs both here and abroad, gathered from official sources and from important visitors to the Capital. No one is quoted by name and hence the writers of the bulletin can exercise considerable freedom. Sometimes their information is useful.

In a recent number they answered certain questions as to how they get their news. I quote the following paragraph:

"For example, take the Washington predictions as to when business will recover. There have been two kinds. First, the formal, publishable statements of officials, which the newspapers have carried. Second, the unofficial, private, more sincere views which the Washington correspondents have known but were under obligations not to print. We have sent you the latter. Our advices have been less wrong than most, but not particularly good at that, and this is one example of why you should not trust our letters 100 per cent."

That made a great hit with me. If the writers had said: "We misled you a little about the time of the business recovery, but we were not responsible. The officials deceived us;" or, "While we were wrong on the business recovery, still our competitors were much worse"—if they had written any sort of alibi at all, every word of it would have lessened my confidence.

But when they come out frankly and say: "We were wrong, and you should never depend on us one hundred per cent," then I begin to think they must be pretty smart men.

I have never forgotten an experience with one of my first employers, a man who is now at the very top of his profession.

In those days I was getting \$40 a week, and he was earning \$40,000 a year. He lived in a fine apartment on Park Avenue, and I lived in one room in the Y. M. C. A.

One morning early I was called out of bed to answer the telephone. It was my employer. He said:

"After you left the office last night I hunted up some additional information on the subject we had been discussing. I tried to reach you during the evening, but you were out. I am calling you now to let you know that you were right, and I was wrong."

You can imagine what that did to me! I would have jumped off the roof if I had known that I was right.

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WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

Concrete paving has been completed between Lubbock and Plainview, the two largest cities in the South Plains of Texas, forty-eight miles apart. Lubbock and Hale counties are the pioneers of the South Plains in permanent highway construction.

The chamber of commerce of Spur, Texas, contributed to placing Dickens county cotton on a tenable basis by shipping in and distributing 6,500 bushels of pure bred cotton seed.

The cotton mills of Post, Texas, are running on full time schedule for the first time in two years, employing 200 people with an annual pay roll of \$250,000.

The Struve Cheese factory at Abernathy, Texas, has doubled its output since April this year and is now receiving 4,000 pounds of whole milk daily from farmers.

225 carloads of wheat were shipped from Floydada, Texas, in one month this season.

Swisher, county, Texas, is contesting with Coleman, Jones, Crosby and Baylor to see which can first liquidate its Federal Production loans advanced drouth stricken farmers. The contest is in line with the program of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to get West Texas loans promptly repaid.

The telephone system of Tohoka, Texas, is being completely rebuilt at a heavy expenditure.

Wilbarger county, Texas, has averaged producing nearly 40,000 bales of cotton each of the past twelve years

and has 1,800 producing oil wells with normal annual production of 10,000,000 barrels.

Home demonstration clubs of Childress county, Texas, are canning wheat for use as food in place of macaroni, rice and other cereals. After being allowed to soak in water over night it is salted and canned.

A twenty mile electric power line carrying 13,000 volts is under construction between Vernon and Thalia, Texas.

West Texas farmers in the wheat areas are fattening thousands of head of cattle with ground wheat which is the cheapest possible feed under present prices.

A \$450,000 federal building and postoffice is to be erected in Wichita Falls, Texas, construction starting September 1.

Contract for the construction of a federal building at Fort Worth costing \$1,017,000 has been awarded.

A \$75,000.00 brick plant began operation recently in Mineral Wells, Texas.

Several carloads of bred gilts have recently been shipped into Johnson

county, Texas, for the purpose of increasing the hog population to consume the cheap feed crop.

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TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

THE WAY OF LIFE

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roof for the boss, and I never meet him even now without an impulse to raise my hat.

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ROWENA RIDES THE RUMBLE

by ETHEL HUESTON

NINTH INSTALLMENT.

Rackruff Motors hire Rowena to accompany Peter on a nation-wide tour in their roadster as an advertising stunt. At the last minute Little Bobby is engaged to act as chaperon. A few miles out Bobby becomes tearful at being parted from her sweetheart and Rowena insists on taking her place in the rumble so that she can ride with Peter and have him to talk to about Carter. Rowena gets Peter to consent to divide the expense money each week as soon as it arrives and astonishes Peter by eating too economically.

The three tourists reach Denver, after passing through Buffalo, Chicago and St. Louis. Peter and Rowena have many tiffs on the way while Carter keeps wiring Bobby to return to New York. The morning after they reach Denver, Peter and Rowena discover Bobby has deserted them and returned to New York by train. They are faced with the impossible condition of continuing their trip without a chaperon.

Rowena suggests to Peter that they make a "companionate" marriage. They are married and go to Cheyenne, where their actions, when they ask for rooms on separate floors, arouses suspicions of the hotel clerk. They finally succeed in getting rooms, but not without exciting the laughter of the hotel loungers. They wire the company they have been married.

They resume the trip the next day and are overwhelmed by a cloudburst in an arroyo and are thrown out of the car. A party of tourist campers gives them dry clothes and food. Spokane is finally reached and the hotel clerk smiles when they register. They find Rackruff Motors have arranged a public reception and dance for them. They are deluged with presents.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—When Peter went out for a look around town she hurried away with her share of the wedding presents in search of a pawn-shop, where she left them securely locked away from danger of theft or loss, and stopped for an express money order on her way home.

There wasn't enough money for the suit but she bought a new, frilly collar and cuff set to brighten up the old one which she extravagantly sent down to the hotel cleaner for pressing. She had a small electric iron and a folding board in her big suitcase, but she felt some hesitancy about resorting to such an economy with Peter in the sitting-room.

The reception was a huge success. The best people in their best clothes were properly impressed. Peter and Rowena in a mound of flowers in the Rackruff roadster were photographed for the local papers, interviewed by representatives of the press, and congratulated on every hand. Peter was given a pearl-studded cigarette lighter, which worked successfully, and Rowena a wrist-watch with the same design in chip diamonds. She accepted it with a glowing smile and inner regret that she had not had it earlier in the day to provide the coveted suit.

Mr. Meeker told her confidentially that the only reason he had not told her about the wristwatch was because they had evidently planned it as an afterthought and he hadn't heard of it.

When the reception was over they were driven triumphantly back to the hotel in a procession of Rackruff roadsters, so that a considerable crowd gathered in the streets to cheer them on.

"Peter, don't you love it?" demanded Rowena when they were again alone in the bridal suite—alone, but with the door noticeably ajar. "Don't you adore being a husband? Aren't you glad we got married? Why, if I had known it was such fun I'd have been married dozens of times before this."

Peter waited in the lobby downstairs while she dressed for the big affair of the day, and when she was ready he took possession of the bedroom and bath while she sat in the flower-filled sitting-room—the door into the corridor wide open, you may be sure—and wrote a long gay letter to Buddy, enclosing the money order. At seven o'clock Mr. Meeker called to escort them down in person. He brought a huge corsage of orchids and orange blossoms for Rowena and a gardenia for Peter's buttonhole.

"Guess we better let her stick it in for you," said Mr. Meeker. "Seems like it gives more of a bridal touch to things."

Rowena rose to the occasion. She kissed the gardenia prettily and then flicked it coquettishly on Peter's chin before she tucked it carefully into

the lapel of his coat—all this to the beaming delight of Mr. Meeker and the confusion of Peter.

Flushing with rosy pride, Mr. Meeker led them down to the reception-room and introduced them once more to all the Rackruff dealers and their wives, and then to the gentlemen of the press—and editors and publishers among them, too, as well as mere reporters. The orchestra struck up the wedding march and Peter and Rowena, flanked by Mr. Meeker on one side and the headwaiter on the other, led the procession into the ballroom for dinner. The seats designed for them were raised above the others in a royal mound of white roses. This, Mr. Meeker explained in a loud whisper, represented the solitaire diamond of an engagement ring, which was typified by the rest of the tables ranging the full extent of the hall in a great circle.

Never had Rowena been so beautiful. Her eyes—the blue of a summer sky—sparkled with pleased excitement. Her lovely lips quivered sensitively. Under the table she felt about with the toe of a silver slipper until she found Peter's foot to press when she wished to call his attention to anything particularly priceless that caught her eye or ear.

Peter stared and stared at her. Everyone else did, too, if it comes to that, but no one of all those present was so amazed and so bewildered by her beauty as Peter himself. Over and over again he had to remind himself that this radiant exquisite creature, the cynosure of all eyes, whose sheer beauty fairly took away one's breath, was the very same crisp and curt Rowena on the steering wheel of their trip.

When dinner was over and he danced with her for the first time he was startled and stirred to discover that she was a feather in his arms; that her gleaming hair was fragrant as flowers; her skin velvet to his touch—and that she seemed to melt into the music like music itself.

"Rowena," he whispered, "it's great isn't it?—Really, it's just corking!" "It gorgeous, Peter, it's glorious!" And oh, darling, think how they're going to feel in a couple of months when they read in the paper about the annulment and know it was all a farce! Won't they go down—plop!—like a flat tire?"

"I suppose so," he assented soberly. "Looking at it that way, it seems rather a low trick to play on them. They mean so well."

"Put it was Rackruff got us into it—it isn't our fault," she protested. They danced through the ball with a display of domestic devotion that was thoroughly convincing. At two o'clock when it was over they went, laughing, up-stairs to the bridal suite and while he changed quickly from formal to street dress, she lounged in full display in the sitting-room before the chaperonage of an open door.

When he went in to say good night he sat down on the arm of her big chair and cuddled her bright head, roughly, in his arm.

"Why put me out, Rowena?" he began in a wheedlesome voice. "After all, we are married. And I fancy we're going to have the devil's own time convincing any sane judge that there was nothing to it but the ceremony."

"My judge will believe it." "If he does," said Peter moodily, "he's going to think what a damfool I am.—Anyhow, it's been a nice night and there's more of it. We've had a lot of fun and a little more wouldn't do us any harm," he argued persuasively.

She laughed good-naturedly. "I've had all the fun I can stand for one night. Run along, darling, and be sure to get a receipt that will confound the skeptics."

When Peter had gone she sat on the edge of the bed and thought it all over. In a way, she decided, it was rather an awful thing they had done. But it had been so tremendously important for both of them—the trip had—the pictures and the stories. And the money—the money most of all! But it was too bad this sort of thing had to happen—and to a sweet thing like Peter who really rather deserved a better break—he was so old-fashioned at heart.

Rowena stood up and yawned and got into bed. She would do her level best to insure that annulment, in common fairness to Peter. Certainly it was for her to make sure of it. He was too careless, too sensitive to public opinion. He might get that receipt for his night's residence and he might not. She would make sure.

She lifted the receiver of her telephone and asked them to send up the housekeeper.

When she came in, an efficient, large, Scotch woman, Rowena looked a little limp and wan.

"I don't feel so very well," she said childishly. "I wonder if you could get me something hot to drink? I don't want to be sick."

The housekeeper was surprised. It was three o'clock in the morning and the bridal suite, well lighted, showed itself guiltless of groom. His pillow had not been touched. But hotel housekeepers are schooled to surprises. She brought Rowena some hot strong tea with a little rum in it and gave her an aspirin tablet.

"If you don't feel better pretty soon have your husband call me—wh-when he comes in," she said.

Rowena's smile was a little forced. "I will," she promised.

At five o'clock she asked for her again.

"I feel worse," she said. But she did not want a doctor. "I'm just nervous," she explained. "Would—would it be asking too much—for you just to sit with me a few minutes? I'm sure it's only excitement after the ball."

The housekeeper sat down beside the bed. Rowena looked very young, very flushed, altogether adorable in her soft night things. In the dim light the housekeeper could not see how old they were, and worn. The housekeeper had her own opinion about men anyhow, and her face grew grimmer and grimmer. The night housekeeper in a big hotel sees much.

When Rowena seemed to have dropped off to sleep, she leaned over her commiseratingly. "Poor child," she muttered, "a pretty young thing like that—Him out all night and them just married!—Thank God I found men out in time!"

Rowena smiled comfortably to herself when the housekeeper had turned out the light and tip-toed softly from the room. She had a witness to the virginal privacy of her night in the bridal suite.

Rowena was about half through breakfast the next morning when Peter came in. He sat down opposite her and the waitress almost ran up to get his order. But Peter said he already breakfasted, would take only coffee, very hot, please.

"She's entirely too good for him, the brute," said the waitress to the pastry cook. "She never said a word but 'Good morning.' Didn't even ask him where he'd been all night." Peter was a little self-conscious about it all and to the critical maids his constraint seemed that of a guilty conscience. Rowena was sweetly gentle even friendly.

"I only wish the hotel had given them a pearl necklace instead of that cocktail shaker," said Mr. Meeker regretfully. "She'd get to wear the pearl necklace if he didn't pawn it, and it's plain to see who'll use the cocktail shaker."

Peter had the receipt for his night's

lodging and Rowena folded it away triumphantly in the pocket of her portfolio, along with the other proofs of their complete engagement on rowena.

She was full of enthusiasm, entirely satisfied with their future prospects, as she was packing her bags before the witness of an open door.

"It's a great little burg," she said warmly. "When I am a thorough old maid I shall buy me a dog or something and come and live here. It's just the sort of town I like. And if I am rich and famous I will rent the bridal suite by the year and you can give me an autographed picture of the Rackruff to adorn my walls. And I'll invite Mr. Meeker to tea every Sunday and we'll discuss our past glories and remember-when."

"It's pretty plain what they think of me in these parts," said Peter regretfully. "It seems a dirty trick to play them—they were so kind about everything."

"One good thing about it," encouraged Rowena, "if for any reason my judge should hit a snag in getting us annulled, we won't need any other grounds after last night. We'll call on the hotel force for affidavits."

"What a cad they must think me!"

"Don't you care, darling. Next time we come here, you shall have the bridal suite and their sympathy and I'll step out for the night."

(Continued Next Week.)

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Girl Swims Bosphorus.

Istanbul Turkey, Aug. 20.—Miss Anita Grew, daughter of Joseph C. Grew, United States ambassador to Turkey, swam the length of the strait of Bosphorus from the Black sea to the Sea of Marmora Tuesday. The distance is 19 miles, and it was believed to have been the first time the feat was accomplished. The swim took five hours.

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CHURCHES

Interest Growing Daily In Revival

Interest in the revival at the First Methodist church, conducted under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Hamblen, pastor of the First Methodist church of Abilene, has shown a marked growth from night to night and by Wednesday evening the number of earnest worshippers had reached the proportion that it was necessary to open the adjoining room to provide seating accommodations.

Rev. Hamblen is a consecrated preacher, a man whose words carry conviction and whose manner of presentation of Bible teachings compels the attention and thought of both the saved and the unsaved. The pastor, Rev. E. L. Yeats, is fortunate in securing a speaker of such evangelistic power and the local church and Merkel are both due to profit by his conscientious and effective delivery of gospel truths.

Each night of the present week was set aside for some individual Sunday School class and the response both in attendance and program has proved one of the features of the revival.

Services will continue twice daily, at 10:30 a. m. and at 8 p. m., through next week, concluding on Sunday, August 30.

Rev. Hamblen will preach at both morning and evening services Sunday.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

The Sunday School classes that have responded to the "Special Nights" for the week are to be praised. Each class in turn has shown a loyalty and enthusiasm in the work that is praiseworthy to the last degree. Such work makes church life a success.

Rev. Hamblen will be with us Sunday at both services and through the coming week. His messages have stirred the great congregations and the good work goes on.

LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song, Scripture, Faby Mashburn.
Song, Mollie Frank Touchstone and Ben Roberts Hicks.
Bible story, Richmond Buford.
Story, Charles Iddings.
Prayer, Stanley Toombs.
Benediction.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Attendance and interest fine for the past weeks, let's continue for the good of each attendant and the upbuilding of church and kingdom.

There will be no preaching services here fourth and fifth Sundays as the pastor will be in revival at Baird.

We insist on all Presbyterians doing all they can to assist in the revival at the Methodist church.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 789 present at the four reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, no report having been received from the Nazarene church. This compares with 737 on the corresponding Sunday last year.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

C. E. Conner is to be the leader for the men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service next Sunday and the place of meeting the Presbyterian church. The lesson will be the 9th chapter of Acts. All the men in Merkel and surrounding communities are invited and urged to attend and take part in these services.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

"The Church with a Warm Welcome." Let all of our members be in Sunday School at 10 a. m. and stay for church at 11 a. m.

We will have no preaching at the evening hour on account of the Methodist revival.

Brother Hamblen is doing some good old-fashioned preaching. Hear him.

Our young people will have their meeting at 7:15 p. m. Come and be in their service and rejoice with them.

J. T. King, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's day morning at 10 a. m., communion services 11 a. m. to 12 m., young peoples' program at 7 p. m. and prayer service Wednesday at 8:15 p. m.

We invite you to come.

In love, The Elders.

The Texas house of representatives Wednesday adopted articles of impeachment against J. B. Price of Bastrop, judge of the 21st district court, charging Judge Price with gross negligence and incompetency and with unlawfully approving the accounts of officers of his district for fees and mileage in criminal cases.

Co-Ops to Advance Large Percentage Of Value of Crop

Dallas, Aug. 20.—The Texas Cotton Cooperative association will advance to its members within several dollars a bale of the actual market value of cotton delivered to its seasonal pool as an initial advance, according to an announcement made here today by R. J. Murray, general manager. Through numerous branch offices of the association established throughout the state, in charge of federally licensed classifiers, Mr. Murray said, the actual grade and staple of the cotton will be determined and the advance figured on the actual intrinsic value of the cotton at the time and place of delivery, less one cent a pound, which will be deducted to provide a margin of safety and for operating expenses.

"This advance approximates the 90 per cent advance of last season," Mr. Murray said. Members still have the option of using the price fixation and immediate fixation pools, it was said. The latter pools give the members the privilege of fixing the price on his cotton at his own discretion.

Based upon the progress and interest in the cooperative marketing movement and in consideration of the very substantial initial advance being offered growers again this season, Mr. Murray stated that "there is every reason to expect fully 1,000,000 bales delivery to the cooperative association in Texas this year."

Supt. Burgess Will Return About Aug. 25

Supt. Roger A. Burgess of the Merkel Public schools, who has been attending summer school at Columbia university, New York City, expects to arrive home about the 25th of this month. He writes that he and Mrs. Burgess were leaving New York on the 14th and en route home would visit Niagara Falls, Detroit, Toledo, Chicago, St. Louis and Oklahoma City.

Seeking Information For Newspaper Man

Postmaster O. J. Adcock has received a letter from the Marshall Gazette of Lewisburg, Tenn., seeking to know the name and address of a woman of our town, who in writing to that newspaper stated that she was formerly Matt Forrest of Marshall county, Tenn.

The letter from the newspaper advises that the writer of the letter to them failed to sign her name and they are at a loss how they may reply to the letter, in which among other things she requested the newspaper to send her copies of their publication.

Anyone who can furnish any information to assist in ascertaining the present name of the lady referred to is asked to notify Postmaster Adcock.

Stamps for Cigarette Tax at F. & M. Bank

At the request of the office of the state treasurer, Charley Lockhart, the Farmers and Merchants bank of Merkel has arranged to carry a supply of stamps to be used in connection with the cigarette tax which goes into effect on Saturday of this week, August 22.

Beginning with that date all cigarettes sold in this state must carry these stamps affixed on each package and it will be quite a convenience to local dealers to have these stamps available at a local bank.

Canon Now Connected With South Side Gin

A. J. Canon, who has been connected with the Farm Bureau Gin for a number of years, has been made manager of the South Side Gin and announces that everything is in first class shape for the new season.

Lee Harrell, assistant to Mr. Canon at the Farm Bureau Gin for the past two years, has been named manager of the latter gin.

With the first bale already arrived, local ginners have their plants in readiness and the ginning season will be actively under way within the next few days.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, residing 14 miles northeast of Merkel, Tuesday, August 11, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Newman, residing north of Merkel, Tuesday, August 18, 1932.

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MATTERS MUSICAL

Members of the Music class of Christine Collins were entertained in the home of Mrs. T. V. Touchstone on Friday of last week with a morning musical. A class lesson in which each member of the class participated was very much enjoyed, after which vocal and piano numbers were rendered by various members of the class. At the culmination of the program delicious sandwiches, wafers and punch were served by Miss Collins, assisted by Mrs. Touchstone.

Lions Club

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in its final execution netted less than \$60 in the grand total.

As a preliminary, he called on the secretary of the club to read the various announcements that appeared in the Abilene papers, (which are summarized in the resolutions' and to which reference is made in order to save newspaper space,) and then he introduced Elbert Dean, Merkel farmer, who carried the first bale of cotton to Abilene.

Mr. Dean in a clear, straightforward manner told of carrying his cotton to Abilene, which he said was ginned about 11:25 Monday morning and was ready for the compress. After it was weighed, he then went to the office of the Reporter-News, accompanied by the ginners. He found that there was no prospect to sell his cotton for more than 6 cents and he felt resentment at this fact when the smaller towns would have paid probably 7, 8 or 8 1-2 cents. He inquired as to the prizes and was finally referred after what seemed to him a lot of buck passing to the Chamber of Commerce. Summarizing what he pulled down for his first bale, Mr. Dean gave the following figures: check for \$32.50 from the Reporter-News, prizes from merchants aggregating \$23.50, total \$56.00. The ginning was free, as one of the prizes offered, but in answer to a question from T. G. Bragg it was brought out that the ginning of the first bale is customarily free.

George W. McDaniel, as circulation manager of the Abilene Reporter-News, was present as an invited guest of the club and, when called on, reviewed the facts in the case, which started with a conflict of two plans. He stated that the news story appearing in both Friday papers came from the Chamber of Commerce, which proposed the plan of offering \$500 in prizes to be given by the merchants of Abilene. Prior to this time, the Reporter-News, he said, had already sold a co-operative page of advertisements to the merchants of Abilene and proposed to give 25 per cent of the proceeds of this page to the first bale, while each of the merchants co-operating had also offered merchandise prizes. The Chamber of Commerce, when they learned upon calling on the merchants of Abilene that the Reporter-News already had a plan for the first bale, dropped their proposition. Mr. McDaniel stated, "It was an honest mistake," he said, "just a misunderstanding between two factions. The Reporter-News carried out to the letter the terms of their offer for the first bale and the other people dropped their plan."

Mr. Warren again took the floor and stated that the merchants of Merkel resented the injustice whereby Abilene had got credit for the first bale within a radius of 50 miles. He exhorted all or parts of 15 counties and "we are not satisfied with that situation," he said, "where \$500 offer of \$500 in premiums has dwindled to \$55." He suggested that the club give the matter the attention it warranted and see that the facts in the case have the publicity it needed. "We believe in fair competition—we do not believe in such practice," he explained.

As an evidence of the wide publicity which was given to the \$500 offer, W. W. Haynes stated that a farmer in Caps had asked him if he had noticed that Abilene was going to give \$500 in prizes for the first 1932 cotton.

It was developed by T. G. Bragg by a question to Mr. Dean that the \$500 offer was the inducement that led him to carry his cotton to Abilene.

The matter was brought to a climax by motion of E. Yates Brown that the chairman appoint a committee to draw up resolutions resenting the failure of Abilene to carry out their proposal of \$500 in cash or merchandise prizes for the first 1932 cotton. This motion carried unanimously.

Another committee was then named to work out details of Merkel's premium fund for the first bale ginned here. This committee consists of E. Yates Brown, chairman, J. S. Bourn and H. H. Jenkins.

STATEMENT BY MR. DEAN.

In conversation with a representative of The Mail Mr. Dean stated Wednesday that he wanted to go on record, expressing his loyalty to Merkel and Merkel merchants, with whom he had done business for so many years and many of whom were his

closest friends. He brought out the fact that it was only because of the inducement of the offer, as he understood it to mean, from the announcement in the Abilene papers that he had carried his cotton to Abilene instead of bringing it here and he wanted his friends to understand the situation.

LUNCHEON MEETING.

A number of guests were present, including Rev. J. H. Hamblen, pastor George W. McDaniel, Jr., of the Abilene, who is holding a revival here, George W. McDaniel, Jr., of the Abilene Reporter-News, C. Metz Heald, county agent, Elbert Dean, farmer, John Alvis, Abilene attorney, and J. D. Porter.

The club singing was led by E. Yates Brown, with Miss Thelma McAninch played the accompaniment. The invocation was given by Rev. Hamblen. Entertainment features included two beautifully rendered solos by Miss Ethel Hamilton, with Miss McAninch at the piano, and several numbers by the Merkel Methodist church quartette, which includes Miss Hamilton, Miss Mary Pence, Cyrus Pee and Mack Buzbee.

Dee Grimes is to be toastmaster for the first meeting in September and he will be assisted by Dr. R. I. Grimes.

Resolutions

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ffered to had been published in their columns and having definite knowledge that this proposal would not be fulfilled on the part of Abilene merchants and cotton men, the Abilene Reporter-News, with the opportunity of their Sunday morning edition, circulated prior to the delivery of any cotton, failed to inform the farmers of the abandonment of the plan to offer \$500 in prizes; and be it finally "Resolved, that it is the sense of this committee that Abilene, as a matter of fairness to all concerned, should either carry out their original offer of \$500 in prizes for the first 1932 cotton or admit through the medium of the press that they have failed to keep faith with the farmers in this 50-mile radius;

"Be it also resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Abilene Reporter-News, the Sweetwater

Reporter, the Western Enterprise, Anson, the Albany News, the Winters Enterprise, Hamlin Herald, Baird Star, Clyde Enterprise, Haskell Free Press, Stamford American, Rotan Advance, Cisco News, Abilene Times, Ballinger Ledger and Coleman Democrat-Voice."

Children From Odd Fellows Home Coming

Twenty-nine children from the Odd Fellows Home at Corsicana, accompanied by the superintendent and three matrons, will be guests of local Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at a luncheon Tuesday at the Odd Fellows hall here.

Following the lunch, a program will be given by the children on the streets. They will go on to Sweetwater Tuesday afternoon where they are scheduled to give a program that night at the Sweetwater auditorium, beginning at 8 p. m.

L. L. Murray, who is attending to arrangements here, states that the public as well as all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are invited to the Sweetwater entertainment, for which there will be no charges.

Big Top 101 Ranch Circus Is Lowered

Washington, Aug. 20.—The big top of the 101 Ranch Wild West show, standing for over two weeks while negotiations between employees and owners of the stranded outfit continued, came down Tuesday.

Without waiting for an additional court order to restrain interference by the unpaid trouper, the management imported a crew of laborers from Baltimore. In a few hours half the show equipment and stock had been moved, preparatory to shipping back to headquarters in Maryland, Okla.

Five elephants, reported to be unmanageable save by their regular handler, were docile enough before the bullhook wielded by a negro elephant boss.

The approximately 400 unpaid show employees made no attempt to interfere as the tents came down.

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How careful should cities be in their competition with each other? Should not fair play prevail there also?

When a newspaper like the Abilene Morning News carries a news story announcing that plans for giving \$500 in cash or merchandise prizes for the first 1932 cotton grown within a 25-mile radius of Abilene "were formulated by local merchants and cotton men in a meeting yesterday at the chamber of commerce," just what does that mean to the average reader and to the eager farmer, on the eve of picking his first bale?

First, it is by odds the biggest offer of the kind ever made by any city in this section for the first cotton of the season. Would this announcement have carried an ounce of weight, if it had been frankly stated that this was the goal Abilene was working up to, if the \$500 in cash and prizes could be raised.

From the explanation afforded by the Abilene Morning News in its issue of Wednesday, August 19, we conclude that, while the plans were formulated at that meeting and the announcement was amplified by stating "that full details of the plan would be announced later," the fact that details were never announced would indicate that the movement got no further than the suggestion stage.

When a Merkel farmer, Elbert Dean, carried the first bale to Abilene to be ginned and received a cash bonus of \$32.45 and prizes aggregating \$23.50, total \$55.95, from a totally different proposal, sponsored individually by the Abilene Reporter-News, why should not Merkel and the Merkel Lions club, so inherently interested in Merkel's welfare, not resent the imposition practiced on one of its farmer-friends?

The resolutions, adopted by the Lions club at its meeting Tuesday, are printed in full in this issue of The Mail and speak for themselves.

No announcement is as yet forthcoming from the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, the Abilene Reporter-News or any agency in Abilene, as to just what happened to the "details of the plan" to be announced later. Just a suspense item, as it were.

It's a fine art—reminds one of the days of the famous old shell game—to hang up a bonus of \$500 and to pay \$55.95.

NOTICE.

To Old Customers and New:

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Truly,

A. J. Canon.

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THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.

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Mrs. S. L. Grayson, Manager.

A railroad engine had crushed both of his legs, Harvey L. Rinehart, switchman at El Paso, crawled 35 feet, lighted his lantern and flagged a passing train.

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LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—Three mules, one white and 2 dun colored, strayed about three weeks ago from home at Tye. Notify Mrs. John Thomas, Abilene, Route 4.

LEGAL NOTICE.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
The State of Texas, County of Taylor: Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, on the 1st day of August, 1931, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said District Court for the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred and No. 100 (\$5,200.00) Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment in favor of The Maccabees, a fraternal insurance association of Detroit, Michigan in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1158-B and styled The Maccabees, a fraternal insurance association of Detroit Michigan vs. Patrick Thomas and John Rhea, Minnie Rhea, Lois Rhea Thomas, placed in my hands for service, I Burl Wheeler as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 1st day of August, 1931, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lot No. Ten (10) and the South Half of Lot No. Eleven (11), Block No. 1, O. C. Howell's Subdivision of Lots Nos. Three (3) Four (4) Twelve (12) Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), Block No. Five (5), North Park Addition, The City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Patrick Thomas, John Rhea, Minnie Rhea, Lois Rhea Thomas, and that on the first Tuesday in September, 1931, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Patrick Thomas, John Rhea, Minnie Rhea and Lois Rhea Thomas.
And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.
Witness my hand, this 1st day of August, 1931.
Burl Wheeler,
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas.
By E. D. Davis Deputy.

NOTICE OF SALE.
State of Texas, County of Taylor: Whereas Cleave Johnson stored with the Blue Front Motor company, a co-partnership, composed of Barron and Son, one Buick Six sedan, highway No. 1-067-092, motor No. 1642952, said car was duly stored with orders to repair same with the Blue Front Motor company on the 8th day of November, 1930, at the rate of \$3 per month with labor and parts added extra. The said Blue Front Motor company served notice personally and by letter to the said Cleave Johnson of the amount of this claim and demanding immediate payment, but the said Cleave Johnson has failed and refused to pay said storage and claims, or any part thereof, notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of September, 1931, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., at the Blue Front Motor company in the city of Merkel, Taylor county, Texas, the same being the place of business of the Blue Front Motor company, the Blue Front Motor company will offer for sale the above described automobile for the storage, labor and parts

due thereon; said sale will be made to the highest bidder for cash. Witness our hands this 20th day of August, 1931.
Blue Front Motor Company.
By J. J. Barron, Manager.

LODGE NOTICES

Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M. Saturday night, 8 p. m. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.
Andy Shouse, W. M.
C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

West Texas Press to Go to Big Spring 1932

Lubbock, Aug. 20.—Members of the West Texas Press association in their annual meeting here Friday and Saturday selected Big Spring as the 1932 convention city.
At the closing session of the convention, Charles A. Guy, publisher of the Lubbock Avalanche and Journal, was elected president. He was formerly vice president.
Max Bentley of Abilene, Luther Watson of Sweetwater, Wendal Bedjehk of Big Spring, W. W. Whipkey of Colorado, J. C. Smythof Snyder, W. S. Cooper, retiring president, Guy and Miss Trena Miller of Rotan were named directors.
Miss Miller was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Ralph Shuffler succeeded Guy as vice president.
The association voted to incorporate and establish a permanent central office, to be where the secretary-treasurer lives. This officer was placed on a salary basis.
It was decided to confer with officials of the Panhandle, and Heart of Texas Press associations regarding merging of the three bodies.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 20.—Increased receipts of cattle and calves were offered Wednesday, the result being a slow, weak to lower market. The estimate was for 3,200 head of cattle and 1,000 calves. Steers and cows suffered a decline of 15c to 25c. Yearlings and bulls remained close to steady. Calves ruled weak to 25c lower.
Several cars of fed steers moved around \$6.00 to \$7.25, and grassers went at \$3.00 to \$5.50 mostly. A car of choice fat cows notched \$4.35. No toppy yearlings were available. Calves sold in small lots up to \$6.50 and a few loads went at \$6.00 to \$6.25.
On hogs the market was steady to 25c higher, the advance being paid by small killers. A few truckers went at \$7.10 and a carload brought \$6.75. Receipts were close to 2,500 head.
Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Personal Mention

Miss Venice Bell has returned from a visit with friends in Eastland.
P. A. Diltz, Jr., spent last week with his cousin, James Russell.
Miss Ella Lee Rogers of Lamesa is the guest of Misses Oneda and Zada Bell.
Chester Hutcherson and Delma Compton are in Arkansas on business this week.
Schuyler Farris left Sunday for Temple to enter Scott and White's sanitarium.
Miss Christine Boyd is spending the week with a party of friends in Christoval.
Aunt Judy Tuberville of Fort Worth is visiting the George W. Moore and Toombs families.
Miss Mary Webb of Clyde is spending the week with Misses Neoma Grayson and Lena Webb.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanford and family of Carlsbad, N. M., are visiting relatives and friends here.
Miss Selma Lee Russell is in Big Spring for several weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Rea.
The many friends of T. F. Compton will be glad to learn that he is able to be on the streets again.
Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sears were week-end visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.
County Commissioner Phil A. Diltz and family were visitors in Levelland and Seminole last week.
Mrs. P. T. Allday left Tuesday to visit relatives at Franklin, Robertson county, which is her old home.
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Simpson and children of Breckenridge were guests Sunday in the J. S. Thomas home.
Miss Alice Russell spent last week in Abilene with her sisters, Mrs. Sam Nunnally and Mrs. Sam Redwine.
Mrs. V. T. Payne of Littlefield, who had been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Pete Rutledge, returned home Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Brown and family of Quanah were week-end guests of the J. S. Thomas and G. B. Brown families.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holt and Mrs. R. L. McMurry of Colorado spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hamblet.
Mrs. Juanita Dowell and Misses Anna Lou Russell and Stella Wilson returned Tuesday from a trip to Carlsbad Caverns.
Miss Dorris Durham has returned home from Houston where she has been councillor at a Girl Scout summer camp.
Misses Ruby and Norma Patton were in Abilene Sunday to see their mother, who is improving after a major operation.
Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Shive and baby, Mary Lou, of Big Spring spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell.
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler left Monday on a visit to the latter's brother, Sam McKee, and other relatives at

Honey Grove. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Milburn McKee and Mr. and Mrs. Wate McKee of Honey Grove, who were visitors last week in the W. D. Butler home.
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins, joined by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hays of Abilene, left Sunday for a vacation visit to points in New Mexico.
Mrs. L. C. Rea of Midland and Mrs. George Green of Abilene spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. N. E. Sandlin, and sister, Mrs. Winnie Cypert.
Miss Beryl Hunter, who is taking a nurses training course at the West Texas hospital at Lubbock, is spending a few days at home with her parents.
Mrs. W. A. McSpadden was expected to return Thursday from Austin where she has been visiting her son, Van Hines, during the summer months.
Mrs. Carson Miles and children of San Angelo are guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann, while Mr. Miles is away at the eastern markets.
Mr. Ray Roberts, Horace Roberts, Olen Lindsey and Miss Sarah Virginia Lindsey of Wills Point, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hamblet over the week-end.
Mrs. B. D. Black, whose husband was formerly superintendent of the Merkel Public schools, and daughter of Houston are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black.
C. E. French of Dallas, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce, and family, left Saturday for Carlsbad, N. M., to visit another sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Leeman.
Mrs. P. P. Dickinson, accompanied by her mother-in-law, Mrs. A. A. Dickinson, recently returned from a

visit with the Port Kirkland family in the Hay Rake community in Coke county.
J. F. Robbins of Plano, Texas, visited last Thursday with his old friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton. Their friendship dates back more than fifty years when they were residents of Collins county.
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt and daughter, Miss Hazel Lee, joined in Abilene by Mr. and Mrs. Howell Brittain and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hargrove and their families, have gone to Glen Rose to spend several days.
Mesdames C. D. Hutchins and B. H. Riney returned Tuesday from Midland where they had gone to carry Mrs. Hutchins' sister, Miss Dixie Blair, who has accepted a position there in the office of Dr. John B. Thomas.
Upon returning from a visit of two weeks at Lamesa, Miss Mary Collins was accompanied by her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Collins of Pampa, who are guests in the J. M. Collins home.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Teague, with their children and Marcie B. Reid, their guest, returned Tuesday from a visit to Crosbyton. They were accompanied home by her brother, W. L. Keith, and family, who are now guests in the Teague home.
Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple attended the annual meeting of the West Texas Press association at Lubbock last Friday and Saturday and then went on to Amarillo to visit Mrs. Caple's sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cobb, returning home Monday.
Mrs. Pete Rutledge has as her guest Mrs. Lalla Fay Nichols of Abilene.
Miss Elna Tucker is visiting for sometime with her sister, Mrs. Em-

mett Tankersley, in Fort Worth. Her brother, A. J. Tucker, drove over with her, but will return the latter part of the week.

Merkel Boy Scouts In Swimming Meet

Merkel Boy Scouts will engage in a swimming meet at Shannon's Pool this Friday night in preparation for the Chisholm Trail area meet which is scheduled for Shannon's Pool on the night of September 3.
Events for the local meet will include swimming and diving and a large number of the scouts are expected to participate. The program will begin about 7:30 p. m.

Pays Life Penalty For Murder of Wife

Huntsville, Aug. 20.—Claiming to be the last that he was dying "for the sake of my little girls," Joe Shields, 35, was electrocuted Friday at state prison for the murder of his wife. Shield was convicted at Brownwood of murdering his wife, and also was accused of killing her parents.
He was pronounced dead at 12:12 a. m.
Shield was given the death penalty in Brown county when convicted on a charge of shooting his estranged wife, Mrs. Opal Mae Shields, at Brooksmith May 16.
Domestic difficulties between Shield and his wife led to a separation and a subsequent disagreement over custody of their two children.
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Pork & Beans		6c
Bananas	green tipped, doz.	15c
Baking Powder	K. C., 25 oz.	17c
Crackers	3 pound Brown's	30c
Spuds	No. 1 white or red, peck	35c
Flour	48 lbs., Bob White	\$1.05
Meal	20 pounds pure cream	40c
Lard	White Cloud or Oak Leaf	85c

Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen of Clyde visited their son, Algie, and daughter, Mrs. John Strawn, here last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murdock of Odessa were week-end guests of Mrs. Murdock's mother, Mrs. Mary Archer. Grandma McLeod, who has been quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tolliver Walker, is reported improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and two children of Lamesa were recent guests of relatives.

Mrs. Billie Dempsey and children of San Antonio are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith and two children of Lubbock are guests of relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reneau of Styles are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Renau.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Phillips of Big Lake were week-end guests of relatives.

D. J. Rawling and daughter, Miss Medeah, went to Abilene Tuesday for a visit.

Miss Maurine Smith is visiting her grandparents at Stanton.

W. S. Riley and family of Coleman were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hub West last Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coke Caraway and children of Tolan, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jay Casseaux and family of Fort Worth, were guests of relatives here over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith, accompanied by their son-in-law, Leonard Quattlebaum, and two grandsons, Smithie Ogletree and Tommie Hamner, visited at Rankin the latter part of last week and the first of this.

Mrs. Joe Nalley left Wednesday with a party of friends to attend the R. F. D. national convention at Los Angeles, Calif. She plans to be away for about two weeks.

Mrs. M. G. Scott's father, Mr. Adams, is her guest for the summer.

Miss Kathleen Freeman, who lives in Fort Worth, is home for a visit.

Mrs. Dowdy and daughter, Miss Gertrude, of Abilene spent last week visiting here and attending the Christian meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers had as their week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. John Bowers of Bledsoe, Mrs. Ruth Parks of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Myers and Miss Marcelene Bowers of Fort Worth.

Mr. Rutherford of Cottonwood spent a few days last week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Forrester and son, Mac, of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tittle and Jimmie Don of Abilene are visiting in Tennessee and Kentucky. They plan to be away about two weeks.

Fifth Sunday Singing At Merkel Tabernacle

As the Fifth Sunday is drawing near again, will drop a few lines in the Mail so you can all be making arrangements for a big day. I am expecting a big crowd to start singing at 10:30 a. m. I am trying to arrange for some real A-1 quartettes and hope to have a real singer from the Vaughn company and, if possible, the 1932 books. Will do my best to do this but want all classes that have books to bring them Sunday morning, please. Do not wait till afternoon, and come prepared to take care of a few visitors from out of county, as I am advertising this convention all round us. So if you have a friend that is a singer, drop him a postcard to be with us and so spread the good news. I told several of my old friends in Alabama a few days ago when I was there to come be with us. Of course, I do not know whether they will come or not, but hope they do.

I surely want to see some from Stith, Hodges, Salt Branch, Compere, Noodle, Shiloh, and Trent and, well, I just hope to see them all way round. Come early and bring your dinner and song books.

Opening 10:30, dinner 12, evening session 1:15, closing, oh, well, just when you get ready.

Will try to have the tabernacle in readiness, with piano installed, ready to sound the gong promptly on time. And will some one please bring a lunch for me as times are just the least bit depressed at Blair now. But we are looking for better days soon. Goodbye, meet me at the Merkel tabernacle Sunday, August 30, at 10:30 promptly.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Miss Clara Clinton, who is under treatment at an Abilene sanitarium, is not doing so well at this writing. Also Mr. Tom Spears is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown of Tahoka visited Mr. Brown's parents and other relatives the past week.

Mrs. Alice Helms and children of Winters were the charming house-guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks, the past week.

Mrs. Burfeind and daughter of Hamlin motored over and stayed a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips recently.

Mrs. Paul Stanford and children and Mrs. Stanford's sister, Miss Gilmore, of Carlsbad, N. M., have had a pleasant visit of several days in the home of Messrs. and Mesdames Mark and Bob Malone and families. Also Miss Marie Stanford of Merkel has been a guest in this home the past week.

Miss Gertie Bryant has gone for a month's stay with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Maddera, of Salt Branch.

Mr. Zimmerman made a pleasure trip to Franklin county last week, visiting his old home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavette attended the family reunion at the home of Mrs. Cavette's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blyth, of Claytonville. A large number of relatives were present and all had a happy time together over the last week-end.

Mrs. Ruth Brown and son, Don, were the houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Meeks and family drove over to Caps and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thornton Sunday. They were accompanied back by Mrs. Meeks' father, Mr. Jim Campbell.

Several from here attended church services at the Rev. John Reynolds revival at Butman the past week. Also a number attended the series of sermons being conducted by Rev. Marvin Williams at Mt. Pleasant this week.

Zeb Moore, council member of the farm council, attended the council meeting Friday at Abilene.

A revival meeting begins Friday night, August 21, at the Church of Christ. The preaching will be done by Elder Charlie Bankhead of New Mexico. The evangelist is a young man, but his preaching has been of a high order and has attracted large crowds wherever he has gone. No recommendation is needed for members of the Church of Christ here, as Rev. Mr. Bankhead held a meeting here several months ago. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Veteran of Range Dies in Saddle

Spur, Aug. 20.—Stricken with a heart attack while he worked at a round-up 15 miles southeast of Spur, Joe Ericson, 72, foreman of the S. M. S. ranch since 1911 and an employe of the S. M. Swenson interests for 50 years, died Friday morning in his saddle.

Ericson, one of the most picturesque characters on the cattle ranges of West Texas, was born in Sweden and came to Texas at about 10 years of age. His first residence in the state was at Austin.

He came to Stamford in 1882 with S. M. Swenson, Sr., and A. J. Swenson when they brought their first load of posts for fencing the first Swenson ranch in Texas. In 1895 he was made ranch superintendent for the Swenson concern and was placed in charge of the Spur ranch when it was acquired by the company in 1911, holding the place until his death.

It is said that one of the last requests of S. M. Swenson was that Ericson should be employed by the Swenson interests as long as they had a cow.

Ericson was stricken while riding over the ranch at Clairemont Mills, Kent county, and death occurred immediately.

He is survived by a son, Lester Ericson, Spur merchant, two grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. M. N. Gammel of Abilene.

NOTICE.

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NOODLE-NEWS

Crops of this community are looking fine and most everyone has caught up with his work.

Miss Amidee Blankship of Union community spent Saturday night with Miss Rubye Touchstone.

Several of this community have been attending the Church of Christ meeting at Truby.

Norman Sloan, Asker McGennie and Doil Vantree of Hodges, Fennice Cade and J. E. Touchstone went fishing Friday afternoon and caught plenty of fish.

Miss Ardia Anderson of Anson was the Sunday and Sunday night guest of Rubye Touchstone.

Miss Mae Dell Ward of Truby spent Tuesday with Pauline Bowns.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee D. Williams, Miss Lila and Bill Williams and Mrs. Osburn, all of Stamford, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Tucker of this community.

Norman Blankship of Union community spent Friday night and Saturday with J. E. Touchstone.

A large number of Noodle people attended the meeting at Horn the past week, enjoying the fine preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Roundtree are visiting Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Ellen at Kilgore.

Mrs. M. D. Lucas and Manuel Lucas made a business trip to San Angelo the past week-end.

V. E. Spurgin and Ray Spurgin spent a few days at Ropesville the past week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Eoff entertained the young people with a party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Richards and

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children of Sweetwater were Sunday guests of Mrs. Richards' mother, Mrs. Patton.

Mrs. Lenard Jenkins of Merkel, Misses Hazel and Daisy Staples and a girl friend from Lindale, who are visiting the Jenkins home, were callers in our community Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Vick of Merkel were Sunday guests in the J. M. Sloan home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McWright of Anson.

Quite a few of our farmers are real busy with their feed. And the feed is real good here.

Bishop Hunter of Merkel made an excellent talk here Sunday in the absence of the pastor, who is in a meeting at Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Beatrice Perry of Dora is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. H. West.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harrison of Buffalo Gap visited in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Pressley Sunday. They were accompanied home by Mr. Harrison's mother, for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes of Blair visiting in the A. D. Barnes home Saturday.

Mrs. Ray Cox and baby and Mrs. Floyd Cogburn and children of Fort Worth have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Henslee.

Mrs. Clarke and children of Fort Worth have been visiting her brother, W. C. Hunter, and family.

Mrs. Beryl Brown has as her guest

COMPERE NEWS

The Baptists are holding a revival meeting here this week. Rev. Mr. Brandon of Abilene is assisting the pastor, Rev. John Walker. Everyone is invited to the prayer services.

Rev. Mr. Bryant filled his regular appointment at Zion chapel Sunday morning but dismissed his night service on account of the meeting here.

Miss Flora Adkin spent Monday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ramsay.

Mrs. Clona McClure of Merkel is visiting her mother, Mrs. N. C. Smith, this week.

Quite a few people enjoyed the singing at this place Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Palmer made a business trip to Stamford the first of the week.

Miss Gertrude Cook is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cook of Coahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Palmer had as their guests Sunday night Frank and Pauline Ramsay.

Miss Maude Cook, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marvin of Anson, spent several days with relatives at Wichita Falls.

Mr. Boyd Tarpley and family have returned from a weeks trip to Oklahoma.

Mr. Clarence Foster and family made a flying trip to Limestone coun-

DORA DOINGS

Brother Ike Hayhurst of San Angelo is conducting a revival meeting at the Divide this week.

Mrs. Louise Tyrone and children and a niece, Miss Tyrone, visited in the Denlon community near Clyde Sunday, returning early Monday morning.

Miss Modenia Whitaker is visiting in Merkel and Castle Peak this week.

Mrs. Georgia May Hendrix and children spent a few days here last week with her father, N. F. Hardy, and family.

Ford Philip and family of Champion spent the week-end here with relatives and friends.

Miss Follie Oliver of Abilene was here Thursday night and attended the wedding of her sister, Miss Daisy Oliver, and Travis Swaney at the Methodist parsonage at six o'clock Friday morning.

Our baseball club went over to Eula Friday and Saturday and played three games winning two out of three.

Mrs. F. B. Slater made a business trip to Abilene last Friday.

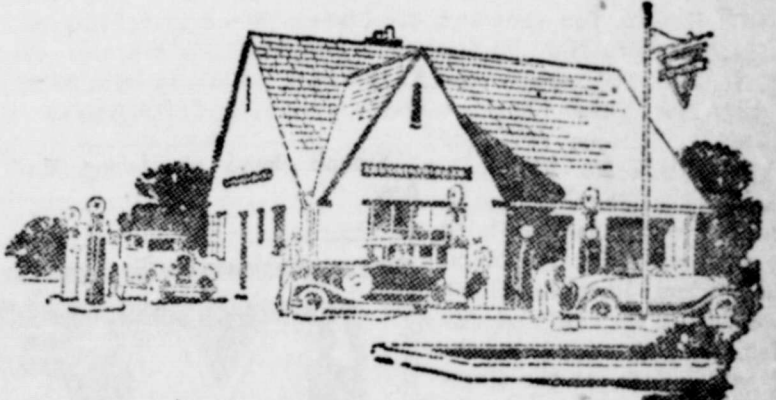
Those on the sick list are Mildred McCoy, J. R. McCoy, and Mrs. H. S. Wright, and Bill Brown's baby is very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Bland and children of Merkel spent the day Monday with her mother, Mrs. Rape.

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Floods of fan mail, registering emphatic protest, have convinced Paramount studio officials that, in silencing Maurice Chevalier's gay singing voice in his two recent pictures, they have gone contrary to public desire.

Convinced by the evidence, Jesse L. Lasky, Paramount production chief, conferred with Ernest Lubitsch, director of Chevalier's new starring picture, "The Smiling Lieutenant," and, between them, they arranged for the smiling Frenchman to sing four songs in the picture.

"Primarily Chevalier is a great artist," says Lubitsch. "Where his songs are logically woven into the action of a story, they serve to speed up rather than retard its dramatic action. Realization of that fact, coupled with the public demand, prompted us to plan a Chevalier vehicle which would give the star plenty of chance to sing."

"We selected 'The Smiling Lieutenant,' for which Oscar Straus and Clifford Grey prepared the music and songs."

Straus is the popular Continental composer. Grey has written lyrics for Chevalier's previous pictures. They worked in close cooperation with Lubitsch, and with Ernest Vajda and Samson Raphaelson, the scenarists.

"The Smiling Lieutenant" is a modern, fast-moving story in which Chevalier is supported by two leading women, the brunette Claudette Colbert, the blonde Miriam Hopkins, and by Charlie Ruggles, beloved humorist of several recent hits. "The Smiling Lieutenant," coming to the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is a rollicking love story filled with lyrical Chevalier humor.

Talkies from America are more popular in Italy than those from any other country.

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Produce Pays Justice.

Hobart, Ind., Aug. 20.—Wheat, eggs, or what have you, up to the value of \$4 can now be exchanged for a perfectly good wedding. Justice of the Peace A. J. Smith announced he would accept merchandise for wedding ceremonies.

A silver snuff box, described as "the favorite box of Charles Dickens," sold for \$10 at an auction in London.

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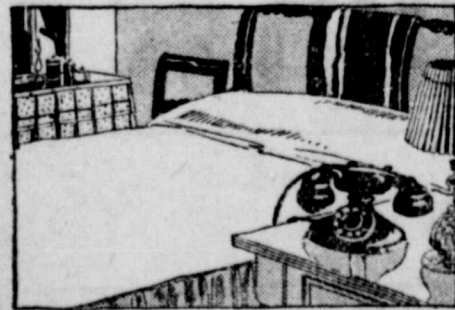
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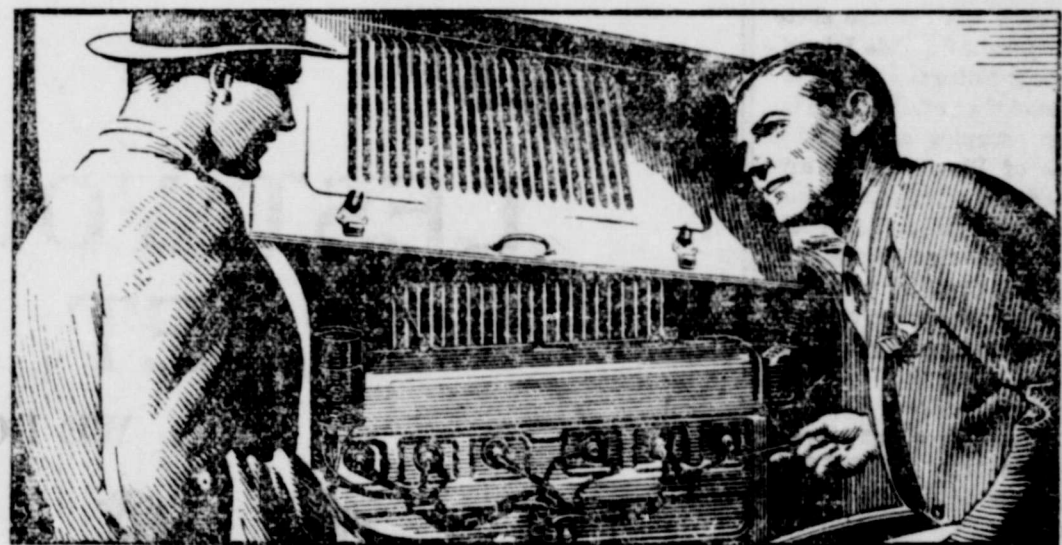
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A Week-End In New England

Through Six States in One Day, Supt. Burgess Writes.

Our Merkel party, Mr. and Mrs. Carvel Tucker, Mrs. Burgess and the writer took off school the last week-end to visit the New England states—six of them. We drove north out of New York City into Westchester county—the most beautiful and richest county in New York state. This whole county is dotted with beautiful suburban homes and estates, and contains several cities of fifty thousand people, but there are no New York apartment houses. In this county we pass through New Rochelle and White Plains. The latter was the headquarters of George Washington when the British were occupying New York City for the two years they held it during the revolution. Here is also located one of the finest high school buildings I ever saw. The buildings occupies a beautiful site of sixteen acres and cost two million dollars. It is the last word in equipment. Radio is in every room with connection to the main office so the superintendent may at any time communicate with all rooms at once or to any one room he may choose. It has automobile shops, manual training, electrical shops, printing, home economics, gymnasiums, showers, fine stage equipment, large auditorium and everything. My seeing this building is much like a man with a Ford pocket book viewing Lincoln cars.

We kept northeast into Connecticut, the first city of any size we saw being Danbury. Here is the largest factory for the making of felt hats in the world. Only a few miles distant is Hartford, the capital of the state. It contains 160,000 people, or about the size of Fort Worth. The capitol building is pretty though very small compared to our Texas capitol. At Hartford is located the headquarters of the Aetna Insurance company. It occupies a building costing \$8,000,000, employs some 2,600 office workers. The building is the largest insurance building in the world. The site comprises 22 acres.

From Hartford, we drove on east through a rolling country of farms. We saw dairies, truck and fruit farms, hay strikes, and some tobacco. What strikes one from Texas is the smallness of the "farms" and the many rocks everywhere to be seen. Early Saturday morning we reached Rhode Island. Rhode Island has an area of 1248 square miles, or is about one and one-half times as large as Taylor county. The state, however, has a population of 648,000 people, or about sixteen times that of Taylor county, or about one-eighth that of the state of Texas. The capital of Rhode Island, which we saw early Saturday morning, is 250,000 or about that of Dallas. The capitol building occupies a beautiful site. The people of Rhode Island are mainly interested in manufacturing and dairy and there is some truck raising where enough dirt among the rocks can be found. One thing is certain there, that is, wherever enough soil can be found, stuff will grow for there is plenty of moisture.

From Providence we drove the fifty miles on to Boston by about eleven o'clock. Boston is a city of 787,000 people, and I believe is the most congested city that we have seen. Here we saw the sure-enough slums. I can't see how people can survive these districts for 365 days in a year. One of the party remarked that it smelled worse than Juarez. Boston is called the "Cradle of Liberty," but most of the sacred shrines are now surrounded by slums occupied by an un-American, non-English speaking conglomeration of "wops." It seems a pity that such places as the Old State House, Paul Revere's home, Boston Common, and Old North Church should be surrounded by a population to whom the revolution and birth of the American idea of liberty can mean but little.

We saw the above places that meant so much during early American history. We also saw Bunker Hill where the British got a good taste of American lead, where the Americans waited to fire upon the advancing British until they could see "the whites of their eyes." Boston seems now only a stone's throw across the Charles River from this hill.

Up the Charles-river from Boston, in Cambridge, is Harvard university, the oldest and most renowned in the United States. Here we saw the Harvard stadium, and took a seat and imagined we could see Texas U carrying the pigskin across that Harvard goal line when Texas plays them there this fall.

Some twelve miles northwest of Boston is Lexington. We drove out the same road over which Paul Revere rode that steed on the night of April 18th, 1775. The way is plainly marked, showing many of the places where Paul Revere stopped to awaken the sleeping farmers with the news that the British were coming. It took us only a few minutes to cover the ground which it took him hours to cover. Lexington is the "birth-place of the revolution." Here on Lexington Green was killed the first blood in the revolution. On this green Capt. Parker gave this command to his little company of farmers whom he had gathered when he heard from Paul Revere that the British were coming to capture John Hancock and Samuel Adams: "Stand your ground. Don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here." On this green lie buried seven of the colonists who fell at the British fire.

Some seven or eight miles farther on is Concord where the Americans had been collecting stores. Across Concord bridge from the village of Concord, a small body of "embattled farmers" had gathered to offer resistance. Here was fought the battle of Concord bridge. Cut into the stone of the monument here is the entire poem, Emerson's "Concord Hymn."

About 5 Saturday, we left the scene of Boston, and turned our autos toward Maine. Before sunset we had covered the seventy miles, and had gone through the corner of New Hampshire and on to Kittery Point, Maine. Here we camped for the night, just a few feet from the rolling At-

lantic. I don't believe a more beautiful place could be found. The water was too cold for Texas to swim in. One could easily see his breath next morning. When we camped the tide was in; next morning the tide had gone out, and we could walk away out on the ocean bed.

SIX STATES IN ONE DAY.

Sunday morning, we left Maine, and drove due west through the state of New Hampshire. Here we drove over a beautiful hilly country, along the foothills of the White mountains. Here we saw apple orchards, cherry trees, hay "fields," truck patches, and potatoes. One is again impressed with the small farms, and it is the rarest thing to find a level piece of ground. During the morning we drove through Manchester, New Hampshire. This is the largest city in the state, containing about 76,000 people. The city manufactures shoes and cotton cloth. Here is the home of the famous Amoskeag mills. From Manchester we drove on through the maple, pine alder and ash by beautiful mountain lakes to Brattleboro, Vermont. Brattleboro is located in the southeastern corner of Vermont. It has a population of only about 8,000, it being the second largest city in the state. Vermont is very hilly, little place for any one to exist. The city is located in the narrow valley of the Connecticut river.

At Brattleboro we turned south down down the Connecticut river. As we drove south, the valley widened until by the time we reached Massachusetts it had become a wide fertile valley of tobacco fields, truck, and hay. Along the route we passed through Northampton, Springfield, Hartford (again), Meriden, and on to New Haven, located on Long Island sound. Here we saw another great American university—Yale. Yale has much more beautiful buildings and campus than does Columbia here. Columbia is too crowded.

At New Haven, we turned east over U. S. Highway No. 1 toward New York City, some seventy miles distant. Thirty miles brought us to Bridgeport, Connecticut. From Bridgeport to New York is about forty miles. It took us slightly over five hours to drive this forty miles. We had our baptism of fire here so far as driving in traffic jams is concerned. One can only imagine what coming into New York City is about. Hundreds of thousands of automobiles lined up four abreast are crowded through these "bottle necks" into New York City. After one once gets into

the city where the traffic spreads out over several streets, then it is not so bad. There are still many cars, but they are moving. The wonder is that there are so few accidents in all this jam. For places within the city or the vicinity of the city, one has no earthly need of a car. The subway is so much quicker and costs only a nickel, and one saves himself all this responsibility of driving in New York traffic. It's no fun. Subways get under the ground below the traffic, and "shoot" one out there quickly. There are "express trains" and "locals." The train consists of from seven or eight to fifteen cars, and the speed these make under ground is astounding.

Eleven o'clock found us out of the traffic jam and home. When we early in the afternoon had figured our mileage, we were sure that we would be home before sunset, but we had failed to consider the jam. During the day we had travelled only 343 miles, but had been in six states: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York. We had travelled little more than the distance from Merkel to San Antonio.

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