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W. M. O'BRIANT, 75 DIES FOLLOWING YEAR'S ILLNESS

Native Texan and Resident of Merkel Quarter Century Passes On; Wife, Two Daughters and Three Sons Survive.

William M. O'Briant, age 75, native Texan and resident of Merkel for more than a quarter of a century, passed away at 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, following an illness of nearly a year. It was September 1 when he first took to bed and his condition had been serious for several weeks. He became critically ill about four days before he died.

Funeral services were held from the family residence at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Methodist church officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were W. H. Laney, H. F. Groene, Irvin Lackey, Paul Collins, Carl Black and Robert Hicks.

Mr. O'Briant was born June 12, 1856, in Grimes county and had lived in Texas all of his life. He came to Merkel in 1905 from Walnut Springs where he had been engaged in the hardware business and for about twenty years—until he retired about five years ago—operated a tin shop here.

On November 5, 1886, he married Miss Jennie Breeding, and besides his wife he is survived by five children, two daughters and three sons: Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Merkel; Mrs. J. E. Faucett, Los Angeles, Cal.; Frank O'Briant, Riverside, Cal.; and James and William O'Briant, Los Angeles, Cal. He is also survived by three grandchildren, two brothers and five sisters: Lon O'Briant, Louise, Texas; George O'Briant, Corsicana; Mrs. Jeff Rogers, Quanah; Mrs. McCabe, Dallas; Mrs. Boyd, Waco; Mrs. Smart, Lampasas, and Mrs. Quinn, Brownsville.

Mr. O'Briant was a member of the Methodist church but had never transferred his letter to the local church.

He was one of Merkel's most highly esteemed citizens, a man whose long life had been a blessing to all with whom he came in contact; of him it can be said that he fully fulfilled all his duties to God and man and he leaves a widow, five children, brothers and sisters, who have just cause to feel proud of having had such a noble kinsman.

Boy Scouts to Hold Second Swimming Meet

Local Boy Scouts will stage another swimming meet at Shannon's Pool beginning at 7:30 this Friday night. About twenty scouts will participate.

In the meet last Friday night, David Gamble was winner in the Junior diving event, Jack West in Senior diving and David Gamble in the free-style 100-foot swim.

The Chisholm Trail area meet is scheduled for September 3 and local Boy Scouts are putting in full time getting ready for these events.

MERKEL SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

Exams and Registration of Seniors Next Week; Urged to Enroll Opening Day; First Faculty Meeting Saturday, Sept. 5.

All is now in readiness for the opening of the Merkel Public schools on Monday, September 7, at nine o'clock. The buildings have been thoroughly cleaned and repaired, the seats refinished, faculty members are returning from their vacations and from summer school, and everything will be ready for the opening on September 7. During the coming week (the week before the opening of school) many preliminary matters will be attended to. Those interested should read the schedule below and be governed accordingly.

These are the matters that should be attended to before school opens: on Thursday or Friday, September 3 or 4:

(1) Return of all text books had out during the summer. These should all be returned to the office at the High School building.

(2) Presentation of credits or report cards of students who attended school elsewhere during last year. These should be brought to the superintendent at his office on either Thursday or Friday. Students should bring both report card and book card. High school students who plan work in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grades should bring not only the report card, but statement of credit for all work done above the seventh grade; a complete statement of all high school work, not just the last year of high school. Students who do not already have this should at once write their former superintendent and ask for this statement of credit. This will avoid delay. No student above the 8th grade can register until this record of all high school work is complete.

(3) Registration of Seniors: All those students who have twelve (12) or more credits by September 1 of this year are to be classified as Seniors, and should register on Thursday and Friday, September 3 and 4—before school opens. Seniors are given first choice as to subjects taken. Classes are limited by the state department as to size, so it is very important that Seniors register in advance of the other students so they can be certain to get the subjects they want and must have in order to graduate.

(4) Entrance examinations: Students in high school grades who come from short-term, unaccredited schools should report on Thursday morning at nine o'clock to arrange schedule for taking these examinations. It is very important that all should report promptly at nine at the High School building.

(5) Adjusting any irregularities: The superintendent will be in his office all day on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 1 and 2, to talk to students for parents to attempt to adjust any irregularities or to advise about courses of study for individual pupils. Parents who are doubtful (Continued on Page Four)



PRIZES TOTALING \$103.56 AWARDED FOR FIRST AND SECOND 1931 BALES HERE

The aggregate of premiums offered by the merchants and business men for the first and second bales of 1931 cotton totalled \$103.56 and included such desirable items as 83 gallons of gasoline, 38 quarts of lubricating oil, 15 pounds of cup grease, 8 sacks of flour, 30 pounds of sugar, 15 pounds of meat, 7 haircuts and 5 shaves, \$12.00 in cash, besides a large number of other articles.

Dee Teaff brought in the first bale, which weighed 432 pounds and which was bought by George F. West at six cents per pound.

Mr. West also bought the second bale, which was raised by Lige Harris, weighed 540 pounds and brought 5.65. Both bales were classed as middling, and the buyer stated that the staple, about 15-16 of an inch, showed better than last year.

The list of premiums offered by the merchants was secured through a committee from the Lion club, consisting of E. Yates Brown, chairman; H. H. Jenkins and J. S. Bourn, assisted by Mat Dillingham, president.

The list of donors and the premiums subscribed by Merkel merchants and business men follows:

FOR FIRST BALE.
Farmers State bank in Merkel, \$3.00 cash; Farmers and Merchants National bank, \$3.00 cash; Sanitary Barber shop, one hair cut and one shave; Bragg Dry Goods company, one pair Pool's Sweatproof pants; Wheeler & Vaughn, 5 lb. beef roast; Bob Martin grocery, 24 lb. sack flour; Merkel Drug company, 75c cash; Liberty Hardware company, \$1.00 merchandise; Max Mellinger, one work shirt; G. M. Sharp, 12 lb. sack flour; J. M. Garrett, 25 lbs. all-mash Startena; F. A. Polley, 50c blacksmith work; Blue Front Motor company, refill motor oil; "M" System grocery, 10 lb. sack sugar; Hamblet Variety store, one T2-quart aluminum bucket; McDonald Barber shop, 50c cash; Eli Case Grocery, 24 lb. sack flour; J. M. Collins grocery, 1 gallon Brer Rabbit; A. A. McGehee Bakery, ten loaves bread; Merkel Mail, one year's (Continued on Page Seven)

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The Texas railroad commission Monday issued an order requiring operators transporting cotton by trucks to charge the same rates that are charged by railroads, effective as of August 22.

Sentenced to 35 years in the penitentiary from Coke county, George Chandler escaped jail at Bonham August 7 and was arrested at Gainesville Sunday night where he had gone to visit his mother.

Two precincts in Coke county will vote September 26 on \$175,000 in road bonds for the improvement of Highway 30 through the county and for a road to the precinct line toward Robert Lee from Bronte.

Membership of co-operating Baptist churches in Texas now totals 506,328 compared with 486,000 a year ago, a gain of 20,328 members during the last year, according to figures completed by Dr. James T. Pinson, state Baptist statistician.

Total movement of sheep during the first seven months of the year from Texas exceeded 1,000,000 head, more than twice the shipments during the same period of 1930, compilations by the bureau of business research, University of Texas, show.

While Texas had registered 1,200,787 automobiles at the middle of the year, which was a decline of 61,300 below the state total for the first half of 1930, July actually showed a gain over July, 1930, with a total of 35,733 cars, as compared with 30,569 last year.

Reuben D. Newton, 28, crack pilot for American Airways, and Miss Marian Louise Craig, 16, senior student at Whitewright High school, were drowned Monday night while boating at White Rock Lake, a Dallas resort, where they had gone picnicking with relatives.

A daily allowable production of from 250,000 to 260,000 barrels in the four-county East Texas field of 12,000 acres of proven territory and 1,625 producing wells was recommended to the railroad commission Tuesday by E. V. Foran, technical adviser of the central proration committee.

Dean W. S. Allen, acting president of Baylor University since the death of President S. P. Brooks in May, tendered his resignation to the board of trustees Saturday, stating as his reason for doing so the fact that a recommendation which he considered vital to the school was not approved by the Waco executive committee.

BANKERS PROPOSE WITHHOLD THIRD OF 1931 COTTON

Two Year Plan to Cut Acreage Also Advocated; County Seat Banks, Civic Organizations Are Asked for Co-operation.

The withholding from sale of every third bale of cotton raised in 1931 in Texas was proposed by action of thirty-five leading bankers in the state at a meeting Tuesday in Dallas.

County seat bankers in all cotton-growing counties were telegraphed inquiries whether they would undertake to mobilize the banking industry immediately in such a move to relieve "the present crisis."

To make the relief permanent, the program provides reduction of one-half cotton acreage in 1932 and one-third in 1933.

The blanket recruiting call to bankers over Texas asked that they reply at once if they would assume full responsibility of leadership for the plan, "calling," said J. W. (Fred) Hoopes, president of the Texas Bankers' Association, who called the Dallas session, "on the support of business and professional men, civic organizations, chambers of commerce and like organizations."

NO HOPE IN LEGISLATION.
T. H. Davis of Austin was named chairman of a committee to direct the organization. Mr. Davis and Eldred McKennon of Austin had come here for the meeting after a conference with Gov. Ross Sterling, who recently called cotton states governors together to consider steps to save the cotton farmers from a price problem. The conferring bankers met in the office of Col. C. C. Walsh, federal reserve agent.

Mr. Hoopes, the association president, said that in the session, which was closed, "a very full and frank discussion of the present cotton situation was had," and that a resolution expressing the opinion "that we could hope to gain nothing by an attempt to legislate especially a cotton holiday for the next year, or forced acreage reduction" passed with only one dissenting vote.

Presidents of at least two Dallas banks were among those attending: Fred F. Florence of the Republic National bank and Trust-Company and Mr. Adams of the First National bank in Dallas. Mr. Adams said that he was unable to attend the afternoon (Continued on Page Four)

FOURTEEN GOLFERS HAVE QUALIFIED

Ed Lancaster Leads Field with 72; Dub Diltz Shoots 74; Must Qualify By Saturday.

Up to Thursday morning, fourteen golfers had played their qualifying rounds and turned in scores to Paul West, chairman of the committee in charge of the coming Merkel Golf club tournament. Ed Lancaster with a low score of 72 is leading the field, with Dub Diltz following with a 74.

Other qualifying scores are: Booth Warren, 79; Hale Lancaster, 79; Elery Smith, Trent, 83; Dee Grimes, 88; Paul West, 88; Byron Patterson, 89; R. O. Anderson, 89; Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, 94; George T. Moore, 97; Wren Durham, 101; W. O. Boney, 102; Yates Brown, 110.

Saturday night is the dead line for qualifying and pairings will be made in time to start match play Sunday.

Trophies are to be given for the winner and runner-up in the championship flight, the winner and runner-up in the second flight, for medal score and for long drive.

The latter event is scheduled for Sunday, September 6, while the four low scores will compete for the medalist trophy, date not announced.

First Round Bale to Same Owner Again

The round bale season in Merkel was officially started when Sam Swann ginned a 247 round bale Monday for W. A. Sheppard. The Swann gin has turned out their first round bale every season for the past six or seven years for Mr. Sheppard and according to custom of past years the bale this year was also ginned free. Sam paid 8 1-2 cents per pound for the cotton.

Girls Singles Not Completed.
Due to absence of one of the competitors in the semi-finals, the girls singles in the city tennis tournament have not been completed. When Miss Jess Higgins and Miss Christine Boyd decide their match, the winner will meet Mrs. Milton Case in the finals.

TANNIE JONES TO JOIN FT. WORTH

Merkel Pitcher Makes Good in Tryout With Art Phelan; Gets Contract for 1932.

Tannie Jones, Merkel's pitching ace, will report to the Fort Worth league team for the beginning of the 1932 season. He was given a contract at Panther park Tuesday after a tryout before Art Phelan, the Cats' manager, who expressed himself as highly pleased with Tannie's control and assortment. Three rookies tried out at the same time and Tannie was the only one of the three signed.

Jones was accompanied to Ft. Worth Monday by Warren Smith and Weston West, the latter going on to Dallas, but returning Wednesday with the two others.

Tannie's record shows 83 strike-outs in 53 innings and he has been a consistent winner for Merkel this season. He lives at Trent with his mother.

RESULTS OF LATE GAMES.
Clyde defeated Merkel 7 to 6 in Friday's game played at Clyde, giving the Clyde boys the advantage of 3 to 1 in the series.
Truby defeated the locals Tuesday, 6 to 3.

Merkel Team Winner Lorraine Tournament

Clarence Perry and R. W. Conder proved champions in the roquet tournament at Lorraine Tuesday when 24 teams were entered from Lawn, Baird, Post, Lubbock, Roscoe and Hermling. Merkel had five teams in the tournament and two of them contested in the final match, Perry and Conder winning over Joe Hendricks and little Joe Higgins.

All five of the Merkel teams showed in the last surviving six contestants.

Armstrong Baby Buried.
Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Johnny Cox, of Abilene, returned the first of the week from Fort Worth where they had gone to attend the funeral of the five-month-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong. The baby died Saturday morning.

MERKEL 22 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 27, 1909.)

Geo. S. Berry resigned this week as president of the First National bank; C. L. Barker was elected to take his place.

Dr. G. M. Williams was in Colorado this week.

N. O. Leerstang was an Abilene visitor this week.

J. M. Bryson and good wife of Dora were passengers to Abilene Saturday.

J. W. Warren came in from Colorado city Tuesday to visit his brother, J. S. Bond.

Mrs. C. A. Milliken and granddaughter, who have been visiting relatives in Trent, stopped over here to visit before returning to their home in Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. John McClain of South Merkel are the proud parents of a boy born Wednesday night.

Hollis Roberts and Tom Wright of Nugent and Scott and Lonnie Hollis

of Abilene were visitors to our little city Monday, making the trip by auto.

Miss Willie Bigham has returned from her visit to a ranch near Van Horn. She was accompanied home by her brother, Claude Bigham, from Midland.

Emay Burroughs has returned from a visit to Fort Worth.

Walter Highsmith, one of our good citizens, has moved to Sylvester.

Little Miss Faye Allen is visiting Mrs. G. W. Black in Sweetwater this week.

The South Side Hotel has been closed and Mr. McDuff, the proprietor, now has charge of the Yates house.

A large crowd of Merkel young people enjoyed themselves last night at the hospitable home of Judge and Mrs. Potter. The entertainment was given by Miss Elma Sheppard.

Miss Gladys Walker is reported on the sick list this week.

The Way of Life
by BRUCE BARTON

ARE ALL THE CHANCES GONE?

You run across all sorts of surprises in the course of a business week. For instance, the vice-president of a big chain store organization was telling me a business story. And what do you suppose he based it on? The Bible.

He has charge of the company's personnel. It is a job to sort over a hundred young fellows in order to find the one who will start at small wages, work long hours, and fight his way up to the top.

The prizes are big, but the battle is hard, and only the toughest survive.

The part of the Bible to which the vice-president referred was the Feeding of the Five Thousand. Five thousand tired and hungry people. The Lord said, "Feed them."

His disciples, who were practical men, were aghast. "We can't do it," they protested. "It would take too much money."

Others urged: "Send them away."

Finally a boy was discovered in the crowd with five small loaves and two fishes. Said my friend: "All they had to work with was what that boy had."

"So with our company," he continued. "It's one of the leaders, yet there isn't a really brilliant man in it. We've all come up from the ranks."

"We can get money to do anything that we need; but money alone won't do it."

"We can get materials and equipment."

"But all we really have to work with is what our four thousand boys have. They are going to decide what this business will be in the years to come."

When we had this conversation business was booming and all big industries were employing more people. Since then we have had a heart-breaking period of unemployment.

But, good times or bad times, the search for ability goes on. At the bottom of the depression the president of one great industry asked me if I knew where he could find a twenty-five-thousand-dollar man. The president of another said: "We have installed a system of compulsory pensions. We must make sure that this business will continue in the future to be run by young men."

The size and the set-up of businesses change, but their message to youth is just the same:

"Come on with your five loaves and two fishes. All we have to go on is what you boys have."

WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

Weatherford, Texas, claims that fifty per cent of all the pecans in America are produced within a radius of one hundred miles of that city.

To promote living-at-home and the conservation of food grown on Nolan county farms, the Sweetwater Board of City Development owns six canners which are loaned to farmers for canning spinach, peas, corn and other vegetables common to that section.

With the completion of paving on State Highway 30 in Haskell county early this fall, the entire highway from the Red River bridge entering Texas near Burkburnett, south to San Angelo, Texas, passing through Wichita Falls, Seymour, Stamford, Abilene and other West Texas cities will be permanently paved.

A federal building and postoffice costing \$130,000 is to be built at Sweetwater on a site purchased seventeen years ago for that purpose.

The Texas and Pacific Railway company has just completed the construction of a \$30,000.00 passenger station at Sweetwater.

Twelve hundred pounds of Bermuda onions were produced on one-fifteenth of an acre at Snyder where onion growing is gaining in favor and volume.

Sweetwater is one of the smallest cities in West Texas that boasts the dial and toll terminal equipment in their telephone system. An \$80,000.00 telephone building has just been completed at Sweetwater.

Big Spring, Texas, is to have a combination city auditorium, city hall and fire station to cost \$200,000.

Ten additional miles have recently been added to the twenty-one miles underground in Carlsbad Caverns near Carlsbad, New Mexico.

A large guard armory costing \$30,000.00 is to be built at Clovis, New Mexico.

The Pecos Valley of Texas leads the United States in production per acre of green beans. One hundred fifty-five bushels per acre were harvested

from the first picking this season with an estimate that twenty-five per cent more will be gathered on subsequent pickings.

An oil refinery with a daily capacity of 300 barrels of gasoline is under construction at Fort Stockton, Texas.

San Angelo, Texas, with a total of \$8,750,000 in its four banks boasts the largest bank deposits of any city between Fort Worth and El Paso.

The production of Irish potatoes on a large commercial scale was successful at De Leon, Texas, this year when forty thousand pounds were shipped and yields ran as high as seven thousand pounds per acre.

Daniel Defoe, author of "Robinson Crusoe," became insane in his old age.

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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.

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Continues to Extend Electric Service Lines

Abilene, Aug. 27.—Featured by the extension of dependable transmission line electric service to new residential and commercial customers, construction work being carried forward by the West Texas Utilities company includes the building of new lines, extension of service to rural and oil field customers and improvement of water service, according to a report made available from the company's offices here yesterday.

Much of the work on electric facilities will center around San Angelo, where four projects are under way at the present time. These include the building of a 4,160 volt primary line to serve new customers; the extension of service to the Dr. Taylor dairy; the construction of a three-phase transformer bank, a four-wire 6,600 volt line and a three-phase 220 volt secondary line to serve two new irrigation customers, and strengthened construction to serve the increased demand of a new oil refinery.

Two new lines will be built at Hamlin, a 2,300 volt single-phase primary line and a 220-110 volt three-wire secondary line will be erected at the Moore and Moore gravel pit. A 110 volt single-phase line will be built into a residential section at Menard, and a new residential addition in Junction will be served through the building of 2,300 and 110 volt lines. The Bartlett and Wallace gin at Santa

Anna, the Farmer's gin at Wilmeth, and the Runnels County gin at Wingate will be electrified through the building of new lines.

Rural extensions will be made from Hamlin, Matador and Vernon. Each of the lines will furnish power for domestic and farmyard tasks.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offerings of their goods.

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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 blasts 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.

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ROWENA RIDES THE RUMBLE



by ETHEL HUESTON

TENTH 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—

It was indeed very plain what they thought about Peter. The friendly, admiring smiles with which they said good-by to Rowena froze into cold disapproval in their curt nods to Peter. He felt quite cut up over it all.

"Don't you care," said Rowena. "When they find out how things really are, they'll be so mad at me for fooling them that they'll rebound your way and think you're quite the nuts."

"Well," said Peter, "there's one thing sure. Everything in the world has happened to us now. From desert sands to mountain mud, from separate floors to bridal suite, we've run the gauntlet of the unexpected. Nothing will surprise me after this."

"Me, either," agreed Rowena. "I've used up the very last of my surprise sensations. No matter what happens, I'm expecting it."

But they were both wrong. Incredible as it seemed at the moment, they were due for many more surprising denouements and more sensational ones. Even climatic conditions conspired to add to their discomfort.

The sky had been overcast for hours, and a heavy downpour of rain was followed by a steady, disheartening drizzle that showed no signs of diminution.

They smiled at each other after a terrible day and in friendly comradely quiet pulled slowly up to the hotel.

"Just ask for two singles," advised Rowena. "And if they give us adjoining ones we can't help it. We've got Spokane to fall back on."

They followed the boy with their bags into the hotel lobby. And the first thing they saw there was little Brown Bobby Lowell sitting all hunched up in the biggest upholstered chair in sight.

"Bobby!" they cried. "You little duck, you! Where did you come from? Where are you going? What in the world are you doing here?"

Bobby dimpled, wept and giggled, kissing them both again and again with complete impartiality.

"You angels!" she said. "I've been so lonesome and I'm so glad to be back with you again. I feel like a poor little lonesome orphan that just found out it is a Smith!"

"Where's Carter! Is it your honeymoon?"

The small brown nose uptilted itself to a very haughty angle.

"Never mention his name to me again," she said thickly. "I never want to see him again as long as I live."

"Carter! You never want to see Carter? Oh, you can't mean Carter!" protested Rowena, who simply could not conceive of a Bobby with no Carter at the tip of her tongue.

"It's just not possible."

"It is possible—it's a fact. All is

over between us for ever and ever. That's why I came to go on the rest of the trip with you."

"But see here," said Peter sternly, "you can't just be on and off with us like that. You left us in a terrible hole, running off the way you did."

"I knew I had done wrong," said Bobby, "and so I said the best thing to do was to come straight back as fast as I could. That's why I didn't send back the money I borrowed, Peter. I needed it to come back on."

"Well, what happened?" demanded Rowena. "How in the world did you ever get off with Carter?"

"It was like this. At first he was simply overjoyed to have me back and then in about an hour we got to talking about it and he got madder and madder and said he really didn't know whether he wanted to ruin his future by marrying a woman who had no more sense than that. So naturally I broke the engagement and gave him back his ring. I put my things in my bag and called up Rackruff to find out where I could catch you, and here I am. Oh, darlings, I've been so unhappy and it is so good to see you again."

They were none too well pleased about it. Bobby was an expensive addition to the party, seemed doubly expensive now that they could dispense with her presence.

It did not clear the atmosphere when they found waiting a telegram from the company with peremptory orders to send her back at once.

It said it was better publicity for the roadster to have the bridal couple continue their honeymoon alone.

Bobby said it was none of their business what she did, that she was responsible only to Carter. Was she going to let any ten-cent company give her orders? Certainly not! Her arrangement with Rowena had been for the entire tour and for the entire tour she would continue.

So Rowena retired to the rumble seat, although Peter insinuated strongly that he was not vitally interested in the details of the falling-out with Carter.

South to Portland proceeded the thoroughly chaperoned bridal party. It was in Portland that Bobby, who had been delighted into genuine hysterics over their gay account of the big doings in Spokane, demanded to see the wedding presents. Peter brought out the cocktail shaker and the cigarette lighter and Rowena showed her the watch and the candy box with the kissing Cupids.—It was the last time Rowena showed that watch for a good many weeks. She left it in extremely safe deposit—for a consideration—right there in Portland.

They gave Bobby a lurid account of the desperate strait in which she left them, and how Rowena conceived the bright idea of getting married as a sop to the requirements of society. Bobby said she always did think Rowena was just too clever for words.

"But aren't you just as married as if you really were married?" she asked interestedly.

"Not at all. We're just pretending that way. In fact we're the same old maids and bachelors we always were."

"Isn't it too bad you are both so disagreeable?" said Bobby sweetly. "If you were just a little nicer you could fall in love with each other now—you know, they write best sellers about men falling in love with their wives—and it would be too romantic for words!"

"Thank God we're not nice then," said Rowena. "With the example before us of you and Carter in love and all it leads to, Peter and I have entirely too much sense to be anything but enemies."

In San Francisco Peter found Rowena was starving herself to send money back East.

He had suspected that she was in debt. Evidently her creditors were pushing her hard. He went abruptly out to the little park where they were snapping the pictures.

"You must have enough," he said. "We're both dead tired. Let's lay off."

Rowena's smile was grateful. "I am tired," she confessed.

When they got in the roadster to return to the hotel he said in a voice so offhand and unconcerned that if she had not been so vitally interested in his words she must surely have suspected some hidden prompting.

"By the way, I got the expense money today. Of course, we're not supposed to have it till Monday but I cashed the check so you may as well have yours."

"Peter!" gasped Rowena. And

pressed the back of her hand quickly to her lips. Peter hoped she was not going to give anything away, confide any embarrassing details, but he needn't have worried. Rowena shuddered over her own worries.

"I'm hungry as the deuce," he said. "Let's see if we can find a good chop house and get a decent steak."

Rowena never said a word about soup. For himself Peter ordered the thickest, juiciest steak they could get their hands on, and plenty of "French fries."

"That sounds good," said Rowena meekly. "Two."

She hoped Peter could not tell from her voice how the very thought of it made her mouth water.

"Well, there's one nice thing about traveling trio," said Rowena. "You know just what to expect of every town. A bed, and food, and no adventures. It seems a bit smug after the life of adventure Peter and I have lived."

Bobby said nothing at all. She was brooding painfully over the probable state of affairs in New York and her heart was wrung with doubts.

There was no letter for her at the hotel in Los Angeles and she wilted visibly.

It was probably her absorption in her personal grief which kept her from sensing at the first moment, as the others did, that something was wrong.

Peter registered for all three, and the clerk instead of consulting the room chart as clerks are supposed to, turned without a word and went into the adjoining office.

"Peter," whispered Rowena, "I don't like that clerk. He looks like the worst sort of manager to me. I don't like this hotel either. I have developed a sixth sense about hotels. Let's go somewhere else."

"Oh, that's all imagination," said Peter, uncomfortably aware that it was not imagination and that Rowena was right about it.

But the clerk came back from the inner office at that moment, sum-

moned a boy, and immediately they were on their way up. Rowena and Bobby shared a large double room with Peter in a single one adjoining the bathroom between. It was thickly lathering his hands with soap to get rid of his accumulation of motor oil and California dust when there was a knock at the door and Rowena opened it to admit three men, one the manager of the hotel.

"Mr. Blande here?"

"His room is over there. He's in the bath now, I think."

"Call him in, will you?"

"Peter!" Rowena called at the closed door. "Can you come in a minute?"

Peter came at once, the towel still in his hands.

"Hello," he said cheerfully. "What's what?"

"That's what we want to know. Are you Peter Blande?"

"I most certainly am."

"Is one of these ladies your wife?"

"Yes. This lady—Rowena—is my wife."

"Did you register as Mrs. Blande?"

"No, by my maiden name. I am a writer and use my own name for professional reasons."

"You admit that you are his wife, however?"

"Absolutely," said Rowena. "I even brag about it."

"Why, they gave them the bridal suite in Spokane," put in Bobby helpfully.

"Yes we heard about that. Are you Miss Lowell?"

"Yes, Roberta Lowell."

"Well, I'm sorry, but you're under arrest. All three of you. We have a complaint against you from New York. They say you're not married at all traveling under false pretenses and want us to hold you. They say

you're keeping this young lady by coercion and that you have a demoralizing influence over her."

Rowena and Peter glowered at Bobby.

"What," they demanded sternly, "does this mean?"

"I haven't the faintest idea," said Bobby. "I never saw anything demoralizing about you."

"That," said the officer kindly, "is because you are so innocent. But that lady out there"—and at his indication they turned and saw a uniformed woman on guard in the corridor just outside their door—"that lady is from the Juvenile Court. She will take charge of you."

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JOB'S COMFORTERS.

While it is true that in the early stages of the depression the newspapers throughout the entire country tended to optimism and preached against the nightmare of fear, in recent months the same newspapers have seemed to show a reversal by recognizing that facts were facts, that the depression was here and no man was wise enough to prophesy as to the date of the turning point, so happily referred to even by statisticians, but, sad to relate, not as yet chronicled in the arrival column.

Nevertheless, why not look on the bright side? Even though it is the sort of comfort associated from time immemorial with that long-suffering example of early Biblical history, we are passing on to our readers the recently published weekly letter of the Hariman National Bank, New York City, captioned "Job's Comforters."

"Much ado is being made over the present unfavorable nature of News," says a well-known writer. "That the News is bad, however, should not be surprising. It is always so in final stages of any decline in values." This writer has prepared the following list of scare headlines which appeared in financial sections of newspapers in August 1921, the month which marked the end of the 1919-1921 big depression:

'FRENCH DEFICIT THREE BILLION FRANCS'; 'MORGAN CANCELS EUROPEAN TRIP BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES'; 'STEEL CUTS PRICE \$3 TO \$7 A TON UNDER JULY LEVELS'; 'REAL MONETARY DEPRESSION EXISTS IN GERMANY'; 'BROKERS' LOANS LOWEST IN 8 YEARS'; 'PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN WOOLEN SEES EUROPE RIDING FOR A FALL'; 'MELLON SAYS GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES MUST BE CUT ONE QUARTER OF A BILLION'; 'BREAK IN MARK CREATES FRENZY IN EUROPE'; 'STEEL CORPORATION MAKES FURTHER WAGE REDUCTION'; 'GENERAL ECONOMIC CRISIS EXISTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE'; 'VANDERLIP SAYS TASK OF BRINGING ORDER OUT OF EUROPEAN CHAOS IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE.'

"Here are only a few of the headlines picked at random from the various New York papers at the time. Nevertheless, this was the exact time at which the 1919-1921 decline culminated. Therefore, there does not seem to be any reason to become unduly depressed or impressed by the present news."

"The situation is not as hopeless as in August 1921. Yet the depression turned then. A turn, therefore, would not be surprising in the near future. Maybe it is presuming to suggest to the press that as general conditions are to a large extent psychological, a few 'happy' headlines could be in order. There are factors in the situation that really could be made into cheerful reading and the public might appreciate a summary of them, if only as a temporary diversion and tonic. Besides, it's a good time to 'hedge,' even on so-called News."

"Of more significance, from a practical standpoint, is the opinion of the American Institute of Finance, which follows a survey of a hundred-year period to this gratifying conclusion: "Noting the persistent decline in business over the past two years from 39 per cent above normal to 47 per cent below normal, it is the institute's opinion—based on the fact that the low rate of activity which has existed now for nearly a year has created substantial deficits and a substantial deferred demand—that business will recover vigorously in the year ahead and gradually work back to normal within the next year."

"The more bright spot out of the news of the day—Challenging America to lead the world out of the slough of economic depression, Lord Beaverbrook, London newspaper publisher, in an interview said he was certain the world would soon experience a great swing of the pendulum, which would bring widespread prosperity. "How soon, he intimated, would depend upon America."

"This is not the greatest depression in history," he said, "and it's not ever the worst your country has experienced. Don't forget Coxe's army and the 'hungry nineties.'"

La France Flour at J. H. McDonald Grocery.

CHURCHES

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

The revival meeting continues with unabated progress and conversions and reclamations are had at every service.

Two hundred people were present at the old peoples' service Tuesday at 10:30 at one of the most spiritual services of the revival.

The house has been seated to its capacity each night this week and twenty-two have given their names for membership to date.

A few of the street comments are: "That is the kind of preaching it is going to take to save us." "Those slugs passed me on every side—and some of them hit me." "From here on I am a different man." "That's my kind of preaching."

The meeting closes Sunday night. Come and enjoy these services in the few remaining days and decide for yourself.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the four reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel went into the 800 column last Sunday with a total of 845 present. This compares with 789 last Sunday and 650 on the same Sunday last year.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

One of those most deeply interested in the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service states that the attendance and interest last Sunday was most gratifying and it is hoped that all those men present last Sunday will come again and bring others.

H. H. Toombs is to be the leader of the next Sunday afternoon service, the place to be the Nazarene church and the lesson to be the tenth chapter of Acts.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday was a good day with the Baptist church—fine congregation and a good Sunday School, with deep interest in the preaching services.

The pastor's sermon at 11 a. m. Sunday will be timely and heart-searching.

Brother Bill Haynes was elected first associate superintendent of our Sunday School Sunday morning by unanimous vote of the church. Come, friends, and let's give him our hearty support and back him to the limit with our prayers and presence.

Visitors from the Singing Convention will sing for us at 10 a. m., also for the preaching service at 11 a. m. Come and hear them.

No preaching at the evening hour on account of the Methodist revival.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Scripture reading, Annie Lee Owens.

Part 2, Group Captain.

Part 3, Brazil, Caribel Mansfield.

Part 4, Argentine, Rogene Dye.

Part 5, "Argentine and Brazil Go to Uruguay," Joe Earl Lassiter.

Part 6, Chile, Veron Davis.

Part 7, "The Challenge of South America," Margaret Miller.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. No preaching services morning or evening, as the pastor is in a revival at Baird. Christian Endeavor meets at 6 p. m.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

You are invited to attend services with us during the week. Services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's day morning at 10 o'clock, preaching at 11 a. m., communion at 12 m., young peoples' services at 7 p. m. and prayer meeting service Wednesday at 8:15 p. m.

Young Brother Mickey from A.C.C. will preach for us at 11 o'clock Lord's day.

The class of older young people will debate at 7 p. m. Lord's day on the subject "Resolved That man is more important in The Church work than women."

In love, The Elders.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the merchants and business men of Merkel who were so liberal in their donations of premiums for the first and second bales of cotton, I wish to express my thanks through the Merkel Mail. All of the articles offered are of actual use and their aggregate value runs into a considerable sum. They are all greatly appreciated, I assure you, and I want to thank each and everyone of you for your public-spirited citizenship.

Lige Harris.

Have you heard about the Jingle Contest at Brown's Bargain Store?

The father of Ralph Waldo Emerson was a Unitarian preacher.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

School Information

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ful as to what the child should take this year are welcome and urged to come to see the superintendent on either of these days—Tuesday or Wednesday.

FACULTY MEETING.

The teachers of the Merkel schools will have their first faculty meeting on Saturday morning, September 5, at ten o'clock. All teachers will have arrived by that time and will be in attendance to formulate plans for the year. Faculty for the coming year is as follows:

Primary grades:
First grade—Mrs. Elsie Sharp Nash, Mrs. Holland Teaff, Miss Evelyn Curb.

Second grade—Miss Alzada Pogue, Miss Vennie Heizer.

Third grade—Mrs. Jack Anderson, Miss Orpah Patterson.

Fourth grade—Miss Imogene Hayes, Miss Orpah Patterson.

Intermediate grades:
Miss Opal Sloan, writing and drawing.

Miss Pauline Pinckley, reading and spelling.

Miss Carrie Coffey, English.
Ralph Duke, history.

Miss Virgilia Welch, geography.
Mrs. Len Sublett, arithmetic, principal.

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, Spanish, coach, principal.

Roger A. Burgess, superintendent.
URGED TO START AT OPENING.

If possible, all students should enroll the opening day. Delay in starting will handicap students just that much. This is especially true of students who are already weak in their work. Even where students must remain out for cotton picking for a short while, it would be much better for these to report at the opening day, enroll, select their course, get books, and then if necessary drop out. It is to be hoped that wherever possible pupils will attend from the opening day, but where this is impossible every effort possible will be made by the school to help these students overcome the handicap of a late start.

Bankers Launch Plan

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session of the organizing committee, of which he is the Dallas member.

Others on the committee are A. Querbes, Shreveport; R. C. Couch, Haskell, and W. M. McGregor, Wichita Falls.

AWAIT BANKERS' SUPPORT.
This committee will meet as soon as a representative number of bankers over the state have come in on the plan, Chairman Davis said.

To make possible the withholding from the market of every third bale this season, the bankers proposed "assistance of reserve city banks and federal reserve bank, if needed." Mr. Hoopes said that this assistance was pledged by the reserve city bankers who attended.

As this action came from bankers of Texas, following proposals through governors' conferences and federal farm board proposals, importance of something's being done at once was stressed by leaders realizing the situation.

Ninety Attend Red And White Affair

About ninety were present at Shannon's Pool Tuesday night for the second of the monthly social meetings of the Red and White stores in the Abilene district, visitors coming with their families from Winters, Abilene, Anson, Trent, Potosi and Stith, besides the Merkel members. The first social meeting was held in Abilene last month.

A bounteous picnic supper was served by the ladies of the Woman's Missionary society of the Grace Presbyterian church.

John West presided as master of ceremonies, the welcome address was made by Mayor W. M. Elliott and the response given by Mr. Perry of Anson. Then followed the introduction of stores.

Prior to the supper the visitors enjoyed a cool plunge in the delightful pool and games and contests were the featured entertainment later, the entire evening proving a most successful affair.

Wales' recent census revealed a population of 2,593,014.

Advertisements in the Merkel Mail.

SOCIETY

GLEANER CLASS PARTY.

The Gleaner class of the Methodist church met in the home of Mrs. Gardner on Tuesday of last week with Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown as hostesses.

The guests were seated on the delightfully cool porch and progressive games of "42" were played, after which a lovely salad plate was served to Mesdames Guitar, Underwood, Latham, Briggs, Herbert Patterson, Len Sublett, Case, Richardson, Will Toombs, Gaither, Dee Grimes, Williams, Vickers, Rush Buford, Vaughn, Teague Delmer, Gant, Iddings, Tom Largent, Roberts and the hostesses.

PICNIC AT TEAFF'S TANK.

The fourteen and fifteen year classes of the Baptist church met Friday and went to Teaff's tank for a social. Following the swim they went up to Miss Teaff's house where iced melons and cookies were served.

Those who enjoyed the trip were Mrs. Charlie Higgins, Mary Lou Higgins, Misses Annie Lee Dubose, Thelma Mathews, Coehrege Morrison, Vivian Davis, Ima Ruth Brown, Margaret Miller, Lola Mae Reidenbach, Lena Dean Bradshaw, Marie Hughes, Beulah Mae Harris and Mrs. Miller.

J. U. G. CLUB.

On their regular club day the J. U. G. members met at the home of Miss Anna Lee Blake for the business session and then adjourned to Shannon's for games and kodaking. Refreshments of cream and cake were served to Billy McGehee, Helen Heeter, Betty Jane Diltz, Becky Gardner, Dora Marie Gaither, Mabel Murray, Frances Owens, Geraldine Teague, Ann Leopard, Dorothy Lee Shannon and Doris Gay West.

Coalition Ministry Formed in Britain

London, Aug. 27.—James Ramsey MacDonald, prime minister in the only two socialist governments in Britain's history, had apparently succeeded in organizing a national coalition ministry to succeed the labor cabinet that went out of office because of its inability to cope with the financial crisis.

The ministry, embracing laborites, conservatives and liberals, will contain the following names, it was learned by International News Service:

J. Ramsey MacDonald, laborite, premier.

Lord Sankey, laborite.

Stanley Baldwin, conservative.

Neville Chamberlain, conservative.

J. H. Thomas, laborite.

Philip Snowden, laborite.

Sir Samuel Hoare, conservative.

Lord Hailsham, conservative.

Sir Herbert Samuel, liberal.

Sir Donald MacLean, liberal.

The Marquis of Reading, liberal.

Lord Irwin, a conservative and former viceroy of India, is being prominently mentioned as secretary for foreign affairs.

Opens Co-Op Office.

Austin Robertson, representative of the Texas Cotton Co-op, has opened his office for the season at the depot cotton platform. He requests that members be sure to bring their cotton tags and leave with him or at the gin where they gin.

Appendix Removed.

Following an operation for appendicitis at the Merkel sanitarium Monday, Miss Alzada Pogue is improving satisfactorily.

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Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27.—John B. Gallagher of New York Monday offered \$312,000 for the Louisville Herald-Post and all creditors were ordered notified of a meeting Sept. 8 to consider the offer.

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Children From Odd Fellows Home Here

Children from the Odd Fellows home at Corsicana were guests of honor at a luncheon Tuesday at the Odd Fellows hall and then at 2 o'clock that afternoon they rendered a most enjoyable program of songs and music at the Presbyterian church.

The luncheon was prepared by local Rebekahs, with Mrs. W. L. Johnson as chairman of the committee, assisted by Jess Higgins and others. Mayor W. M. Elliott presided during the serving of the luncheon and short talks were made by Revs. J. H. Hamblen and E. L. Yeats, followed by a reading by Miss Dota Garoutte and numbers by the Methodist quartette.

Mayor Elliott also presided at the afternoon program given at the Presbyterian church, which included solos

and duets by the children and several numbers by the glee club.

The children traveling by bus went to Sweetwater where they gave a program Tuesday night at the municipal auditorium.

Among those from Merkel who went over to Sweetwater to hear the program were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Higgins, Miss Dota Garoutte, Joe Riney, Roy Harrell and L. E. Gay.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Vance McLean, Tuesday, August 25, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scranon, Tuesday, August 25, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Cooper, Trent, Wednesday, August 26, 1931.

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NOTICE OF SALE.
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Witness our hands this 20th day of August, 1931.
Blue Front Motor Company.
By J. J. Barron, Manager.

Grapes Appreciated.

The Mail is in receipt of several bunches of luscious grapes from our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black, and our appreciation is acknowledged herewith.

Ton of Honey Stolen.

Chehalis, Wash., Aug. 27.—Hijacker got a "sweet" haul near here recently. A ton of honey valued at \$250 was stolen from a large bee stand.

Have you heard about the Jingle Contest at Brown's Bargain Store?

La France Flour at J. H. McDonald Grocery.

Guests of Sweetwater Luncheon Club Tell Of City's Live Spirit

As was mentioned in last week's issue of The Mail, Dr. R. I. Grimes and Rev. E. L. Yeats attended the luncheon of the Sweetwater club on Thursday, the 20th, which was given in honor of Mrs. Wiley Post, whose illustrious husband, together with Harold Gatty, only recently completed a record breaking round-the-world flight.

Speaking about their visit to our neighboring city with a representative of The Mail, Dr. Grimes and Rev. Mr. Yeats gave very flattering reports as to the hospitality shown them, the unusual progressive spirit exhibited and the wide-awake attitude of the hundreds of Sweetwater citizens present at this meeting.

This club, which is called the Sweetwater club, is really the mouthpiece of the Sweetwater Board of City Development, an organization that looks to the upbuilding of Sweetwater in every respect. The membership in this club comes from the members of other civic clubs represented in Sweetwater, such as the Lions, Rotarians, Kiwanians, etc., as well as individuals who perhaps are not members of any of these other clubs, but who are equally as interested in promoting Sweetwater's interests.

Our neighboring town to the west is indeed a very progressive little city and no doubt the untiring efforts now being put forth on the part of its wide-awake citizens will count for much good in the rapid and substantial growth which now seems certain and to which they are justly entitled, in the opinion of Merkel's two representatives, above mentioned.

Come on, Sweetwater, we will enjoy your good eats and inspiring talks any time.

Star Permitted To Live at Last

Clark Gable is so accustomed to being shot and killed to avenge the heroine's honor that he admits he didn't quite feel at home when he turned hero in "Laughing Sinners." Joan Crawford's new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring vehicle, which comes to the Palace, Sweetwater, Sunday.

Before coming into pictures Gable was famed for his brilliant characterization of Killer Mears in "The Last Mile," a role that seemed to pattern his screen career. When he first played with Miss Crawford in "Dance, Fools, Dance," he played the part of the gangster chieftain and was appropriately shot down and killed in the last reel while Lester Vail walked off with the girl. In "A Free Soul," in which he played with Norma Shearer, he met a similar end.

"Now that I win the girl in the end I feel out of place," Gable observed. "It is the only time since I have been in pictures that I didn't have to die or at least fade out somehow. Every time I find myself with my arms around Miss Crawford I expect to be shot in the back and hear the director say, 'Okay—cut!'"

Gable shares leading man honors with Neil Hamilton in the new Crawford picture, which was adapted from the Kenyon Nicholson stage success, "The Torch Song." Included in the imposing cast are Marjorie Rambeau, Guy Kibbee, Cliff Edwards, Roscoe Karns, Gertrude Short, George Cooper, George F. Marion and Bert Woodruff. Harry Beaumont directed.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 27.—Beef steers sold with more freedom Wednesday but the market was no better than steady. Cows, yearlings and bulls were scarce, market conditions remaining unchanged. Calves sold readily at steady rates. Receipts were close to 2,300 head of cattle and 1,200 calves.

Fed steers brought \$5.25 to \$2.75. Good grassers reached \$4.50 and the common kinds moved down to \$3.00. Cows of desirable flesh sold in small drafts up to \$3.25. Bulls brought \$1.50 to \$2.25. Some medium-weight calves reached \$5.75 to \$6.00, and order buyers paid up to \$5.50 for heavies. Packers' purchases were around \$4.50 to \$4.75.

Packers bought hogs in the line with their market levels of Tuesday, but small killers forced a decline of 25c to 35c. The top was \$6.00. Receipts amounted to 300 head.

Fat lambs ruled steady to 15c higher, a few decks notching \$5.00, with "cuts" clearing at \$3.50 to \$4.00. Not enough sheep and yearlings arrived to test the trade on those classes. Total receipts were around 1,200 head.

Lions Meet Tuesday.

The next meeting of the Lions club falls on Tuesday, September 1. Dee Grimes is to be toastmaster and he will be assisted by Dr. R. I. Grimes.

Reported Doing Nicely.

Roscoe Bland was carried to the Alexander hospital in Abilene Monday for an appendix operation and is reported doing nicely.

Personal Mention

Pink Dunn has returned from South Texas.

Davis Beasley, Jr., of Ropesville is visiting Bud Gambill.

J. M. Dunn is visiting his son, M. A. Dunn, at Hale Center.

Miss Wynona Patton of Abilene is visiting relatives at Slaton.

Miss Wyonna Patton of Abilene spent the week-end at home.

Mrs. W. T. Lain of Dallas is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. L. Baker.

Sis Gambill is visiting friends and relatives in Dallas and Fort Worth.

Mrs. Bill Malone of Brady visited Rev. J. T. King and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dunn and children have returned from Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Doris Durham and children of Dallas were guests in the Annis home last week.

Mrs. Mary Young of Comper visited in the home of Dr. Gambill the past week.

County Commissioner P. A. Diltz and family are in Valley Mills visiting relatives.

Mrs. N. E. Sandlin is in Midland to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Rea.

Mrs. S. O. Patton is at home from the Baptist hospital at Abilene and is improving nicely.

Rev. J. T. King visited friends and relatives at Mason and Brady Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. L. H. Fox and Miss Beatrice Pelly of Kirkland are guests of Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt.

Misses Zada and Venice Bell are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lay at Coahoma.

Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Annis of Aspermor were guests last Sunday of his mother, Mrs. S. F. Annis.

J. O. Hamilton of Snyder, well known to nearly everybody in Merkel, is here spending several days with relatives and friends.

Miss Irene Swann left Wednesday for Roswell, N. M., preparatory to the opening of the public schools where she is engaged as a teacher.

Mrs. Belle Kimbrough has been moved home from the Baptist sanitarium in Abilene and is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Hall of Wichita Falls were passing visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Caple this week.

Miss Holley Perry spent Thursday and Friday of last week in Abilene as guest of Miss Edna Marie Jones.

Mrs. Geraldine Sharp and daughter, Johnnie Marie, from Wichita Falls are visiting G. M. Sharp and family.

Misses Mary Eula Sears and Irene Swann returned Sunday from Virginia points where they had spent the summer.

Miss Tennie George of Lubbock and Charles R. Motley of Fort Worth were Wednesday guests of Misses Olive and Dora Garoutte.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Beasley and Mr. Herman Mooreland from Ropesville are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Kade, sister of Mrs. Beasley, at Noodle.

Gwyn, six year old twin son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dunn, who was seriously ill last week at Corpus Christi, was able to be brought home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cummings of Midland were here Wednesday visiting friends. They were en route to Abilene to get their daughter who has been visiting friends there.

J. W. Tarlton of Roby, who is to be principal at the Union Ridge school, has moved his family to Merkel and is occupying one of the Hampton stucco cottages in South Merkel.

Supt. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess reached home Sunday night from an extended summer trip, which included attendance at summer school at Columbia university, New York City.

Miss Lillie Dean of Dallas stopped over for a short stay with Miss Christine Collins as she was returning from a summer trip to California and Miss Collins accompanied her to Dallas for a visit of several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Johnson and little daughter, Wilma, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson and Miss Novella Morrison of Slaton have been visiting relatives, Mr. S. O. Patton, and family.

L. M. Scholl of Sweetwater, district manager of the Community Natural Gas company, was a pleasant caller at the Mail office Wednesday in company with Local Manager J. S. Bourn.

Mrs. V. B. Sublett, her mother, Mrs. Edith Gilmore and her daughter, Vernelle, of Carlsbad, N. M., are spending a while here. During their stay in Merkel, Vernelle has had her tonsils removed at the Merkel sanitarium.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner and daughter, Becky, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown returned Wednesday from a trip to Cloudercroft, N. M., El Paso and other interesting points.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen are visiting Mrs. Amy Sears and Mary Eula Sears. They have just returned from Toledo, Ohio, where they visited Mr. Eysen's parents. After a few days visit here they will return to their home in Tyler.

Week-end guests in the H. M. Rainbolt home were two of their daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. C.

A. Fryar and daughters, Louise and Alberta, of Albany and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Margrove and son, Horace, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Sims, (with the Magnolia oil,) have been transferred to Columbia, Texas. Mrs. Cass and her sister, Miss Nig Franks, of Midlothian were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Caple this week.

Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Miss Lucy Tracy and Miss Betty Lou Grimes left Tuesday for El Paso. At Big Spring they were to be joined by Mrs. Holland Teaff and Miss Vennie Heizer, who have been attending summer school at Canyon, and the party will visit Carlsbad Caverns before they return.

Mrs. E. M. McDonald and T. G. Bragg returned Tuesday from Temple where they had gone with Mrs. Bragg, who underwent an operation at Scott and White's sanitarium there last Saturday morning. They report Mrs. Bragg as getting along nicely. Mrs. Dee Grimes and daughter, Sue Sue, remain with Mrs. Bragg at Temple.

Wheel Attached As Ship Soars in Air

Waco, Aug. 27.—Employees and spectators at Rich Field were given a thrill Sunday when, after four attempts, a wheel was attached to an airplane while about 1,200 feet from the ground. As John Vandiver of Breckenridge took off from the airport at Cameron, to give a young Cameron man named Hefley a ride after the latter had helped him fix the tail skid, one of the wheels dropped off. Mr. Vandiver drove his plane to Waco, the nearest airport, where he knew another wheel could be obtained.

When his predicament was discovered by attaches at Rich Field, the manager of the East Waco airport, Ed Ockander, was summoned. The latter, with a mechanic named Spencer, flew above Mr. Vandiver's plane to which Mr. Hefley had been securely tied, to lower a wheel. The first and second wheels fell to the ground and the third wheel was too small.

Just as he had attached the fourth wheel lowered to him to the plane, the supply of gasoline in Mr. Vandiver's plane was exhausted and the motor ceased running as Mr. Hefley climbed into the cockpit. The plane was then 200 feet from the ground and Mr. Vandiver landed a mile from Rich Field.

The entire proceedings required about two and a half hours from the

time Mr. Vandiver first flew over the field until he landed. It was the second time Mr. Hefley had been in a plane.

Cotton Mill Sale Assures Jobs to 300

San Antonio, Aug. 27.—Plans to continue operation of the cotton mill at New Braunfels which normally employs about 300 persons, have been announced following purchase of the property by H. A. Wagenfuhr, representing two or three score of New Braunfels citizens. The plant, formerly operated by the Planters and Merchants' Mills, Inc., brought \$130,000 at a receiver's sale. A large quantity of manufactured goods, not included in the sale to Mr. Wagenfuhr and his associates, went to William Iselin & Co., New York, for \$104,000.

John Fuchs, attorney for the group that bought the mill in Mr. Wagenfuhr's name, testified before the district court here, which approved the sales that the New Braunfels citizens were acquiring the mill as a matter of civic pride, with a view especially to preventing possibility of permanent suspension of operations that would throw 300 out of work.

Sale of the property at the price offered was opposed by H. L. Carter, representing minority of the holders of the corporation's stock, of which \$1,500,000 worth was sold. Pointing out that the stockholders would get nothing, and the holders of the \$500,000 bonds and preferred creditors (due over \$300,000) little, he asked that the corporation be kept in receivership until business conditions improve.

James McDowell, Medford, Mass., textile expert, however, said that he considered \$130,000 a good price under the circumstances and that the entire plant, with more modern equipment, could be replaced for \$250,000.

Ralph Durkee, receiver, testified that although the mill has a book value of about \$900,000, he believed the bids under consideration were as high as could be obtained.

Gang Firing Squad Puts Trio on Spot

New York, Aug. 27.—Gangsters reenacted Chicago's Valentine day massacre in miniature Sunday night in

a blazing, deadly deft to New York's crime-sickened citizens mobilizing for a war on crime.

Their ghastly sense of humor led them to back three young men against a wall opposite a slaughter house in a deserted section of Brooklyn, where the victims faced a firing squad of four.

One was killed. The other two may die. Seven died in the Chicago massacre.

The three Brooklyn victims stepped from a gangster sedan in the pitch black stench of the slaughter house district, their hands held high in the air.

The slain man was identified as Antony Ferari, 25, Brooklyn. His companions were identified as Murray Leonardi, Brooklyn, and Angelo Curran, 22, Brooklyn.

Police got their story of what happened from Leonardi, who refused to give the names of their assailants.

Citizens Planning To Perpetuate Herd

Austin, Aug. 27.—With a meeting to be held Sept. 7 to perfect organization of a group to perpetuate the Goodnight herd of buffalo, interest in the plans of the state game, fish and oyster commission for a proposed park on the Goodnight ranch was being evidenced here.

Authority for the commission to purchase the famous herd was granted through an act passed by the special session of the legislature. The organization meeting will be held at the Goodnight ranch and Governor Sterling, Lieutenant Governor Edgar Witt and other state notables have been invited to attend.

It has been suggested that if funds for purchase of the ranch are donated the commission may make of it a big game preserve and sanctuary, which would be stocked with antelope, elk, longhorn cattle, chickens, turkeys and beaver.

Construction of a fish hatchery was also proposed, since the Panhandle-Plains area now has no hatchery. Sponsors of this move point out the hatchery could serve some forty counties. The entire preserve would be fenced with heavy wire.

The first objective of the sponsors of making the preserve is to raise money with which to buy the ranch. That will be attempted at the meeting Sept. 7.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

H. H. Jones, Ox Jones and Bill Springer went to Fort Worth Tuesday to see Tannie Jones, Trent's pitching ace, try out for a league berth.

Mrs. Humphreys, who is visiting in Abilene, was the guest of Mrs. Tom Vessels Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neill, who recently moved to Hamlin, are back home again and are receiving a cordial welcome.

Mrs. Cal Hamner and her nephew, Ellery Smith, Jr., were guests part of last week in the home of her sister, Mrs. Hattie Griffin, in Abilene.

Mrs. Tom Neil, who has been quite ill for a few days, was taken to a hospital at Abilene Sunday. She is reported not doing so well at this writing.

Mrs. Hurlt O'Kelly, who has been at the Alexander hospital in Abilene for the last two weeks, was able to be brought home Sunday.

Mrs. Johnnie Watson of Sweetwater was a recent guest of Miss Sarah Julia Johnson.

Mrs. Jim Armour and daughter, Miss Margarette, of Del Rio were guests in the Aromur home from Friday till Monday. They were accompanied home by Janie Armour, who spent the summer here with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd of Hamlin were here Thursday afternoon seeing old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Smith and their son, Milburn, of Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Mary Kathryn Baxter of Abilene was the recent guest of Miss Marjory Adrian. While here she was honored with a picnic one day on the Adrian ranch. Those enjoying the occasion were Mesdames Adrian, Carlton McLeod, Christine, Gloria, Thelma and Martha Ann McLeod, Miss Marjory Adrian and the honoree.

An old-fashioned cream supper was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Etta Causseaux Friday night by about thirty friends and relatives, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Clay Causseaux and children of Fort Worth, who were visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wallace and little daughter are guests of Mrs. Wallace's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lon McElmurry, and family.

Messrs. Tom Williamson and son, Don, Alex Williamson and C. T. Beckham were visiting in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Volley Vessels and little son, Dorence Dow, visited friends at Buffalo Gap Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and Mrs. Bessie Billings of Abilene were guests of relatives here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott and daughters, Misses Doreen and Gene, and Mrs. Scott's father, Mr. Adams, were visiting and attending to business near Lubbock from Sunday till Tuesday.

T. G. Hamner and Bill Neill went to Hamlin on business Monday.

Mrs. J. L. Bird of Waco is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Seth Nugent.

W. I. Decker and daughter, Mrs. Irene Mays, spent a few hours here Friday, seeing friends and attending to business.

Rev. Hampton and wife of Coleman are visiting his son, L. Hampton.

Fire of unknown origin was discovered in Ed Burks' blacksmith shop Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock and quite a bit of damage was done.

Little Miss Helga Beasley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Beasley, is doing nicely at her home after a tonsil operation Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor returned to their home at Amherst Sunday after a short visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Mr. Lanham brought the first bale of cotton to town Monday. It was grown on Mrs. Lucy Haynes' farm, grazed by the Planters gin and bought by A. Williamson, bringing 6 1-2 cents. The premium was \$36.00, given by the business men of Trent.

Master Wayland Norwood was honored on his sixth birthday with a party. His many little friends, who remembered him with such nice gifts, were entertained with games and refreshments were served by his mother.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SOCIAL. Mrs. Velley Vessels, assisted by the teacher, Mrs. J. E. Brown, was hostess.

Wednesday evening at her home with a social entertaining the Willing Workers Sunday School class. Games, contests and radio music was enjoyed through the evening; and at the refreshment hour ice cold watermelon was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. B. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. C. Estep, Mr. and Mrs. V. Vessels, Mr. and Mrs. J.

E. Bowers, Mrs. Bill Reynolds, Jack and Billie, Bowers, Jr.

OKLAHOMA VISITORS HONORED.

In honor of her sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hinson, of Fletcher, Okla., and their daughter, Mrs. T. L. Shumate, of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Hamner invited the relatives to their home on Wednesday of last week. Three tables were put end to end and all the guests were seated at one time. The day throughout was enjoyed very much by everyone.

Those present for the happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hinson, Fletcher, Okla., Mrs. T. L. Shumate, Oklahoma City, Mrs. Thos. Smith and daughters, Misses Leola and Rosa Norris of Sweetwater, Mrs. E. Henderson and Don Griffith of Abilene, Mrs. Theo Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Smith, Viola, Ellery, Jr., and Louise Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dowdy, Mrs. Glynn Hamner, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hamner and their little son, Tommie Joel, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Hamner.

Jail Opening Booked For September 12th

Taylor county's new \$100,000 jail—a four story brick structure—is to be open for public inspection, Saturday, September 12 and the following Sunday afternoon, it has been announced by County Judge Tom K. Eplen.

Jail units are complete and finishing touches are being made throughout the interior of the building. All details are to be finished before the opening date and prisoners transferred from the old jail, Judge Eplen said.

Plans for disposing of the old building, constructed in 1895, have not been announced.

Members of the sheriff's department, county commissioners and the county judge will receive the public for inspection of the new building.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carr had as their guests last week-end Mrs. Carr's brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hart, of San Angelo and Mrs. V. S. Philley and children of Abilene.

Phillip Skidmore of Golan was Saturday night's guest of Woodrow and Junior Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and family were Abilene visitors Sunday.

Rev. U. S. Sherrill was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Shelton Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis and son of California and Mrs. O. E. Skidmore of Golan were callers in the home of Mrs. M. A. Douglas Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are visiting in the home of Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. Skidmore, of the Golan community.

The Union Ridge school will have two new teachers for the 1931-1932 term. The exact date for the opening of this term has not yet been set. The teachers are: Miss Gladys Middleton, who will still have charge of the primary grades; Miss Estelle Terry of Trent, the intermediate grades, and Mr. J. W. Tarlton of Roby, who will be principal.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Patton, who entered an Abilene sanitarium several weeks ago, is not recovering as rapidly as had been hoped for.

Miss Dorma Lee Shelton was ill for several days last week-end, following an attack of appendicitis.

Several from here attended the services of the Methodist revival at Merkel last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey of Trent were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Carey.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor returned to their home at Amherst Sunday after a short visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

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CANYON NEWS

Most everyone is working in their feed crops now. Cotton is looking fine although it's needing rain.

Quite a few from here attended the revival at Mt. Pleasant last week.

Mrs. Eanes of Eastland is visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Eanes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews dined with Mr and Mrs. Dewell McLean Sunday.

Miss Bobbie Griggs spent last week in the J. L. Perry home. Miss Evelyn Perry accompanied her home and spent Saturday, night and Sunday.

Quite a number of the young folks from here attended the party at Frank Demere's at White Church Saturday night. All reported a fine time.

Radiotelephone service between all parts of Great Britain and northern Ireland and all districts of New Zealand has just been inaugurated, the minimum charge being \$33.75 for three minutes.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.

White Church News

W. C. Hunter is sick at this writing. Mrs. H. West visited her children at Dora last week-end. She was accompanied home by her granddaughter, Fannie Pearl Perry, for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night and everyone reported a nice time.

Mrs. Raymond Demere has as her guest her sister-in-law, Mrs. Luther Franks, and children of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. A. M. Brown has received the sad news that her brother, Henry Harris, of Wichita Falls had been accidentally killed in a car wreck. The entire community sympathizes with the Brown family in their sad bereavement. Mrs. Brown was unable to go to the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Phillips and daughter, Maxine, and Mrs. B. D. Pressley and daughter, Jean, attended preaching at Mt. Pleasant Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fulton visited in the home of Mrs. Fulton's sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes, recently.

Miss Mary Belle Franks of Wichita Falls is visiting Miss Lena Lee Demere.

G. W. Hughes of Blair was seen in our midst Sunday.

Friends of Mrs. E. W. Turner gathered at her home Tuesday night as a surprise to Mrs. Turner on her birthday. Everyone had a very pleasant time.

Mt. Pleasant Meeting Closes.

The Mt. Pleasant meeting closed Sunday night with 26 conversions and reclamations. We are indeed grateful to the good people of the Blair circuit for their cooperation in helping to save the lost. This closes our revivals for this year with 112 conversions and reclamations.

NOTICE.

Beginning September 1, I have secured the services of J. M. Garrett, well known and experienced weigher, and all platform weighing will be done at his scales. Patrons will please take notice.

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DORA DOINGS

Showers fell Saturday evening across the west end of the Divide.

The annual all-day singing was put over in a nice way again at High Point Sunday. Several quartettes were there, among the outstanding being Hamlin and Liberty, which produced some real singing and entertainment.

We regret to report W. C. Perry, known to everyone as Uncle Willis, is very low at the Baptist sanitarium in Abilene.

Riley Owens came very near to losing his life here Saturday while lowering the windows at the school building. A piece of glass fell from above and stuck in his neck, cutting an outer artery. Due to first aid and the quick arrival of a physician from Sweetwater, he is resting very well at his home south of the Divide.

Claude Jenkins and family of Noodle were visiting relatives Sunday.

Kathleen and Fleta Coggin were Abilene visitors Monday.

Jack Quiett is resting nicely after an operation at the Sweetwater sanitarium Sunday evening.

Maize gathering is in order here now. Most of the farmers are bundling it while a few are heading.

CARD OF THANKS.

I want to thank the merchants and business men of Merkel for their liberal donations as evidenced by the long list of 64 progressive firms which signed up for premiums for the first balc. I assure you that the cash and articles of merchandise are greatly appreciated and I will always remember with pleasure and appreciation the donors of these premiums.

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HEBRON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williamson attended church at Union Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Merritt attended church at Noodle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Clark and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West in Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis and baby from California; Mrs. Ollie Skidmore and children from

Golan, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris and baby, Mr. Willie Harris of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harris and baby from Fort Worth. Everybody is urged to come to Sunday School Sunday.

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A recent example of a grossly misleading and extravagant statement by a distributor of special brand tires is—"Mount one of our tires on one wheel of your car and a tire of any other make on the opposite wheel. If our tire does not give you equal service at a saving up to 25% in price, we will give you a new tire free."

This statement can be made for only one purpose—a desperate effort to gain your confidence and sell you a tire before you have had time to think about the ridiculousness of their challenge, which asks you to buy one of their tires and go to another store and buy a tire—have it mounted on the opposite wheel—then turn yourself into a tire tester!



Firestone don't ask you to run test cars for them—they have twenty-nine test cars of their own, running day and night, on which they test Firestone Tires and other makes, including special brand tires, and we have the proof of the safety, quality and extra values of Firestone Tires before you buy. Drive in today—examine sections cut from Firestone Tires and special brand mail-order tires—see for yourself the two extra plies under the tread which give you extra protection against punctures and blowouts—compare the construction and quality—don't be fooled by misleading advertisements. We will give you safer, more dependable tires at no greater cost.

COMPARE PRICES

MAKE OF CAR	TIRE SIZE	Firestone Oldfield Type Cash Price Each	*Special Brand Mail Order Price Per Pair	Firestone Oldfield Type Cash Price Each	Firestone Sentinel Type Cash Price Each	*Special Brand Mail Order Price Per Pair	Firestone Sentinel Type Cash Price Per Pair
Ford	4.40-21	\$4.98	\$4.98	\$6.00	\$4.35	\$4.35	\$8.50
Chevrolet	4.50-20	\$5.60	\$5.60	\$6.70	4.70	4.70	9.20
Ford	4.50-21	\$5.69	\$5.69	\$6.70	4.85	4.85	9.40
Chevrolet	4.75-19	\$6.65	\$6.65	\$7.90	5.68	5.68	11.14
Whippet							
Erskine	4.75-20	\$6.75	\$6.75	\$7.90	5.75	5.75	11.20
Plymouth							
Chandler							
DeSoto							
Durant							
Graham-Paige	5.00-19	\$6.98	\$6.98	\$8.60	5.99	5.99	11.60
Fontaine							
Roosevelt							
Willys-Knight							
Easel	5.00-20	\$7.10	\$7.10	\$8.90	6.10	6.10	11.90
Nash							
Easel	5.00-21	\$7.35	\$7.35	\$9.30	6.35	6.35	12.40
Nash							
Oldsmobile							
Buick	5.25-21	\$8.97	\$8.97	\$10.70	7.37	7.37	14.52

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Bk-Mc	5.25-18	\$7.90	\$7.90	\$9.30	6.00-21	\$11.05	\$11.65
Oldsmobile					6.50-20	\$13.48	\$14.50
Auburn							
Jordan	5.50-18	\$8.75	\$8.75	\$10.00	7.00-20	\$15.35	\$16.40
Ho							
Gardner							
Marm							
Oakland	5.50-19	\$8.90	\$8.90	\$10.30			
Peelers							
Stu'b'kr							
Chrysler							
Viking	6.00-18	\$11.20	\$11.20	\$12.70			
Frank'n							
Hudson	6.00-19	\$11.45	\$11.45	\$13.20	30x3	\$17.95	\$17.95
Hupm					32x5	29.75	29.75
LaSalle					30x6	32.95	32.95
Pack'rd	6.00-20	\$11.47	\$11.47	\$13.20	6.00-20	15.25	15.25

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Pack'rd	6.00-21	\$11.65	\$11.65	\$13.40			
Stutz							
Cadillac							
Lincoln							
Pack'rd							

TRUCK and BUS TIRES

MAKE OF CAR

TOURED ELEVEN STATES ON TRIP

Misses Mary Eula Sears and Irene Swann Return from Virginia Via Southern Route.

Having toured eleven states in the nine weeks while they were away, Misses Mary Eula Sears and Irene Swann returned Sunday from Bristol, Va., where they were art counsellors at Camp Sequoyia. Twenty-one states were represented at the camp. The young ladies in their overland trip to Virginia followed the central route, returning via the southern route.

Points of interest, historical and scenic, which it was their good fortune to visit in their leisurely return, included the Biltmore estate in Asheville, N. C., which has the largest dairy in the world. The vast cotton fields in South Carolina. Georgia's black walnut groves and pine trees, which were being tapped for sap, the beautiful lime rock roads, from which the lime rock in its native state may be observed, were all features of especial interest. They visited St. Augustine, Fla., the oldest city in the United States, which also boasts the oldest house, the old Spanish fort "San Marcos Fort," and they saw "the fountain of youth," desired quest of the famous Ponce De Leon.

At Silver Springs they found lake formations to be compared with those at Catalina island and the underwater beauties were viewed from glass bottom boats, as at Catalina. Leaving there, they travelled several hundred miles along Mobile bay (the gulf drive) between Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss., taking them through Mobile, Ala., to New Orleans, where they visited the quaint old French market, "The Slave Exchange" of years ago. New Orleans is a city of unique and individual attractions, including among its points of interest the French courts, the cathedral, art museum, the Yacht club, the oldest apartment house in the world, and its

Comal street two hundred feet wide and ten miles long, with its million dollar lighting system.

Continuing from New Orleans along a scenic drive to Galveston, the moss covered trees along the Teche river afforded a beautiful view and water hyacinths in many colors were in full bloom along the water's edge.

Crossing Texas from Galveston home included stops at Houston, San Antonio and San Angelo.

Eastern Star Picnic Comes Monday Night

Celebrating the birthday of Robert Morris, the founder of the Eastern Star, members of the local Eastern Star chapter and their families will enjoy a lunch picnic at Shannon's Pool Monday night, August 31.

Several readings are included on the program and M. C. Graham will make a short talk.

A thoroughly good time is in store for all who attend.

It is announced that hereafter the Eastern Star chapter will meet every Tuesday night instead of every Saturday.

W. F. Robertson, who is an uncle of former Governor Dan Moody, was appointed judge of the new 126th district court of Travis county by Governor Sterling Monday.

Eat at the Nice Clean Cool WHITE HOUSE SANDWICH SHOP

We Pit Barbecue Every Day Now.

We make all kinds of Sandwiches including Barbecued Goat and Beef.

I solicit your patronage on basis of Service, Quality and Prices. W. W. Wozencraft.

Merkel Fats Playing Sweetwater Today

A big street parade at 4 o'clock will precede the spectacular ball game between the Sweetwater and Merkel Fats at Swatter park in Sweetwater this afternoon, scheduled to begin at 4 o'clock.

Out of a squad of 18 ex-stars and bench warmers, Manager Tom Bragg will pick his starting line-up for the heavyweights from Merkel. His material includes some of the most brilliant diamond artists of the past decade, some of them slightly off form on account of abstaining from exercise so as to qualify for weight. Such names as Jake Massey, H. H. Jenkins, George T. Moore, Forrest Gaitner, N. A. Dowell, Cotton Owens, Frank Golliday, Dub Diltz, Cecil Guthrie, L. B. Reeves, Walter Leach, Big Ed Gant,

O. R. Rodden, Bob Hicks, J. E. Richardson, P. P. Dickinson and Warren Higgins are on Manager Bragg's payroll and anyone of them can make a good account of himself when given the opportunity.

The game is for the benefit of the Boy Scouts of Sweetwater and Merkel, the proceeds to be divided on a 50-50 basis, and a large number from this city will accompany the players.

Early B. Hart, 71, pioneer ranchman of Callahan county and an old time trail driver, who with his brother, A. A. Hart, accompanied many herds to Kansas, was found unconscious Monday morning by members of his family in the horse lot where he had gone to hitch up his team and died that afternoon at home.

La France Flour at J. H. McDonald Grocery.

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LEE HARRELL, Manager

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

FLOUR, whole wheat, 10 lbs.	15c
FLOUR, Empire, 48 lbs.	75c
MILK, White Swann, 7 baby cans	25
MILK, White Swann, 2 tall cans	15c
COFFEE, 3 lb. bucket, Premium	50c
SALT, three 5c-packages	10c
LARD, 8 pound bucket	80c
JELLO, 2 packages for	15c
SYRUP, new Sorghum, 1 gallon	75c

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Phone 203

Some Cash Prices

Due to the fact that we are going on a STRICTLY CASH BASIS September first, we are in position to make reduced prices on many everyday household items and we list a few of these below:

McKesson's Aspirin, 2 doz. for	25c
McKesson's Aspirin, 100 bottle	69c
McKesson's Mineral Oil, pint	60c
McKesson's Mineral Oil, quart	98c
McKesson's Milk Magnesia, pint	39c
McKesson's Rubbing Alcohol, pint	39c
McKesson's No. 59 Antiseptic Solution	59c

Many other articles at exceptionally low prices

Complete Line of School Supplies

Merkel Drug Company

THE RED & WHITE STORES

Send the Children

RED & WHITE STORES serve the little ones well. Owners of RED & WHITE STORES feel an added responsibility when serving children. Their kindly interest quickly establishes a bond of confidence and friendship.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AUGUST 28 AND 29

Peaches	fancy Elbertas 2 dozen	25c
GRAPES	fancy Red Malagas pound	10c
APPLES	new red dozen	19c
BANANAS	nice yellow per lb.	4c
Spuds	White Cobblers 10 lbs. for	23c
Yams	new crop pound	3½c
CABBAGE	fresh Colorado pound	4c

ITEMS APPROVED

By Good Housekeeping as shown on page 157, September Issue of Good Housekeeping Magazine.

RED & WHITE BAKING POWDER	Regular 27c size	21c
RED & WHITE COFFEE	Nothing better, pound	39c
RED & WHITE MARSHMELLOWS	1 pound package	23c
RICE KRISPIES, package		10c
BRAN FLAKES, Red & White, pkg.		10c
Cake Flour	Red & White package	29c
GELATINE DESSERT or ICREAM POWDER, Red & White, 2 pkgs.		15c

MILK	Red & White, 6 small or 3 tall	20c
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Compound	8 lb. pail	78c
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FINE GRANULATED

SUGAR	10 lbs.	50c
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PICKLES	quart, sour, sliced	15c
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Crackers	Salad Wafers 2 lb. package	27c
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JOWLS	dry salt pound	7½c
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BACON	sliced sugar cured per pound	21c
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