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SINGERS TO HAVE EVERY ADVANTAGE IN LOCAL AUDITION

One Boy and One Girl From Merkel to Be Selected to Go to Dallas in October to Enter the All-State Tryout.

Participants in the Fifth National Atwater Kent Radio Audition will be given every advantage in Merkel Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Grammar School auditorium where the audition will be held.

Gypsy Ted Sullivan Wylie, who is state chairman, will secure the judges from Abilene, all competent musicians, who will select one boy and one girl, who will go to Dallas WFAA in October in an all-state tryout.

A radio hookup will be installed from a room in the basement where the singers will broadcast into a loud speaker in the upstairs auditorium.

Visitors are invited to hear the audition. Come and hear your favorite's radio voice.

Merkel Banker Named Secretary Grand Jury

Booth Warren, Merkel banker, is secretary of the Taylor county grand jury impaneled by Judge M. S. Long at the beginning of the eight-week term of the 42nd district court Monday morning.

George L. Minter is foreman of the group and other members are J. D. Hamilton, J. A. Farr, H. R. Roberts, G. W. Brewster, W. C. Neill, T. C. Richardson, J. L. Kincaid, F. L. Graham, T. J. Key and Ted Bigham.

Thirteen bills of indictment, charging felonies, were returned by the inquisitorial body in a partial report to Judge Long late Wednesday afternoon. Indictments included ten forgery complaints, nine against James Craddock, and one against O. B. Tanner; a statutory charge against Howard Taylor, in which a Memphis, Texas, girl is the complaining witness; a charge of automobile theft against Cotton Blackstock, Nolan county youth, and a charge of theft of person against Olean Alexander, Abilene negro.

Recovering Satisfactorily.

Miss Willie Mae Schwartz, who underwent an appendix operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene last Thursday, is recovering satisfactorily, which will be good news to her many friends.

"EYES OF TEXAS" FIRST SUNG IN 1903, MEMBER OF QUARTETTE RECALLS

Amarillo, Sept. 10.—J. R. (Jim) Cannon, Amarillo business man, was a member of the male quartet that sang "The Eyes of Texas" for the first time twenty-eight years ago.

"It was all a joke. We did not know what we were starting," Mr. Cannon said as he commented on the popularity which the song received and which later made it the song of the University of Texas and the unofficial state song.

He displayed a yellowed program, split down the middle and reinforced with a strip of paper pasted over the slit, on which the number was listed as "A Parody in Song." The program was given as a benefit for the Glee and Mandolin clubs and the athletic department. It was a negro minstrel, with a few special acts thrown in.

"It all happened in the old Hancock Opera House, just a block off Congress avenue on West Sixth street, Austin," Mr. Cannon said. "The Hancock then was the talk of the state and the governor had a special box. Twenty-eight years ago—it was in the fall of 1903—the university was small enough for benefit programs, and we were giving one that night."

"Dr. Lambdin Prather, who was president then, had attended Washington and Lee University when Gen. Robert E. Lee was president. General Lee, it was said, never made a speech to the student body without bringing in the remark 'the eyes of the South are upon you.' Dr. Prather, it seems, thought well of the statement, and after he became university president often quoted it, confining it only to Texas.

TWENTY-FIVE SHOW AT FIRST PRACTICE HIGH SCHOOL SQUAD

When the season's first practice was called Monday afternoon at Merkel High school, twenty-five boys reported to Coach Briggs Irvin. Letter men returning are Paul Collins, guard; Gerald Derrick, end and half; Woodrow Wilson, half; B. P. Middleton, line, and Deverl Toombs, line. These five letter men, plus a few squad members, will be the nucleus for this year's team.

Several new members, who have come in from Blair and Noodle, will help bolster the line.

Other than the letter men, named above, those reporting for daily practice are Windham, Melton, Moore, Cade, Williams, Shelton, all new men, and Boaz, Durham, Ferrier, Gamble, Shouse, Mansfield Carson, West, Masburn, Shannon, Richards, Tittle, Vickers and Rogers Derrick.

Due to so many inexperienced men the team will probably get away to a slow start, but toward the end of the season, lookout, everybody.

The schedule of games for the season follows:

Sept. 18—open.
Sept. 25—Putnam at Putnam.
Oct. 2—Roby at Merkel.
Oct. 9—open.
Oct. 16—Haskell (location undecided).
Oct. 23—Anson at Merkel.
Oct. 30—Stamford (location undecided).
Nov. 6—Hamlin at Hamlin.
Nov. 13—Putnam at Merkel.
Nov. 20—Roscoe at Roscoe.
Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving)—Rotan at Rotan.
Games are wanted for Sept. 18 and Oct. 9. With these dates filled, Merkel High will have an eleven game schedule.

Already much interest in the forthcoming football season is being evidenced by both the school rooters and the enthusiasts uptown.

Weigher's Scales O. K'ed.

B. E. Owens from the weights and measure department, Austin, Texas, inspected the scales of Public Weigher Houston Robertson Wednesday and found them "right on the dot." The inspector gave Robertson a certificate to this effect.

Mae Belle Lou Walton Arrives.

Mrs. J. C. Walton of Del Rio, who is visiting relatives here, has received news from her son, Gilbert, of the birth of a baby girl, named Mae Belle Lou, to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Walton at Sacramento, Calif.



GAIN IS SHOWN AT HIGH SCHOOL

Thirty Per Cent Increase in High Over Last Year; Total Enrollment For Opening Day 450.

At the close of enrollment Tuesday afternoon of the Merkel Public schools for the 1931-1932 session, the figures showed an increase in total enrollment of 18 over the opening date last year. The increase came in the High school where exactly forty more students enrolled than for the opening day of last year. This was an increase of about 30 per cent, or one-third more. The Grammar school showed a slight decrease under last year's opening, there being an even dozen fewer than on the first day last year. The total enrollment now stands at 450.

The High school enrollment was increased largely by the coming of students from surrounding unaccredited schools who, have come into Merkel in order to graduate from an affiliated school.

OPENING PROGRAM.

The opening of the new year's work was marked with a short program at the High school Monday morning. Students, former students, parents, trustees and others gathered at 9 o'clock to hear the program and to greet new students.

Following the singing of "America," the opening prayer was given by Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the Baptist church. Misses Thelma McAninch and Margaret Miller and Mrs. T. T. Earthman rendered instrumental music arranged by Mrs. Earthman and later in the program the same young ladies gave a pleasing vocal number, also arranged by Mrs. Earthman.

Rev. E. L. Yeats delivered an impressive address on the theme, "Avoid the Extremes," taking his subject from the Biblical admonition, "Be shod with sandals."

After remarks by O. J. Adcock, president of the school board, other trustees present were introduced, Herbert Patterson and W. O. Boney, and twelve graduates of Merkel High were also presented at the same time.

Talks were also made by Supt. Roger A. Burgess and R. Briggs Irvin, principal of the High school.

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES.

The enrollment by grades is as follows: first, 30; second, 42; third, 33; fourth, 41; fifth, 44; sixth, 42; seventh, 35; total in Grammar school, 278. In the High school—eighth, 57; ninth, 50; tenth, 32, and eleventh, 33; total 172. Grand total 450.

THE SENIORS OF THIRTY-ONE.

The names of last year's graduates who will attend colleges and universities this year, and the schools they will attend follow:

University of Texas—Elvis Richardson.
Simmons university—Benny Shepard.
College of Industrial Arts—Mattie.
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Conference Enlarged To Sixteen Districts

Austin, Sept. 10.—Competing schools will be brought closer together and long distance travel will be eliminated in interscholastic League football this fall with the opening of the twelfth season of this sport, according to Roy B. Henderson, athletic director of the University of Texas League bureau. Conference A will hereafter be divided into sixteen districts instead of the eight districts which have existed in the past. The closing date for registration for league football this year is October 1.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The Dallas plasterers and lathers union has announced a voluntary reduction in their wage scales from \$13 to \$10 a day, on an eight-hour basis.

Charles R. Horton, a member of the Greenville Banner editorial staff, has been appointed secretary to Sam Rayburn, United States congressman.

Receipts from the sale of cigarette stamps during the first twelve days the tax was in effect were \$260,247 it has been announced from the stamp division of the treasury department.

L. W. Walker, 57, a former San Angelo commissioner, was drowned when his automobile, which he had parked on an incline, plunged off a steep bluff into Dove Creek on his farm near Knickerbocker.

Three men, J. B. Moore, 20, Clyde Moore, 25, and Arthur Calloway, 20, the latter a former athlete of Baylor university, were killed and their bodies burned when two highway trucks collided and caught fire near Quanah. Virgil Pylant, 23, a student flier of Stephenville, and Travis Boggs, 26, Dublin pilot, were burned to death Saturday night when an airplane in which they were riding crashed and caught fire one mile north of Stephenville.

According to a bulletin by the Bureau of the Census there are 495,489 farms in the state of Texas having a total acreage of 124,707,130, and a total value including land, buildings and machinery and implements of \$3,779,593,795.

Twenty members of the Fort Worth fire department have received notices of their dismissal as part of the city's retrenchment program instituted by City Manager George D. Fairtrace that will bring a saving to the city of \$89,000 during the year.

Lewis A. Yantis, son of R. E. Yantis, former editor of the Athens Review, has been named bandmaster of the United States navy band. Yantis toured the country with John Philip Sousa in liberty loan campaigns and has been in the navy since the world war.

Alleging that his reputation for honesty had been assailed by the publication of a portion of the city council proceedings, Mayor E. E. Hunter of Cleburne has filed a suit for \$25,000 damages against the Cleburne Times-Review and Alderman Dave Ross of Cleburne.

By a reduction of personnel and a more equitable distribution of sinking funds and interest charges on the city's bonded and warranted indebtedness, San Angelo's tax rate has been slashed 20 cents to \$2.50 on the \$100 property valuation for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 1931.

The East Texas oil field, embracing 600 square miles, which had been shut down under martial law since August 17, was reopened at 7 o'clock Saturday morning, following issuance of the railroad commission proration order limiting production of each well to 225 barrels daily.

Dr. Lee Clark, a member of the faculty of North Texas Agriculture college and formerly superintendent of schools at Wichita Falls, Gainesville and other Texas cities, has accepted the presidency of Randolph college at Cisco, announcing that he would assume his duties at once.

In a letter to Governor Sterling, District Judge H. Fountain Kirby of Mexia suggested that the governor submit to the legislature the question of judiciary pay reduction, recommending a reduction of \$1,000 annually from the salary of each district judge and proportionate cuts from the salaries of other public officials as a means of economy.

HALE LANCASTER IN FINALS OF MERKEL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hale Lancaster is one of the finalists in the championship flight of the Merkel Golf club tournament and the other finalist will be the winner of the Warren-Diltz match. Lancaster defeated Paul West 6 up and 4 to go in the second round match and then turned down his son, Ed Lancaster, 3 up and 2 to go in the semi-finals.

Semi-final contenders in the second flight are George T. Moore vs. Wren Durham in the upper bracket and R. E. Dowdy of Trent vs. Ed Gant in the lower bracket.

George Woodrum won the trophy in the long drive contest last Sunday afternoon. His distance was 315 yards on two balls, one going out of the fairway. Paul West was runner-up with 304 yards and Castle Ellis came third, driving 286. No player placed all three balls in the fairway. About 15 were entered.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT.

Results of first round matches, unplayed at the time of our last issue, follow:

Dillingham forfeited to Hale Lancaster.

Booth Warren eliminated Reeves 5 up and 3 to go.

Jack Anderson forfeited to George West.

Dee Grimes bested Slat's Bourn 4 up and 2 to go.

In second round play, Ed Lancaster defeated Ellery Smith of Trent 4 up; Hale Lancaster won out over Paul West, 6 up and 4; Booth Warren bested George West 9 up, and Dub Diltz turned down Dee Grimes 2 up and 1.

SECOND FLIGHT.

Results of first round play follow:

Charlie Jones forfeited to T. G. Bragg.

Dr. C. E. Gardner forfeited to George Woodrum.

Castle Ellis defeated David Gamble 4 up and 2.

Dye and Jenkins forfeited to next winner.

In the second round George Moore won over T. G. Bragg 5 up; Durham bested Woodrum 3 up; Dowdy eliminated Ellis 3 up, and Gant came out winner by default of Dye and Jenkins.

Fire Destroys Barn.

The barn of W. S. Chinn in Bettis Heights, together with its contents, was totally destroyed by fire at 3:45 Wednesday afternoon. The barn was filled with oats and hay. Some insurance was carried, but the amount could not be ascertained Thursday morning.

LEGISLATORS HEAR PLEA OF FARMERS FOR RELIEF PLANS

House Sits As Committee of the Whole to Consider Acreage Control Bills; Senate Votes to Work Free.

Austin, Sept. 10.—Farmers wearing blue jeans and cotton shirts, their hands showing the unmistakable signs of toil, invaded the halls of the legislature Wednesday to plead with the house of representatives for speedy action on a cotton acreage control bill.

The galleries were crowded and standing room was at a premium as the "dirt farmers" told the legislature what they wanted in the way of relief from the throes of 6-cent cotton.

Their appearance was made before the house sitting as a committee of the whole to consider cotton acreage control bills. The bills were taken from the committee on agriculture by the house in the belief speedier action would be obtained with the house sitting as a committee.

The agricultural committee of the senate will start its hearing tomorrow. Senator Oliver Cunningham of Abilene said he hoped to get a bill out "as soon as possible."

The senate voted to meet during the farmers' session without pay. They cut the mileage and per diem out of a house concurrent resolution authorizing \$10 per day and the same mileage as allowed at regular sessions. The house passed a bill appropriating \$50,000 to pay the salaries of members.

Numerous plans for reducing and prohibiting cotton planting have been proposed in the several bills introduced ranging from the "No Cotton" bill by Representative Victor Gilbert of Cisco to the establishment of a state agricultural equalization board, with
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Date to Be Set for Poultry-Rabbit Show

A meeting of everyone interested in the promotion of the Merkel Poultry and Rabbit association has been called for next Thursday night, Sept. 17, at 8 o'clock at the store of the Liberty Hardware company.

At that time the date for the fall show will be set and the constitution and by-laws will also be voted on.

It is expected that a large number of poultry fanciers and rabbit breeders will be present.

The Way of Life
by BRUCE BARTON

THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUALS.

I was invited to speak before the officers and salesmen of a large industrial organization, and the other speaker was Dr. Abraham Myerson, the distinguished psychiatrist.

He wanted to make those men understand how every member of an organization reacts and is reacted upon subconsciously by every other member; how none of us in modern society is a separate individual, but all, as the Bible says, "members of each other."

He used this illustration:

"A comedy motion picture, which I saw some years ago, showed a section of a house with the various rooms exposed and the people who were in those rooms.

"In the front room was the master, waiting at the table to have his meal served; in the next room was the butler and the maid engaged in what we should call a 'petting party.' In the kitchen one observed the cook feeding the butcher boy some crackers and milk, while on the back porch the cat slept peacefully. Here was, apparently, a happy domestic scene.

"But see what happened.

"The butler came in with the food which apparently did not please the master of the house. He spoke his mind freely and harshly to the butler, who, offended, returned to the pantry and, instead of kissing the maid, straight-armed her into a corner.

"The maid burst into tears: she went in to scold the cook, and during the subsequent argument, slapped the cook's face. The cook, in her anger, snatched the food away from the butcher boy, who, on his way out, kicked the cat down the back steps.

"A graphic example," said Dr. Myerson, "of how an emotion of fear or ill will or meanness spreads through an entire organization. Cheerfulness and courage can spread just as far and fast."

You and I are not individuals. Even Robinson Crusoe ceased to be an individual with the arrival on the scene of his faithful man Friday. He became then a member of a society of two, each living the life of the other.

I imagine that Dr. Myerson could tell us many cases of men who have gone downtown and worked faithfully all day, only to utter a word or cast a glance on their way out of the office which more than nullified their whole day's work.

"What you are," said Emerson, "thunders so loud I can't hear what you say."

What we are inside changes the inner life of our families, our business associates, and our fellow citizens. We can not harbor fear or anger or selfishness without diluting the emotional blood-stream of the race.

And every courageous or unselfish emotion builds up the whole world's stock of courage and faith.

Editors Favor Baker, But Expect Roosevelt To Win Nomination

New York, Sept. 10.—A majority of democratic newspaper editors favor New York editor D. Baker as the party's presidential nominee, but believe Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York will win the nomination, a survey by the Outlook and Independent reveals.

The magazine's no editor included in the poll favored the nomination of "an out and out dry." In the survey were 142 democratic and independent newspapers, with at least two from each of thirty-four states.

On a preference basis the delegates to the democratic national convention would be distributed as follows:

- Baker, 325.
 - Roosevelt, 210.
 - Owen D. Young, 117.
 - Alfred E. Smith, 54.
 - Melvin A. Traylor, 45.
 - James A. Reed, 30.
 - Albert C. Ritchie, 22.
- Actually, however, the editors believe Roosevelt will go to the convention with 688 delegates, forty-six short of the two-thirds required for nomination. Editors in all the crucial states—New York, Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri and Maryland believe Roosevelt will win.
- "The number of pro-Baker editors," said the Outlook, "who asked that their opinion be treated as confidential, would indicate they will accept Roosevelt without protest although they believe the New York governor far less able."

Most of Baker's support comes from states east of Illinois and north of North Carolina, while Roosevelt's strength is centered west of the Mississippi river.

Regarding Roosevelt's chances in the South, Thomas R. Waring, editor of the Charleston, S. C., Post, wrote: "Roosevelt is well liked in the South, which would, I believe, accept him despite his antiprohibition views and the war that would be waged against him because of these by prohibition propaganda."

"I believe it is written in the stars," wrote Frederick Sullens of the Jackson, Miss., News, "that Roosevelt will be the nominee. The Mississippi delegation will be for him despite his slight 'wetness.' Incidentally, we are not so darned 'dry' down here as the rest of the nation believes us to be. Everybody who wants prohibition has it, and everybody who wants liquor gets liquor. We would all be wonder-

fully happy were it not for Hoover prosperity, boll weevils, excessive rains and putrid state politics."

Dixie Series Opens at Birmingham Sept. 16

New Orleans, Sept. 10.—The Dixie series to decide the class A baseball championship of the south between the Birmingham Barons of the Southern league and the Houston Buffaloes of the Texas league will begin at Birmingham on Sept. 16, it was decided at a meeting of officials of the two leagues here Sunday.

The second game will be played in Birmingham, Sept. 17, and on Saturday, the 19th, the third game will be played at Houston under arc lights, the first Dixie series night game.

Two more games will be played in Houston Sunday and Monday and, if another game is necessary, it will be played in Birmingham. Location of a seventh game would be decided by a flip of a coin.

Umpires for the series will be John (Ziggy) Sears and Lee Bellafant of the Texas league, and Bill Brannan and Harry (Steamboat) Johnson of the Southern league.

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Work on Several WTU Projects Under Way

Abilene, Sept. 10.—Through the construction of new electric lines and facilities, the West Texas Utilities company will extend modern transmission line electric service to new residential, commercial and oil field customers, according to information contained in the company's regular construction report. Work on the projects is going forward at the present time.

The most important projects are as follows:

Two miles east of Vernon, a 12,000-115 volt transformer will be connected to the Oklaunion highline, and service rendered to the Needler store; at Lela, new transformers and service lines will carry service to a cotton gin; the distribution system at Dumas will be extended to serve a new public school building; a two-wire secondary line will be built out of Haskell to serve two filling stations south of the city; at Dalhart the distribution system will be extended to serve

new customers; at Wellington a 2,300 volt service line will be extended to an ice plant, and at Bradshaw the distribution system will be improved and service furnished to the Putnam Gin company.

New oil field extensions will be made from Iraan, where a three-phase, 440 volt line will serve the Easter and McCurdy company with power to pump four wells, and in the Royston oil field, where 9,600 feet of 12 kv. distribution line will be constructed to take care of new drilling contracts in the Fisher County section.

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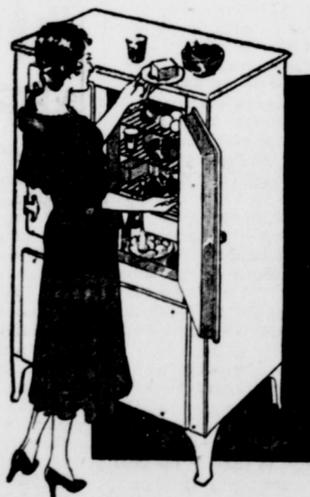
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ROWENA RIDES THE RUMBLE

BY ETHEL HUESTON



TWELTH 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 fearful 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.

After the festivities, Peter angers the hotel staff by leaving his bride alone all night and Rowena tries to console him for the bad opinion he has won by his actions.

They find Bobbie awaiting them in the hotel at Seattle and she travels with them to Los Angeles where they are met by an unfriendly hotel clerk, who summons the police who thereupon place all three under arrest for kidnapping Bobby.

After adjusting their difficulties, Peter accidentally opens a letter from Rowena's kid brother demanding \$50 to pay a gambling debt. He sends the \$50 out of his own money, along with a caustic letter. On reaching El Paso, Rowena hears from her brother.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—
"Why, here he's written me two whole letters, page after page, all about college and the boys and such nonsense, and never a word about money." She marched straight to the telegraph desk and Peter followed her guilty. He had to know what she was going to do.

"But, Buddy, darling don't you need some money?" she wrote.

"There was no bad news, I hope," said Peter, as they went up in the elevator. "Nobody bothering him—or anything like that."

"Why, no," said Rowena wonderingly. "Nobody ever bothers Buddy. He isn't that sort."

"How—nice," said Peter.

The boy who took them up to their rooms did a very unusual thing, although neither Rowena nor Peter noticed it at the time. Instead of unlocking the door at once, he knocked, and it was opened from within. They noticed that, of course, and framed in the open door was Bobby Lowell.

"Where in the world did you come from?"

"What are you doing here?"

Bobby was crying, but they were too amazed, too disconcerted, to offer either greeting or condolence.

"I've been waiting four days," said Bobby. "I nearly died of lonesomeness. You were due two days ago. I had a notion to kill myself."

Peter turned to the boy quite savagely. "Why didn't they tell us at the desk?"

"I told them not to," dimpled Bobby tearfully. "I wanted to surprise you. I told them to show you right up."

Rowena marched into the room, took off her hat and gloves and tossed them upon the bed. Then she got out her lip-stick and powder and concealed the strain of travel in a most efficient manner.

"All right," she said cheerfully. "Come on in, Peter, and don't stand gaping.—Constantine, shake hands with one of the Boston Lowells.—All right, Bobby, give us the low-down. Now, Carter Wellman—"

"It's all his fault," sobbed Bobby, ignoring Constantine's black and white paw. "You know that tele-

gram he sent you, Peter? It was a lie. He didn't mean a word of it."

"Will you sue him, or shall I horsewhip him?"

"How do you know? You haven't had time to get to New York and quarrel with him this time," objected Rowena.

"I had plenty of time in Albuquerque, and I called him up. I asked him what I should get for the wedding? He said 'What wedding?' I said 'Our wedding.' That you wired Peter Blande about." Rowena—Peter—he went on something awful. He said if I thought less about clothes and more about my immortal soul I'd be better off. He said what did I mean by telling strangers—and low-principled characters like Peter, at that—the private details of our love-affair. In fact, he said he wasn't going to marry me until New York had a new insane asylum where he could control me by the latest improved methods."

Rowena and Peter screamed with laughter.

"Rowena," said Peter, "I take it all back. I won't punch him in the nose. He's a great old scout."

"What did you say, darling?" inquired Rowena.

"I said," announced Bobby with dignity, "that while perhaps he had never been in jail as Peter had, and had never toured the country under false pretenses and that sort of thing, Peter could teach him a whole lot about handling women."

Rowena rolled back on the bed helpless with laughter.

"What did he say to that?" asked Peter.

"Nothing. He hung up the receiver on me—and me paying for a telephone call clear from Albuquerque!"

So Rowena retired with Constantine to her rumble seat and they continued swiftly east. Bobby no longer did all the talking. Peter was showing up something of a conversationalist on his own account.

"You've made a great mistake, Bobby," he told her over and over, speaking in a slow and impressive voice. "I know men. Carter meant just what he said in that telegram, but he resented your taking up such a sacred subject by long-distance telephone. The telephone is such a sordid, mechanical, diabolical device. Naturally he would not wish to make plans for the tremendous romantic experience of his life by telephone at so much a minute. He wanted to have you in his arms."

Bobby was impressed—even a little frightened. "But he used to make love to me over the phone in New York," she said defensively.

"That was different. He was seeing you every day then and the calls were from house to house. It's not like shouting 'I love you' over three thousand miles of farm and factories. I don't blame Carter. I'm like that myself."

"But I didn't know what to wear—"

"That cut him to the quick," said Peter. "Men don't think about clothes in their emotional moments. And to know that instead of every pulse and every vein and every—er—corpuscule—singing aloud, 'I am going back to Carter!'—you were wondering what to wear.—Well, I'm just like Carter. It would wound me to the heart."

By the time they reached San Antonio, Bobby was completely convinced, entirely repentant and asking Peter's advice—he being "one of those men" and knowing how they were apt to feel about things.

"If I were you," said Peter, with the heavy air of one who weighed his words, "I should take the first fast train for New York. You can get a good train at Houston."

"I'll do it," declared Bobby. "I'll take the first train from Houston and I won't breathe a word to Carter. Then if I do change my mind along the road I can call him up somewhere."

So in Houston, Peter put her on the train and went straight to the conductor, pointed Bobby out to him, and gave him the location of her berth.

"She's not very well," he explained in a fatherly manner. "Not really bad, you understand, but has queer little aberrations once in a while. Gets odd notions about traveling and wants to get off the train. Cooks up any sort of wild excuse for getting off—wants to send a telegram—wants to call up New York—no end to the silly nonsense she can trump up. Now I want you to see that she goes straight through to New York. Her doctor will meet her at the station and I'm depending on you to see

that she gets safely into his hands. She'll be no trouble at all, one of the sweetest girls that ever lived, but just will get that odd notion about travel."

Peter gave the conductor ten dollars, who said he could safely promise that she would reach her doctor without misadventure.

"You'll know him all right," said Peter. "He's red-headed and kind of square-jawed."

The conductor, who was pretty square-jawed himself, promised to see to it. Peter passed on the same word, and a five-dollar bill, to the porter of her Pullman, and then sent a telegram to Carter announcing the exact moment of her arrival and advising him to get in touch with the conductor of the train. Then he hurriedly rejoined the girls.

"Good-by, darling," said Rowena cheerfully. "See you in New Orleans."

"Oh, no, you won't," said Bobby. "You won't see me again till you get back to New York."

At the hotel in Houston they found another fat letter from Rowena and a telegram which she opened nervously. But it was only Buddy's answer to her inquiry from El Paso.

"No," it stated briefly. "If I needed money, wouldn't I ask for it?"

And hard up as she was, Rowena gave herself the satisfaction of wiring back the one word,

"Yes."

There was also a telegraphic money transfer for Peter, to the amount of fifty dollars, and with it a short cold message.

"You go to hell."

It was from Ronald Rostand.

Rowena was wrong about it. Buddy needed money a great many times after that but never asked for it again. He accepted a job in a haberdashery where he worked two hours every afternoon and all day Saturday. Rowena didn't like that because it kept him away from ball games, but all Buddy said to her objections was, "I've seen a ball game."

Rowena was quite uneasy about it all.

Peter wanted to write him again, tried many times to put his friendly feelings into phrases, to say cheerio and tell him he was quite the stuff. He would even have apologized for his meddling. But somehow the kindly thoughts would not be written down, for he had not Rowena's facility with words and it was only in the pressure of deep emotion that Peter turned to the pen. And so, months later, when the two met for the first time, there had been no interchange of opinions between them after Buddy's lucid wire. But when Rowena, with a hand of each in one of hers, said brightly:

"Oh, Peter, this is Buddy!" they shook hands heartily and Peter said, "Well, hello!"

"Hello, Hello," said Buddy.

And they both laughed a little, and each knew exactly what the other had in mind.

They had looked forward to New

Orleans as one of the high spots of the entire tour. They had heard enthusiastic friends rave over its quaint charm, had seen exquisite etchings of its thousand odd little crooks and corners, had sampled its time-honored recipes. Peter had her heart set on doing something really worth while in New Orleans—two really worth-while things—one for Rackruff Motors, Inc., and one for Peter Blande and his future.

It was his idea to pick out the most picturesque and typical corner, with just a small portion of the roadster showing, and with Rowena peering out mistily into a shadowy street—a new Rowena, shimmery and shadowy herself behind a Spanish veil. Rowena, on the other hand, thought it would strike a more telling note to have the quaint old shop and the quaint old street with a strictly modern Rackruff and a strictly modern Rowena standing out in bold relief.

Rowena and Peter never had the same idea about pictures, and Rowena wouldn't admit for a minute that Peter was always right. Certainly, whether right or wrong, he would have his own way when it came to pictures.

It was in vain that Rowena argued she wasn't the type to do a native daughter peeping out—she was strictly a New Yorker, looking fascinatedly in.

(Continued Next Week.)

Emergency Bank for Electra is Opened

Electra, Sept. 10.—An emergency exchange bank was opened in the W. J. Sheldon office in the Electra News building Friday for the purpose of cashing checks for oil field workers. The project was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce to serve in emergency caused by the closing of

the First State Bank on Aug. 20, leaving a town of 6,000 population and with an oil field payroll of approximately \$30,000 without a banking institution.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Stock raisers in Argentina are importing large numbers of purebred livestock.

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John Henry Mitten, 87, Oldest Editor, Dies

Westminster, Md., Sept. 10.—John Henry Mitten, believed to be the oldest newspaper editor in the country, died Friday at his home here. He would have been 87 years old on Sept. 12.

Mr. Mitten, active editor of the Westminster Times, a weekly, until three weeks before his death, was awarded a medal two years ago as the oldest newspaper man by the Editor's Association of the United States.

From his boyhood he was engaged in the printing business, being an apprentice before the Civil War. He saw active service and was one of the two surviving Union veterans in the county. He and George K. Mather started the Times in 1911.

Our Jingle Contest closes Monday morning at 9 a. m. Children under thirteen, hurry. Brown's Bargain Store.

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CHURCHES

New Church of Christ Minister Has Arrived

Evangelist L. E. Carpenter from Corpus Christi, together with his family, have just moved to Merkel to preach for the Church of Christ in Merkel and in Trent, half time each. He will preach next Sunday, both morning and night, at Trent and here in Merkel each first and third Sundays.

Evangelist Carpenter once lived in Abilene and has preached all through this section of the state. He has labored in local work for several years in Texas, having served churches in Dallas, Itasca, Fort Arthur, Houston and Corpus Christi. He has been at Corpus Christi for the past four years. His wife is a graduate of Abilene Christian college.

The general public is cordially invited to hear this new minister. A hearty welcome to all.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The choir of the Presbyterian church, which presented a program of musical numbers at the Presbyterian church at San Angelo last Sunday evening, will render the same program for us at our Sunday evening service.

There are three things I want to say to my church and to the world:

(1) Any church that does not strive to do its part in the evangelization of the world forfeits its right to be called a church.

(2) The reason why so many religious organizations are now slowly dying is that they have the blight of disobedience on them.

(3) When a Christian, or a group of Christians, refuse to be actuated by the spirit of Christ, divine contact is lost and divine inspiration ceases.

All church members have an engagement with Christ to meet Him in Sunday School at 10 a. m. and remain through the preaching service at 11 a. m.

B. T. S. meets at 7 p. m. with an unusual and attractive program. Come. With chalk talks and special addresses during the Sunday School hour the young people are especially invited to attend our services.

A cordial welcome awaits you.
J. T. King, Pastor.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Do you want to become a world leader? Learn how in Senior B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m.

"God's Topmost Man," Carol King.
"Born Well," Ida Mae Derstine.
"Educated Thoroughly," Leonard Reeves.

"Born Again," Janie Escue.
"Alone with God," Mabel Pileher.
"Serving an Apprenticeship," Oleta Moore.

"Given a Dominant Purpose," Benny Sheppard.
"Free from Race Prejudice," Yates Brown.

"Christ his Companion," Harold King.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Your teacher and other members of the class miss you when absent; so be present and, if possible, bring somebody with you.

No preaching services Sunday as pastor will be at Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Glad always to have visitors worship with us.

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

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

These are things that appeal in strong terms to the masses:
Cleanliness of character;
Sincere, honest Christianity, and
Congenial friendship.

Merkel is noted for these goodly qualities. The Methodist church is making a real fight for these qualities. We invite you to join us.

Services Sunday held by the pastor at both hours.

We welcome with gladness the returning school teachers. Possibly no people mean so much to a community as consecrated school teachers.

Our fourth quarterly conference convenes October 12. Annual conference November 12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The attendance at the four reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last day. He was accompanied by three of his daughters.

Reports from Mrs. T. H. Christopher, who underwent an operation at a Lubbock sanitarium on August 27, are that she is doing nicely. Mrs. Len Sublett remained with her until Sunday, when she returned to Merkel with Mr. Sublett in order to be ready for the opening of school Monday.

Sunday was 762, as compared with 724 for the same Sunday a year ago. The attendance the previous Sunday was 858.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service will meet at the Baptist church next Sunday at 2 o'clock. Tom Coats is to be the leader and the lesson will be the 12th chapter of Acts. Much interest and earnestness is manifested in these weekly prayer services and a cordial invitation is extended to all the men in Merkel and surrounding communities to take part.

Law Explained as to High School Tuition For Country Children

There seems still to be much confusion concerning the high school tuition law. The Texas supreme court last spring in the Love Case set aside the old law. State Supt. S. M. N. Marrs, however, submitted to the called session of the 42nd legislature another measure which avoids the objections made by the court to the former law. The provisions of this new law effective for this school year are:

Any child under twenty-one living in another school district which levies a special tax of any amount may come to Merkel High school and have his tuition paid for the entire year whether the pupil is subject to transfer or not, provided the grade the child was promoted to in that district is not taught there this year. If the grade the child was promoted to is taught in his home district, he can come only by paying tuition. This means, for example, a child promoted to the eleventh grade in, say Comper, may come to the Merkel High school and have all his tuition paid for him provided Comper does not offer the eleventh grade at home. It would, therefore, be to the financial interest of students wishing to attend Merkel High school for the grade they wish to take in Merkel not to be taught in their home district. If the grade is taught, even for six months, that fact forces the student who comes to Merkel to pay the tuition of \$5.00 out of his own pocket.

The state department of education requires affiliated high schools not to accept without examination student coming from unaccredited high schools which attempt more than two years of high school work. The department discourages with all the force at its command the attempt of a rural school to do more than two years of high school work. Creditable work cannot be done by such short-term schools. It would be much better to attempt less and do what is done better.

Governor Grants Full Pardon to D. W. Denney

A full pardon has been granted by Governor Ross S. Sterling to D. W. Denney, former city marshal here, who was convicted of aggravated assault upon Palmer Frederickson and given a one-year jail sentence by a 104th district court jury in July, 1930. A furlough was granted him several months ago, after he had been in custody of the sheriff's department for about six months.

The governor's proclamation stated that Denney's pardon was granted upon application of several trial jurors and Taylor county citizens, in order that he might support his wife and four sons. While on furlough he "conducted himself properly and took care of his family," the pardon stated.

A LETTER FROM HOME.

Your son or daughter off at college or finishing school will welcome the home paper just like a letter from home. The subscription price for nine months for the Merkel Mail is \$1.50 for towns and cities outside of Taylor County. (In Abilene \$1.15 for term.) Subscribe now.

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MATTERS MUSICAL

The members of the Presbyterian choir will present a program of musical numbers at the evening service at the Baptist church this Sunday. The interested public is cordially invited to hear the following program:

Prelude, Mrs. C. W. Delmer.
"Softly the Silent Night," choir.
Prayer.

"Give God the Glory," response.
Announcements.

"Beautiful River of Life," choir.
Offertory, Mrs. C. W. Delmer.

"Be Thou Exalted," choir.
Quartette, A. J. Tucker, Ralph Duke, C. W. Delmer and Harry Barnett.

"Jerusalem the Golden," choir.
"A Vesper Prayer," Christine Collins.

"O King Eternal," choir.
Sermon, Rev. J. T. King.

"Now the Day is Over," choir.
Recessional, Mrs. Delmer.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD.

Miss Holley Perry was last week awarded a scholarship in piano by the Sebastian Bach Foundation of Simmons university. The scholarship is valued at one-third tuition per term and an opportunity to compete for a full scholarship in September. This award was made possible by a friend of the institution whose name was not revealed. Miss Perry is the very talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Perry. She is well known in musical circles and her friends expect much of her in her work at Simmons.

RECITAL.

The voice and piano pupils of Christine Collins were presented in a mid-summer recital last Friday evening at the Presbyterian church.

The entire performance was highly creditable to both teacher and pupils, the numbers being varied enough in character to be enjoyable to every one present.

Mollie Frank Touchstone and Norman King handed out the following programs:

"The Ghost"—Mollie Frank Touchstone.
Norman King.

"Dancing Daisies"—Rachael Patterson.

"Button up Your Overcoat"—Hollis Perry, Ben Robert Hicks.

"Boy Scout March"—Norman King.

"When Irish Eyes are Smiling"—Mollie Frank Touchstone.

"Daddy's Waltz"—Hollis Perry.

"Rhythmic Rhymes"—Hollis Perry.

"The Pan Parade"—Ben Robert Hicks.

"Chloe's Lullaby"—Billie Gardner.

"Cheerful Little Earful"—Maurine Tipton.

"A Dream"—Guthrie Keel.

"I Heard You Singing"—Vernie Derrick.

"When Twilight Weaves"—Mamie and Vera Walker.

"Trees"—Mrs. Homer Patterson.

"Sorta Miss You"—L. C. Zehnpfenning.

"Brown Bird Singing"—Mrs. C. W. Delmer.

"The Linnet"—Mrs. Carlton Vick.

"Sing On"—Mamie Walker.

"In the Garden of Tomorrow"—C. W. Delmer.

"Winter's Lullaby"—Vera Walker.

"Gay Butterfly"—Holley Perry.

"Hills of Home"—A. J. Tucker.



DENNIS-COTTER.

Friends of Carlton Dennis were very happy to meet and entertain his bride last week on their visit with his people.

The ceremony was performed on Tuesday, September 1st, at Carlsbad, N. M., the Rev. C. G. Sewell, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. Attendants on this happy occasion were Mrs. Dorothy Scannell of Alpine, sister of the bride; Miss Agnes Newell, Los Angeles, Ross Fritter, Brackettville, and Howard Laney of Merkel.

Miss Cotter's parents are prominent ranch people of Alpine; she attended Sul Ross Teachers college and is a teacher in the Alpine Public schools. Merkel society finds her altogether charming and hope for a return visit in the very near future that they may learn to know her better.

Carlton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis, was reared here and was one of the most popular boys ever to leave Merkel. His integrity is unquestioned; friendly and gracious with his friends, who regret that they will return to Marfa to make their home where Carlton is connected with the finger print department of the border patrol service.

SHELTON-MIDDLETON.

The announcement of the marriage of Miss Gladys Louise Middleton to Clinton V. Shelton on Thursday, May 7th, came as a complete surprise to their many friends last week. The Rev. T. J. Rea, former pastor here, officiated at the Methodist church, Albany, at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Mrs. Shelton is the pretty and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton. She attended school here and later attended C. I. A. and the North Texas State Teachers college, Denton, and has recently taught school at Union Ridge where she will be employed again this year. She is a very popular member of Merkel's younger set and has a host of friends who offer all good wishes.

Mr. Shelton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton. He attended school in the Merkel High school and is at present connected with the Texas Cotton Growers Gin company. He is a most likeable young man, much respected for his business ability, and the Mail joins their friends in offering congratulations.

J. U. G.

The little members of the J. U. G. club had a most delightful afternoon on Thursday of last week, the guests of Miss Dorothy Shannon, who entertained with a swimming party. At the refreshment hour delicious ice cream and cake were served to the members and one visitor, Mary Love Tipton.

The J. U. G.'s were entertained this week in the home of Miss Becky Gardner. Indoor and outdoor games were played and after a short business ses-

sion lollypops were served to members only.

FAMILY REUNION.

(The Menard Messenger.)

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Williamson held their third annual family reunion August 21-23 at the Bethel Camp. Swimming, social talks and eating were the chief modes of entertainment. Well filled baskets were brought in abundance. Eight of the nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Williamson were present. The other child, Dutton Williamson, of Fort Stockton, was unable to be present because of illness in his family.

The children enjoying the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock and daughters of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Murr and children of Ft. McKavett, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Duke, of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williamson and children of Fort McKavett, Herbert Williamson of London; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Williamson and baby of Menard and Carrol and Barbara Williamson, their unmarried children.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Massey, residing east of town, Thursday, September 3, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Brown, residing east of town, Saturday, September 5, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Price of View, Tuesday, September 8, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer, Wednesday, September 9, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brewer, residing north of town, Thursday, September 10, 1931.

Club Meeting Postponed.

The Salt Branch Health club will not meet Friday, Sept. 11, as Miss Vavra cannot be with them. She will be at a district meeting in Lubbock. The next meeting of the club will be Friday, Sept. 25.

Ruth Pinkley, Secretary.

MODERN MARINELLO SHOP.

Permanent Waves, 2 for \$5.00, also \$3 up to \$6; Marcelles, 35c; Ladies' haircuts, 25c, trims, 10c and 15c; Shampoos, 35c. Alice Deweece at Merkel Drug Company. Phone 105.

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651 acres, 4 miles west Sweetwater, 65 in cultivation, everlasting spring water, trade for farm near Merkel.

166 acres, 95 in cultivation, near Peacock, Texas, trade for 40 acres near Merkel.

Have a few good used cars for sale or trade.

Have plenty bargains in houses and farms. If interested in trade of any kind, see me.

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—For hens, chickens or pigs, two oil cook stoves and ovens, 2 batcher heaters, 1 table. Mrs. L. A. Perry, 6 blocks south of Burton-Lingo Lumber yard.

FOR SALE OR LEASE—179 acres adjoining Merkel, Texas, on west. Make bids on land. Vol Martin, 5437 Eighth Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.

FOR SALE—Second hand farm wagon on cheap; will take maize as payment. Mrs. J. M. Morris in South part of town.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two large nicely furnished rooms; prices reasonable; board if desired. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

WANTED

ALL KINDS furniture repair work and upholstering; work guaranteed. J. T. Darsey Co.

WANTED—Man with small family to do farm and ranch work. C. M. Largent.

QUILTING WANTED—See Mrs. J. M. Ashby.

WANTED—Good milk cow to keep for feed and care. Call 120. Mrs. Tom Durham.

LEGAL NOTICE.

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, that 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 that 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.

Enrollment Gain

(Continued from Page One.)
Lou Largent, Himalaya Swafford, Margarette Turner.

Draughton's Business college—Jess Higgins.

John Tarleton college—Thelma McAninch.

Lois Clark is entering a nursing school at the University of California and Misses Ola Elden Smith and Lona Bryan will do post-graduate work in Merkel High school.

Of the class of 1930, Misses Louise Eorch and Maurine Davis will attend C. A. for their second year; Misses Beryl and Odelle Hunter will continue in the school for nursing at West Texas hospital, Lubbock, and Miss Eleanor Mae Hamilton returns to John Tarleton college for her second year.

Farmers Session

(Continued from Page One.)
authority to buy and sell and regulate production of farm products, as outlined by Representative Pat Dwyer of San Antonio. He recommended the board be established and that it buy immediately 3,000,000 bales of cotton at ten cents per pound, to be paid for with deficiency warrants.

But the bill expected to draw most of the support was explained by Representative J. J. Olsen of Yoakum. It would limit cotton acreage in 1932 to one-third the land in cultivation in 1931 and one-half in 1933. It also would prohibit planting the same acreage to cotton on successive years.

TEXT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.
The full text of Governor Sterling's message conveying the "farmers session" of the forty-second legislature at noon Tuesday, Sept. 8, follows:

"Whereas, the voice of the people is resounding through the South in a clamor of distress, seeking relief from their gravest agricultural crisis of modern years. Cotton prices are lower than the cost of production, and over-production threatens an even greater demoralization of the market. Meanwhile, in the background looms the black shadow of soil deterioration menacing oncoming cotton farmers with the ruinous heritage of worn-out land, such as has already blighted agriculture in older states; and,

"Whereas, facing financial ruin cotton farmers throughout Texas have been holding mass meetings and adding their concerted voices to the rising tide of pleas for legislative relief. Thousands have petitioned the chief executive to call a special session for enactment of laws to aid them, particularly by means of cotton acreage reduction. The welfare of civilization rests upon the shoulders of the farmer, and the burden is ever a trying one. The government should be eager to extend him any reasonable assistance that he might deem necessary. If legislation can help Texas agriculture in its present emergency, I believe it my duty to convoke the legislature in the interests of the state generally, as well as the tillers of the soil. I have waited and investigated until I have become convinced that a majority of Texas cotton farmers and their legislative representatives desire an emergency law, and I am now ready and glad to act in their behalf.

"Now, therefore, I, R. S. Sterling, governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, hereby call a special session of the Forty-Second Legislature to be convened in the city of Austin, Texas, commencing at 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, Sept. 8, A. D. 1931, for the following purposes:

"1. To enact such legislation as will adequately provide for soil conservation and the alleviation of the conditions of agriculture in Texas and establish a policy which other agricultural states may follow.

"2. To consider and act on such other subjects of public importance as the executive may, from time to time, during the session, submit by message or otherwise.

"In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause to be impressed hereon the seal of the State of Texas, at Austin, this 5th day of September, A. D. 1931."

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 10.—Most classes of cattle sold around 25c lower on the Fort Worth market Wednesday. Calves were steady to strong. Stocker cattle continue to find a narrow demand. Hogs were 10c to 35c lower and all classes of sheep steady.

Trading was slow and draggy in the cattle yards. The bulk of the steers sold from \$4.00 to \$5.00 with some common steers under the \$4.00 mark. The bulk of the fat cows sold at \$3.10 with butcher cows around \$2.50 and canners from \$1.25 to \$1.75. A package of good heavy yearlings sold at \$8.25, but plain and medium grades made up the bulk of the supply and cleared from \$5.00 to \$6.00. Some good heavy calves sold up to \$5.75, and some Brahma and South Texas calves sold at \$4.50. A load of good stocker calves sold at \$5.25. Culls held around \$2.50.

Shippers paid up to \$6.25 for rail and truck hogs with most of the packer buy at \$6.00. Packing sows sold from \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Medium grade fat lambs sold at \$5.00 and \$5.50 with the outs at \$3.50, yearlings at \$4.25 and aged wethers at \$2.25.

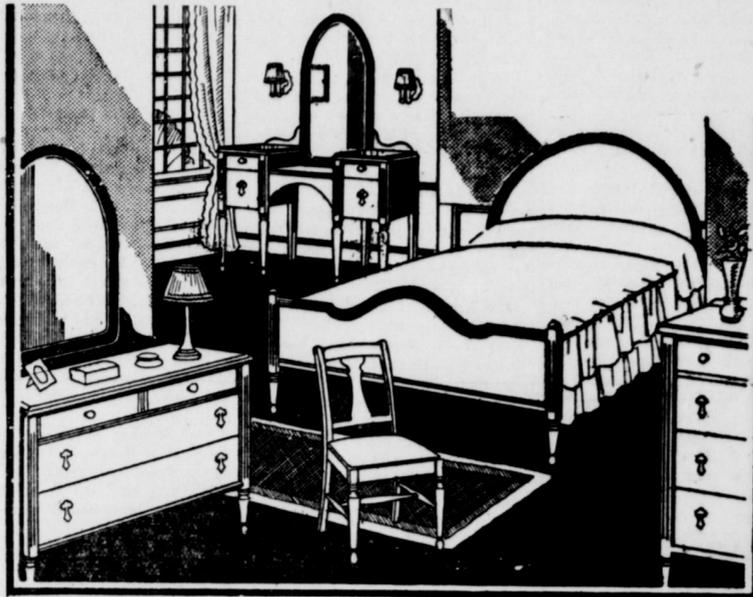
Cotton Receipts.

Up to Thursday morning receipts for the season at Merkel amounted to 362 bales. The past weeks' receipts ran 314 bales, only 48 bales having been received prior to September 3.

Thursday morning spot cotton, taking the run of the street, was bringing \$5.90 to \$6.10, the bulk of it being strict middling.

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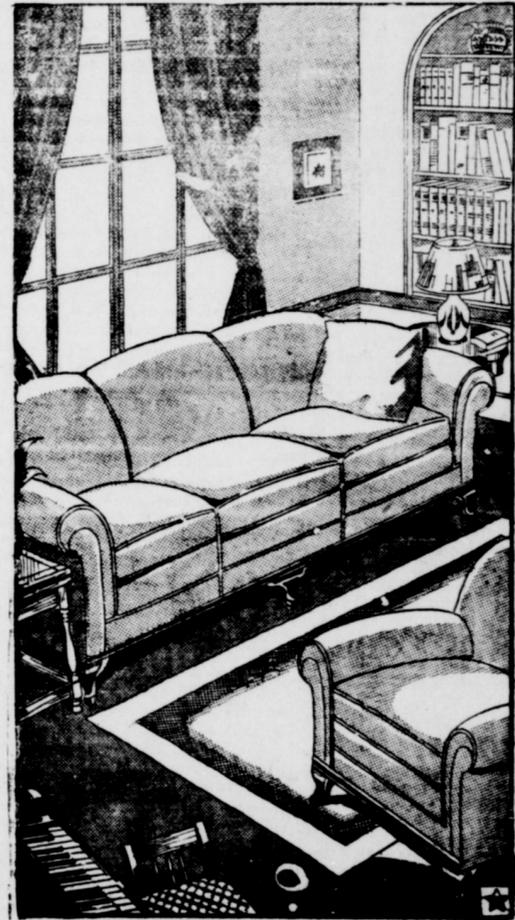
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and children and Mrs. Algie Steen and children with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Steen where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Holt and children from Waco and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry of Clyde and Mrs. Elmer King of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Stribling and children of Barstow, Mr. and Mrs. Val Byrum of Golan and Mr. and Mrs. Odie Stribling of Sylvester were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stribling and family Sunday.

A very interesting lesson was rendered in our Bible study at the Baptist church last Thursday. The lesson was about Samson and Ruth. Next Thursday's lesson will be 1 Samuel, chapters 1 to 15. We urge everyone to come that can. Mrs. A. C. Terry is teacher. Mrs. Reynolds will conduct the devotional. Those present last Thursday were Mesdames Ed Burks, Ab Vessels, A. W. Woods, Reynolds, Henry Cooper, Volley Vessels, Alma Cooper, Wash, McDonald, Churchwell, Joe Brown, Winnie Brown, C. T. Beckham, A. C. Terry and Alex Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry attended the rural carrier convention at Lueders Monday.

Messrs. Joe and Mat Peterson were passing visitors here late Wednesday, J. W. Dowdy and son, Aubrey, of Abilene were attending to business and seeing friends here one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duncan of Coleman were recent visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duncan, and also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hub West.

Mr. and Mrs. Boots Brown of Fort Worth visited relatives over the weekend.

Mrs. Elbert Boggess has gone to Lubbock to enter her children in school there.

Mrs. James Rowton and her two sons, Nolan and Darrell, accompanied by her brother, Charles Howell, left Wednesday for Honey Grove where she will join her husband.

Mrs. B. F. Sipe has returned from a ten days visit to Dallas. She was accompanied home by her daughter, who visited here a few days.

W. C. Nalley of Mission is spending a few weeks here with his son, Joe, and daughter, Mrs. G. Bryant.

Mrs. Lela Churchwell had as her guests last Wednesday Mrs. Homer Scott and two children of Lamesa.

J. C. Murdock is the guest of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock.

Miss Forrest Forrester went to Roby Sunday to take up her school duties Monday.

Mrs. John A. Woodard has returned from a visit to her parents at Lubbock.

The regular Friday night prayer service will be held at Mrs. W. A. Vessels just across the street from the parsonage. We urge that everyone attend. We need your prayers and you ours.

Misses Lora and Beulah Bright entertained the Epworth league Friday night. The league social followed the regular Friday night prayer meeting. There were 16 present and everyone enjoyed the social extremely.

Brother L. E. Carpenter will preach at the Church of Christ at Trent Sunday, September 13. Everyone has a cordial invitation to attend the service.

RURAL SOCIETY

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Complimenting her daughter, Irene, on her tenth birthday, Mrs. D. P. Moore entertained Friday afternoon at her home south of Merkel. Games were played and a good time was had by all, after which the children gathered around the table where the birthday cake topped with ten candles was the main attraction. Cake and ice cream and all-day suckers were served later.

Mrs. Moore was assisted by Miss Ethel King in entertaining Melba Smith, Julia Ella Holder, Dorothy Pitts, Katie, Ruby and Mary Bigham, Peggy Joyce Toombs, Afton, D. C. and Jack West, Junior King, Clarice Fay Blair, Edward Bigham, La Verne Moore and the honoree. Other guests present were Mrs. Pitts, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Crow, Mrs. G. C. Blair and Mrs. A. W. Toombs.

A LETTER FROM HOME.

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UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark had as their last week-end guests Mrs. Clark's sister, Mrs. Lipton, and son of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jones of Goodman, also Mr. and Mrs. John Martin of Stanton.

We are glad to announce the names of those entering the Merkel Public schools last Monday: Misses Gladys Barley, Margaret Dean and Mary Bell Douglas and Lynn Shelton.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. M. A. Douglas is very sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Dubert Harris and children left last Saturday for Levelland where they will probably make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggs of Merkel were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton and family moved into Merkel Saturday for the benefit of starting the children into school.

Miss Mae Sibley of Arlington was the guest Sunday night and Monday of Grandma Douglas.

Miss Floy Wells of Merkel and Miss Eietta Foster were afternoon callers Sunday in the home of Miss Margaret Dean.

BLAIR ITEMS

Abb Harris, who has been real sick for several days, is getting along nicely at this time.

Will Campbell, who was hurt by a horse and internally injured, is getting along moderately at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ray of Elmdale came over by automobile and visited Mrs. Ray's mother, Mrs. Minnie Reeves, last week-end. Mrs. Reeves accompanied them back home and enjoyed a pleasant week's stay, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brooks of Winters were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Mayberry and children of Abilene visited in the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Zimmerman have had the pleasure of a visit from his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman and family, from East Texas.

Mrs. Walker of Abilene was a guest in the E. J. Orsburn home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ock Dulin of White Church dined in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Doan Sunday.

V. L. Doan, R. B. Horton and H. C. Doan spent the day Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan of Roscoe.

Cotton picking is in full swing and the farmers are taking advantage of the fair weather, but we are surely needing rain as stock water is very scarce at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown had as their houseguest the past week Mr. Brown's mother of the Canyon.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell enjoyed a delightful day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ramsey of Merkel Monday.

Mrs. Tubbsville of Dallas has enjoyed a two weeks' visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore.

Mrs. Johnnie Latimer is on the sick list at this writing.

NOODLE NEWS

Back again—since the last letter several of this place have started gathering cotton.

Misses Ruth and Margaret Claway and Leona Sosebee were visitors in Anson Saturday.

Miss Eva Lee Mayfield of Union community, Mr. Newman and Eula Dee West, Henry Martin and Ordera Anderson, all of Anson, were the Saturday night guests of Rubye and J. E. Touchstone.

Bill Parham of this place is attending Anson High school this term. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Colway Saturday night.

Miss Mary Jo Patton spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Garnie Richards, of Sweetwater.

Prayer meeting here Wednesday evening was well attended with young and old folks. We have prayer meeting every Wednesday evening and everyone is invited to attend.

All the school students are wanting school to start and we have several new ones to start into our school this term.

Mr. Touchstone is on the sick list. Several from this community went to the musicale at Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Marshall's of Comper Thursday night and the beautiful musical number were greatly enjoyed.

A deed used in a lawsuit in New York recently bore the date of 1835.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

White Church News

Cotton picking is the order of the day here. Cotton is pretty good, considering the small amount of rain we have had.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Henslee have been enjoying a visit from Mr. Henslee's father and brother from East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blair from Fort Worth and Mrs. Hutcheson from Merkel attended prayer meeting here Sunday night. Mrs. Blair will be remembered as Miss Pearl Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs have moved to Blair, Mr. Toombs having secured a position at the gin at that place. We are very sorry to lose these excellent people from our midst, but we congratulate Blair on annexing them.

Gold Riggan of Big Spring visited his mother recently.

Mrs. A. M. Brown visited her son, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown, of Blair last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harris entertained with a party Friday night and everyone reported a fine time.

Elgin Riggan and H. E. Farmer visited friends in Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. H. West has as her guest her friend, Mrs. A. Y. Jones, of Altus, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Riggan of Noodle visited Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer recently.

Mrs. W. H. Brown has returned to her home after a few months' visit with her daughter, Mrs. A. D. Wilson, of Levelland. The latter accompanied her mother home for a short visit. Mrs. Brown seems greatly improved.

Baby Jean, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Pressley, is sick at this time.

Miss Mary Dean Baucum and mother of Abilene visited Mrs. H. West Sunday.

Little Buddie Harold Hunter is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Bell, of Merkel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer entertained with a musicale at their home Saturday night and everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

Clovis Harrison and Maurice Pressley have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harrison of Buffalo Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Phillips visited home folks at Blair over the week-end.

State Fair Announces Contest for Opening Of Shubert Operetta

Dallas, Sept. 10.—Special costumes and make-up will not be considered in the judging of entries in the "Three Little Girls" contest, to be held at the State Fair of Texas, to select the three prettiest girls in attendance at the opening day of the exposition, it has been announced here by Herbert B. Carpenter, assistant to the president. Instead natural beauty, carriage and personality will be judged by the committee.

Many entries are being received from all parts of the state. The out-of-town entries are being sponsored by newspapers and chambers of commerce in the respective towns. More than one entry will be received from any town which desires to send more.

The winners of the "Three Little Girls" contest will be introduced at the opening performance of Shubert operetta, which will be attended by a large number of newspapermen of the state, as the contest will be held on Press Day.

The only requirements for entries are that they be between the ages of 16 to 21. The three girls in an entry can all be of the same type or can be three different types. Names of entries should be mailed to Mr. Carpenter at an early date.

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DORA DOINGS

Workmen have both gins about overhauled and ready for ginning and cotton is opening up nicely during these hot dry days.

Death came this way again Sunday night when Chester Quiett died in the sanitarium at Sweetwater, following an operation several days before. He was laid to rest at Slater's chapel Monday afternoon. The family has our deepest sympathy and love in this sad hour.

School began here Monday with a full staff of teachers. The new building was ready and sure is nice and comfortable. B. E. Dunagan is superintendent again this year.

Our baseball club went down to Baird Saturday and Sunday, Divide winning two out of three games.

Mrs. C. E. Huff and son, Leo, and Mrs. Pearl Cook and baby were visiting in Del Rio last week-end.

Quite a crowd from here attended the all-day singing at Shep Sunday. All report good singing and lots of nice dinner.

Carl Wesley Moore is improving nicely after the removal of his tonsils at the Sweetwater clinic last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker made a business trip to Merkel Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lowe of Fort Worth are visiting her sister, Mrs. F. B. Slater, and other relatives here for a few days.

Miss Ruth Coward of Clyde was calling on friends here Monday afternoon.

CANYON NEWS

Rev. Marvin Williams will fill his regular appointment at the Nubia Methodist church next Sunday. Everyone is urged to attend. Sunday School and Epworth league also at regular hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eaves and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Orpa Lowry of Eastland visited Mr. and Mrs. Eaves Saturday night and Sunday. Grandmother Eaves returned home with them Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Piles and Mrs. Hester Reeves and children dined with Mrs. Taylor Ann Blackburn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews and daughter took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dun Day and children of Coleman spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr. Miss Lottie Butman accompanied them home for an extended visit.

Miss Nelma Riney spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Jimmie Dell Ferry.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Neill and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Montgomery spent Sunday afternoon in the J. L. Perry home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Toombs dined with Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean Sunday.

A good many from here, including

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the ball players, attended the funeral of Jack Quiett at Slater's chapel Monday afternoon.

Student Trades Beans For Room and Board

Lubbock, Sept. 10.—A prospective student drove a truckload of beans up to the Texas Technological college campus Friday and traded them for three months' room and board.

Herbert D. Bell found a boarding house proprietor who was willing to exchange the accommodations for the beans.

Bell explained to college officials that he was going to school "some-

how" and that the bean crop seemed his best chance.

Our Jingle Contest closes Monday morning at 9 a. m. Children under thirteen, hurry. Brown's Bargain Store.

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Compound 8 lb. pail	69c
PEANUT BUTTER, 1 lb. glass	23c
APPLE BUTTER, B & W, quart jar	23c
SYRUP, pure cane, No. 5 bucket	34c
SYRUP, pure cane, No. 10 bucket	59c
RICE, Red & White, fancy, 2 lb. pkg.	18c
OATS, B & W, glassware, package	21c
POTTED MEAT, Red & White, 3 cans	10c
MILK, Red & White, 3 small	10c
MILK, Red & White, 3 tall	20c
ALL-DAY SUCKERS, 2 for	1c
BRAN FLAKES, Red & White, pkg.	10c
BACON, sliced, sugar cured, lb.	21c
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The re-constructed town was more than a huge film set. It had every appearance of permanency. The homes were livable, with comfortable porches, flower gardens and shade trees. The dusty main street was lined with stores, livery stables, blacksmith shops and other institutions of a Mississippi river town of eighty years ago. A flourishing pool room occupied one corner; a saloon, the other. Only the beverages served in the saloon varied from the ancient refreshments.

In addition to the humans, a four-legged population, consisting of horses, cows, mules, goats, dogs and cats, and plenty of chickens and ducks, were moved in. Huckleberry Finn, Tom Sawyer, Becky Thatcher, Sid Sawyer, Aunt Polly and all the other characters of Mark Twain's immortal story came to life.

"Huckleberry Finn," the second of the famous Mark Twain stories to be filmed by Paramount, the first being "Tom Sawyer," a recent screen success, will show at the Palace theatre, Sweetwater three days beginning Sunday. The featured cast includes many of the juvenile actors who won favor in "Tom Sawyer," Jackie Coogan as Tom Sawyer, Junior Durkin as Huck, Mitzie Green as Becky Thatcher and young Jackie Searl as the tattle-tale Sid Sawyer.

Prominent adult members of the cast include Eugene Pallette; Clara Blandick, playing the role of Aunt Polly which she re-created so effectively in "Tom Sawyer;" Jane Darwell, again playing the role of Widow Douglas; Oscar Apfel, Warner Richmond, Guy Oliver, Frank McGlynn and Lillian Harmer. Norman Taurog, maker of "Skippy," directed the picture.

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The Vacation Casualty List By Albert T. Reid

Roll Call

- Dickie Hall Broken Arm
- Freddie Metzger Fall off the roof
- Charley Sessions Was in a fight
- Jakey Mohler Sunburned back
- Artie Carruth Done by horns
- Tommy McNeal Bot in poison ivy
- Charley Mitchell Run over by auto
- Frankie Grigg, Bitten by a dog.

Albert T. Reid
AUTOCASTER

October 1 Opening Date World Series

Chicago, Sept. 10.—The 1931 world series will open in the park of the National league champion October 1.

This was decided at a meeting in the office of Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis Monday. Should St. Louis win the title, two games will be played there, with the next two days set aside for traveling to the stronghold of the American league champion, where three games will be played, if that many are necessary. Should the series go more than five games, the two remaining contests would be played in St. Louis.

If the New York Giants should overhaul the Cardinals, the series will open at New York, with the third game

scheduled for October 3, in the American league title winner's park.

Only representatives of the Cardinals and Philadelphia Athletics attended the meeting.

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ESTIMATE SHOWS CROP INCREASE

Washington, Sept. 10.—A government production estimate of 15,685,000 bales, the highest September cotton forecast since 1915, Tuesday gave little comfort to the grower.

The estimate was 101,000 bales above the August forecast of 15,584,000 bales, which caused price declines on Aug. 8 ranging from \$6 to \$7.50 a bale.

Private estimates on the average were almost 1,000,000 bales lower than the August forecast, but since then they have revised their predictions upward, on the whole averaging about 15,100,000 bales.

The figure on the area left for harvest in Tuesday's report was 40,889,000 acres as compared to the 40,129,000 acres used as the basis for the August production estimate.

The change was not regarded as unusual but an indication why the Agriculture Department believes that this year's crop will yield more than 1,000,000 bales over that of 1930 was seen in the condition forecast.

On Sept. 1 last year it was estimated at 53.4 per cent and in Tuesday's report at 68 per cent.

The production estimate for Sept. 1 last year was 14,340,000 and the final estimate, based on ginnings, was 13,932,000.

The condition of the Texas crop on September first was 67 per cent, with an indicated yield of 154 pounds per acre, as compared with 114 pounds last year and 132 pounds the 10-year average. The Texas crop is estimated at 5,094,000 bales, based on the condition Sept. 1, as compared with 5,018,000 bales a month ago.

COTTON MARKET VERY STEADY.

New York, Sept. 10.—The government crop report placing the indicated cotton production as of Sept. 1 at 15,685,000 bales, or slightly above average expectations, was followed by liquidation which sent prices into new low ground for the season. The decline was checked, however, by trade buying or covering which caused later recoveries.

December closed Tuesday at 6.88c, or a point above last Friday's closing quotations, with the general market closing steady with net advances of 1 to 3 points.

Drugs Inside Pillows.

Paris.—Pillows of a sleeping car entering France from Italy were found to contain \$22,000 worth of cocaine and other drugs.

Breaks Both Arms.

Jacksonville, Sept. 10.—Vernon Slaton, Jr., 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Slaton of this city, broke both arms Thursday while riding on a homemade trolley constructed between two trees. As the boy was riding from the top of one tree to the ground, the cable broke, letting him fall 12 feet.

Play at Mt. Pleasant.

"Wild Ginger" is the title of a play to be presented at the Mt. Pleasant school house Saturday night. There will be no admission charge and everyone is invited to come.

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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.

Merkel Carriers Enjoy Labor Day at Lueders

The Taylor county rural carriers association joined with the Jones, Shackelford, Fisher and Stonewall county societies in their meeting at Lueders on Labor Day.

A bounteous basket dinner, augmented with an abundance of watermelons, was served and a general good time had.

Among those going from Merkel were J. Ben Campbell and family, R. L. Adeock and family and W. S. Slayden and family.

The Santa Barbara, Calif., planning commission has formulated plans for a truck highway on which pleasure automobiles would be barred.

"Big Ben," the famous London clock, is 300 feet above the ground.

The tuna is the largest fish of the mackerel family.

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Mayor's Mother-in-Law Dies.

San Antonio, Sept. 10.—Mrs. Della Johnson, 73, mother-in-law of Mayor C. M. Chambers, died at the Chambers home Friday afternoon. She had been visiting here since April and had been in ill health for some time. Mrs. Johnson's body was sent Saturday to Clarksville for funeral services Sunday.

Thirty-six tons of strawberries were carried by airplane from the Netherlands to London in May.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Bartender Drops Dead.

Knox, Ind., Sept. 10.—A 73-year-old bartender, William Horner, dropped dead Thursday night when a squad of federal dry agents raided a local hotel. The raiders continued on their clean-up of the Bass Lake resort region, visiting six other places and arresting thirteen prisoners.

Rayon imports into Japan in the first half of this year were 140,000 pounds greater than in the first six months of 1930.

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