

### KNOW YOUR WEATHER

Wm. Bloh and children and Miss Alma Bloh returned Tuesday from an extended trip to West Texas points and while spending a few hours with Herman Symmank, formerly of Giddings, near San Angelo last Monday, he encountered his first experience in a storm cellar. An innocent-appearing cloud came up across the sky which would not be noticed in Lee County, but to the natives of West Texas, it was a matter of minutes until they would all rush to the storm cellar. They can time the storm clouds to the minute out there, so William says hereafter he will watch the weather as well as the scenery when he tours that country.

The storm hit on the minute as predicted, and those who were late in getting to a cellar which had been closed, had to rush to another one. Seventeen persons—men, women and children were in the one, size about 6 ft. by 10. After the lid was clamped down and it was well dark with the storm blowing, the hail and rain falling on the outside, then it was in order for the inmates to begin to wonder how they were faring, whether the residence was yet standing, whether the roof of the storm cellar would cave in and the rain flood them, or even whether the automobile was left in gear with the brakes set. It was remembered that the automobile was driven into a garage but then there was no surety that the garage would be standing over the automobile when the storm was over! So, the custom is to leave the car in gear with the brakes set, so in case the house blows away, the automobile will not be set in motion and proceed on its way back home! Which reminds us of the old darkey's chicken house door blowing open and the chickens went back home!

After the storm had passed, there were no ill effects from it, other than an experience of a first visit to a storm cellar. William says the cellars are well provided in peaceful (stormless) times with canned goods and storage for various other articles, so that there is no need of fearing hunger or thirst when confined in the storm cellar. The editor would suggest that they be radio equipped so that the long hours can be better passed and the occupants will be so well entertained that they will not have to pay so much attention to the passing storm.

All homes out there are equipped with storm cellars, and they are built on the same side of the house, because the storms hit from the same direction. They are also built away

from the buildings so that nothing can blow over on them. All that will fall on them is the hail and the rain, and if you keep the lid (of the cellar) down tight enough, you will not be bothered with the moisture of the elements.

There are certain kinds of community storm cellars which are open to the general public and which offer protection to those who are shut out of the cellars at the private homes. When the editor goes to West Texas and plays golf, he will first locate the storm cellar nearest the golf links so he can drive toward safety if he sees an approaching cloud. But he fears his trip will now be marred with every black cloud that shows up on the horizon.