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GOOD ROADS ARE WORTH BUILDING

Lexington, Mo.—Do good roads pay? If you don't believe they do, Mr. Farmer, accept the invitation of Lexington, Mo., "Come and be shown."

They passed the talking stage in building good roads here many months ago. The farmers and the townpeople have joined forces and they are doing business. Hills are disappearing before steam graders. Valleys that were are being filled. Great concrete culverts and embankments are being built. Good roads are coming into being.

The Lexington road district already has spent \$40,000 for grades and culverts alone since its organization. It expects to spend several times that amount in putting rock and gravel on the roadbeds. But the farmers will tell you it is the very best use they ever made of their money. Those who fought the good road bonds last spring are among the strongest workers for the movement now. They see what it means to them. And the work is only getting well under way. M. C. McFadin, a farmer, says that he has advanced the price of his land \$20 an acre already.

"If anyone is planning to buy my four hundred acres," said he, "he had better get busy. It is going up another \$20 the minute they get the road made. It's worth that much to the land."

Lexington and the farmers surrounding it were pretty much like every other Missouri community four years ago. Perhaps the road situation around here was a little worse than the average. There were many sharp hills and the roads were rough. In the winter and spring they became very bad.

The farmers grumbled because the roads weren't repaired. The merchants complained because the farmers didn't come to town oftener. The upshot of the whole matter was that the town people got to talking good roads. The matter wasn't allowed to drop when the roads got better with dry weather. An election was called and a road district organized. The farmers were largely opposed to the formation of the district and it was carried only by a city vote.

"Just give us a good earth road," the farmers protested. "We'll be satisfied with that. Why, the tax would eat up our farms."

The bonds carried 5 to 1. But the farmers had largely opposed them. Then they were rejected by the bond house because of a defect in the law. That was last year. This spring Horace Blackwell, an attorney, prepared a new road law with the aid of the bond company. It was passed by the Legislature. The commissioners called a second election and again voted bonds, this time \$125,000 worth. They carried the proposition about 6 to 1 this time. Then the upheaval of Lexington's road began, Lafayette county's regeneration was under way.

Lafayette is about the first county in the state to take full advantage of the new road law. What it can do any other county is able to do. The \$125,000 of bonds were sold to a St. Louis house. They bear 5 1-2 per cent interest, payable semi-annually. Part of the issue is retired each

THAT COTTON MARKET

It is with some fear and trembling that we tackle this subject and in view of its recent capers if we use any ugly English we beg the indulgence of our good and religious readers. A couple of little words coined by a street urchin when he stumped his toe would express very well our sentiments and at the same time tell all we know about the subject but we must write about something and this is the great question which is agitating the minds of the people of the Merkel country and must be cussed and discussed.

The perplexing interrogatory about the age of Ann is one of small moment and it would be easier for our market editor to do a stunt in quadratic equations or square root and ascertain the exact reason why the chicken crossed the road but that is an old issue. Senator Bailey resigned his seat in the senate, took it back again and then said he would not sit there another term for one reason—because he wanted to and did not want to and that is easy. Hon. Cone Johnson is just a common conundrum and Canada canned reciprocity but we have almost gone bug-house trying to figure out just why is a cotton market. Congressman Randel and his ambition is a ridiculous riddle but the caption of this article is making them pace the floor and tear out their hair by the roots.

One fellow with a head on him about the size of a baseball and two little eyes right close together volunteered the suggestion that it is all because we told our little bunch of readers about some of our subscribers raising a half to a bale to the acre but he is crazy. We have got nothing to do with the cotton market and will never have anything to do with it. It's dern little he has got to do with it and sometimes methinks the same about the law of supply and demand.

We have given it serious study, deep deliberation and careful calculation and have come to the conclusion that when it goes up it will come down and when it goes down it will come up and its just up and down. If it's up it's up, if it's down it's down and if neither it's fixing to go up and down and if you will remember this you will know just when to sell or buy. Buy when its down and sell when it's up.

Merkel always pays a little more for cotton because this is just a common cotton town. Other nearby cities have pipe dreams about great big smokestacks, railroads and roundhouses but our merchants and bankers know we are just going to always be a good, live farmers town and we are after more farmers. Come to Merkel.

SLUMP IN COTTON SLACKENS TRADE

The cotton season is the big period in the annual history of every agricultural town and the direct effect of a local market upon local trade has been evidenced within the last week by local merchants.

Since the beginning of the cotton season there has been something doing, so to speak, every day in the little City in Clover. Our local buyers paid and are still paying the highest market prices and business in all lines and collections were reported good until the slump in prices of the staple began and there was a slackening of trade evident to the most casual observer.

Our farmers are gathering the cotton as fast as possible and calling for more pickers but during the time of the downward market sales weakened and thereby the stream of cash pouring into the various business channels became less. The weather continues favorable for gathering the crop and the scene of hustle and activity in the country is some recompense for the tendency in the opposite direction in our little city.

There will come a time in the very near future when business and conditions will be normal and the key to the situation is but to sit steady in the boat and advertise.

The money is now in the banks of Lexington and drawing interest until the commissioners spend it.

The total cost, Mr. Blackwell says, is 11 cents an acre. Lexington as a town pays about three-fifths the cost of the road building.

'11 OUR GOOD READERS '12

The Old and The New '12

In the past week cotton has been cutting capers and going almost to the bow-wows in general but in the same time business in the subscription department of the paper the people read has been picking up, thanks to the loyal and liberal support of the growers of the fleecy staple in the Merkel country.

Our readers and friends, like the old editor do not believe in waiting until death and the grave to break the alabaster boxes of love and speak words of praise and we have been showered with beautiful and fragrant bouquets for our modest effort. There would be more to speak words of praise and encouragement but they are afraid we would get the "big-head." Anyway, we are grateful for the following renewals and new subscribers and beg to say, that for better or for worse we are going to stay by the old ship until it is anchored safely in the hearts of the good people whose interests we represent. Help us to make it easier sailing:

The following are the immortals for this week.

Mrs. Bettie Acree, Dukedon, Tenn; P. B. Davenport, Nubia; Henry Ellis, El Paso; Miss Bera Stallings, Ovalo; J. S. Lemond, Tye; Rev. T.N. Lowery, Aquilla; W. F. Patterson, San Angelo; H. E. Farmer, D. H. Glover, G. W. Brady, E. V. Ellis, James Gilliam, G. B. Tittle, E. E. Wheeler, S. B. Abercrombie, city and rural routes.

Pass up the circus and come to the big show beginning Saturday at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

REV. T. N. LOWREY BIDS US FAREWELL

Rev. T. N. Lowrey and good family left Wednesday for near Aquilla where they go to enable Mrs. Lowrey to be with her father who is reported in very poor health and nearing the evening of life.

In talking to a Mail reporter Rev. Lowrey spoke from the depths of his warm heart his regrets at leaving our good people. He said: "I do hope that the real and only reason for our change of location will be known to my friends in Merkel and the Merkel country for we hate to leave. I do not believe that I have an enemy in this country and feel like all of them are my friends. If you will tell them how we appreciate the many favors and friendly acts they have done for me and my family I will appreciate it. We wish for them success, happiness and all that is good and pure in life."

Rev. T. N. Lowrey came to Merkel about eleven years ago and with the exception of two years spent as pastor in this community he has been engaged in evangelistic work. He has been successful and we attribute a great part of this to his pleasing personality and the rest to his honesty, sincerity, faith and untiring energy. He is friendly and jovial with all and we know that there are as many outside of the churches as within who regret to lose him and family from our midst. Our paper and good wishes will follow him.

Fresh Fish and Oysters Friday and Saturday at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

MERKEL'S MARKET ABILENE A.M. NEWS

On the return of an Abilene citizen one day last week from a visit to our city the Abilene Morning News published an intimated interview to the effect that "our little burg had received 1,380 bales of cotton and that it was not a fact that we were paying a little more for cotton." The same was corrected in the next issue as to the amount of cotton we had received and since we are informed that the innocent citizen was imposed upon by the newsgatherer we have no criticism to make.

In all matters we should be fair and courteous and if an investigation was necessary to learn why some Abilene cotton was coming to Merkel it should have been made without prejudice, and on a normal market, not when prices were tumbling everywhere. We would suggest an interview with some good farmers living in the vicinity of Caps and other points in Abilene's trade territory for they tried both markets.

Then it would have been better reading for the reporter to have mentioned Merkel as the hustling little neighbor of Abilene on the west and not as a little "burg." The patrons of the Abilene Morning News are friends and neighbors of citizens of this little "burg" and we are all working for Taylor county, West Texas and the whole state after we get over the cotton season. We should be broad enough that we can be fair with each other. Of course if we happen to say something about paying more for cotton and produce and having the best water and country surrounding Merkel we are acting a little proud but then you know we are sticking to facts.

The News is a paper asking and deserving of a patronage of all West Texas and we know the policy well enough to know this was just a "bust" of some pencil pusher who would like to start something just to keep up interest in life.

In the meantime Merkel is paying a little more for cotton and selling goods for less. Come to Merkel.

Farmers Union Notice.

The Taylor county Farmers Union meets at Lawn the first Thursday and Friday in October. All locals are urged to send delegates to this meeting.

E. H. Cordill, Pres.
D. D. Coats, Sec.

We have hundreds of satisfied customers. If you are not a customer of ours try us next month. We believe you will like our treatment so well you will make us a regular customer. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Mr. Hill who has been in Arkansas for the past two weeks is at home preparing to move there he having purchased a place among the Ozarks.

Mrs. B. H. Moore was in Abilene last week visiting her sister-in-law who is attending Simmons college.

FIRE-FIRE-FIRE

Why not fire up before cold weather by letting us sell you that heater you are going to need. No use waiting for a cold day when you know you are going to need the stove. Remember we have the Bridge Beach and Charter Oak lines together with the Coles air tight heaters. So phone us your orders and we will do the rest. Phone No 124. Don't forget we are giving **25 PER CENT DISCOUNT ON COOK STOVES**

Anchor Hardware Co.

GRAND JURY REPORT

Board of Investigators Has Long List of Recommendations to Make.

COURT HOUSE IS IN BAD FIX

Grand Jury Declares Taylor County is Sadly in Need of New Courthouse Urges Citizens to Ascertain Facts in Matter.

The grand jury adjourned Saturday. Following is the formal report, submitted to the court:

To the Hon. Thos. L. Blanton, Judge of the 42nd Judicial District of Texas:

We, the grand jury for Taylor county, Texas, duly organized at the August term, 1911, beg leave to submit this our final report:

We have been in session eighteen days and have examined 331 witnesses, and as a result of our examination and inquiries we have returned into court 45 indictments, 14 felonies and 31 misdemeanors. We have care-

fully and diligently inquired into and fully investigated all violation of the law and all matters pertaining to the enforcement of the law and of the duties of the various offices and all other matters that have come to our knowledge.

During our deliberations we find that a great deal of crime is, and has been committed by young girls and young boys, and we readily see the necessity for the watchful care of the young womanhood of this country by the parent or guardian, and we see very forcibly, the necessity of a reformatory for young girls.

There has come to our knowledge that there is being quite an extensive dealing in real estate in this and adjoining counties, wherein good citizens have suffered the loss of valuable property by designing men who have imposed upon the honesty and ignorance of certain classes who have misplaced their trust and confidence in certain individuals who, by virtue of their

experience and land dealings, know the law well enough to evade its clutches, and we would suggest to the public at large that they be careful in disposing of their property to the end that both buyer and seller may be fully protected.

There has been quite a good deal of criticism and complaint made to this body with reference to valuable filed papers with the district and county clerks which have been inadvertently misplaced, and we recommend to the respective clerks that they adopt some system by which every paper may be filed in its proper place and that they, as the custodians of such paper, be very careful in the protection of same, and that they permit no paper that has been filed with them to be removed from their custody without the proper receipt, and we would suggest that no party be permitted to retain said papers after receipting therefor for a period of more than ten days.

We find that Taylor county is in fine financial condition; that a bonded indebtedness of \$42,000 has been retired in the last four years including \$27,000 courthouse bonds, and \$15,000 jail bonds leaving a balance of outstanding bonded indebtedness of \$6,000 courthouse bonds, which have been ordered in and will be liquidated as soon as they can be obtained from their respective holders.

This is all of the bonded indebtedness of Taylor county except the \$150,000 bond issue for good roads purposes in Precinct No. 1, all of which has been expended except \$71,794.52.

In the matter of the special road fund for Precinct No. 1, we find that the various officers have been diligent and faithful in the discharge of their respective duties and we commend them for the manner in which this fund has been handled, and while some criticism has come to our knowledge with reference to alleged discrepancies in the payment of road hands, we find upon investigation that such discrepancies do not exist.

Following your suggestion we have made a careful and minute examination of the present county courthouse and we find it in a deplorable condition in many respects. It is absolutely inadequate for the needs of the county; we find that many valuable papers that have been filed and which affect the title to lands in Taylor county, if lost or de-

stroyed would cause endless litigation, and cause innocent people to suffer, are without vault or any other fire protection and are exposed in a manner that would make it an easy matter for a designing person to destroy the title to certain lands in this county, and this is brought about by insufficient vault and office facilities. The various county and district offices are absolutely inadequate for their needs. We have no witness consultation room, which condition greatly interferes with the different courts in the administration of justice and in the transaction of the public business for the county.

Not only do we find the courthouse inadequate, but we find the walls full of cracks, both up and down stairs, and in many places the ceiling and walls have receded from each other until large crevices can be seen, and since the recent hail storm we find that the building leaks to a great extent thereby exposing valuable records to damage. And we believe that a new courthouse is badly needed to meet the present requirements and we suggest that steps be taken to

meet the emergency at as early a date as consistent with the public policy. And we earnestly invite and urgently request that the citizens of Taylor county personally inspect the conditions of the court house and determine for themselves the deplorable condition which exists in order that they may act intelligently in advising their representative commissioners as to what course to pursue.

We desire to extend our thanks to the court and its various officers, including all county and district officers for the many courtesies extended to us during our deliberations.

We have finished our labors and beg leave to submit this as our final report and ask that we be finally discharged.

H. M. Rainbolt, Foreman.

Best Treatment for a Burn.

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also an equal for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.



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\$50,000.00

OLDEST BANK IN MERKEL

Years of successful Banking in this country enables us to give to our customers the very best of service, not only in the cotton season when they all have money, but the entire year through. Money to loan on approved notes. We invite new accounts.

BUY FROM OTHERS

AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM BUY FROM YOU

We are buying our share of your cotton and have always paid you the very highest market price. We try to help you and in turn will appreciate a liberal share of your grocery business. We know we pay you the highest prices possible and sell you groceries as cheap as you can buy them anywhere in or out of Merkel—quality considered. We do not sell goods of questionable quality. We are trying to be Merkel's Reliable Grocers—to be depended upon for accommodations for those who accommodate us and to sell groceries of the best quality. Give us a chance at your next order

B. C. GAITHER & SONS

The Reliable Grocers

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

FOR SEPTEMBER FIRST NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 93,868.13	Capital Stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
U. S. Bonds at Par.....	12,500.00	Profits.....	2,602.82
Banking House and fixtures.....	14,000.00	Circulation.....	12,500.00
Cash and Exchange.....	75,291.19	Deposits.....	130,556.50
Total.....	\$195,659.32	Total.....	\$195,659.32

To the Farmers of The Merkel Country

Your attention is called to the strong financial condition of the Southern National Bank as shown by this statement.

The farmer who deposits his cotton checks in this bank is the one who is entitled to a loan when his cotton money is gone.

We invite you to start an account with us and thereby establish relations that will entitle you to future accommodations. We expect to take care of the legitimate needs of every farmer customer on our books.

Bring us your checks on other banks for deposit or to be cashed. Bring us your valuable papers to be taken care of in a fire-proof vault, free of charge.

Ask favors of us whether you keep an account here or not.

JOHN SEARS, President. C. L. BARKER, Active Vice-Pres.
T. J. COGGIN, Vice-Pres. J. E. FAUCETT, Cashier

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Pipes Brothers will appreciate your business. tf

Miss Virginia Guitar of Abilene is visiting in the city this week.

Fresh chocolates, both bulk and package at the Elite.

Dr. J. V. Cranford made a business trip to Buffalo Gap last week.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

C. L. Barclay and wife came in Monday from Abilene and will visit relatives here.

See those Sample Blankets at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company that are selling at one-third off.

W. R. Bigham left last week for old Mexico and will be busy shipping his cattle for several weeks or maybe longer.

Fresh walnuts, almonds, filberts and Brazil nuts at the Elite.

Claud Bigham bought a half section of land this week, located about four miles from Trent and it was a bargain.

For bowel complaint in children always give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil. It is certain to effect a cure and when reduced with water and sweetened is pleasant to take. No physician can prescribe a better remedy. For sale by all dealers.

The street sprinkler has been doing nice work and life in our little city is just as pleasant as possible with a crazy cotton market.

Don't fail to attend the big Fall Opening Sale beginning Saturday and continuing through next week. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

All of the local real estate dealers report business picking up and indications are that there will be something doing during the fall season. Come to Merkel.

"I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success" writes Mrs. M. I. Basford, Poolesville, Md. For sale by all dealers.

H. M. Rainbolt has finished his labors as foreman of the grand jury at Abilene and returned to his cotton patch.

LIGHT CRUST is the only EXTRA SPECIAL high grade flour sold in Merkel. Try our store and see the difference. For sale only by the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Have you ever traded with Pipes Brothers? tf

The little child of Sam Roberts at the home of his grandmother Roberts got hold of a bottle of carbolic acid and drank some of the contents Tuesday afternoon. It was for several hours that the attending physicians almost despaired of hope but at the last report we are glad to learn that the little child will recover.

WE GUARANTEE LIGHT CRUST FLOUR. If it's not better than the ordinary Extra High Patent flour you come to our store and get your money and keep the flour. Isn't this fair enough. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

John Daniel made a trip to Colorado last week in the Daniel Mitchell touring car and was accompanied home by Mr. McMurray and sister who were guests at the Daniel home. They returned home Sunday.

Diarrhoea is always more or less prevalent during September. Be prepared for it. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is prompt and effectual. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. For sale by all dealers.

Alvin Guthrie and family of the Stith community have gone to DeLeon where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Patterson are moving to San Angelo their future home. At present Mrs. Patterson is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. C. Burroughs.

Don't fail to visit our Millinery and ready-to-wear department Saturday and next week. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Miss Flora Harris of Abilene was in the city Tuesday soliciting subscriptions for the Abilene Reporter's contest.

Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler, teacher of piano and theory. Technic work a specialty. Studio south-side school. Phone No. 237. 2t

Miss Fanny Burroughs left Wednesday for Santo, Fort Worth and Arlington. She will attend the Dallas fair before returning home.

In every home where there are children there should be a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys worms and acts as a tonic in the debilitated system. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Mrs. J. M. Wilson who has been visiting relatives and friends here returned to her home at Clyde last week.

Mrs. T. J. Coggin went down to Abilene Tuesday to be with her daughter, Miss Zora, who was successfully operated on Monday night for appendicitis.

Otti Coggin has gone to Arizona to look after his father's business out in that country.



I have recently installed the latest type **Mediameter** for testing eyes and fitting glasses.

This instrument enables me to measure the defects of the eye, locate the trouble and put the **Right Lens in Your Possession**. Examinations Free. Mrs. E. M. Rust at Rust & McCauley's.

League Program.

Subject, A well rounded life.
 Leader, Miss Medien.
 Song (two).
 Scripture lesson, 2 Cor. viii 7; Luke xi 42.
 Prayer, by girls.
 Song.
 I am debtor—Simpson Christopher.
 Influence upon industry—Miss Nesbitt.
 Song, by boys.
 Instrumental music—Roxie Moon.
 Special talks by leaguers.
 The boy without a basket—John Moore.
 Leaders talk.
 Remarks.
 Announcements.
 League benediction.



FOR SALE OR TRADE—A good organ. See N. Roberts. 29t2

FOR SALE—320 acres, good improvements, near White Church, \$25 per acre. See Mrs. C. G. James. 2tpd

FOR SALE—Poland China pigs, cheap if sold at once. H. M. Rainbolt. tf

Has Millions of Friends.

How would you like to number your friends by millions as Bucklen's Arnica Salve does? Its astounding cures in the past forty years made them. Its best Salve in the world for sores, ulcers, eczema, burns, boils, scalds, cuts, corns, sore eyes, sprains, swellings, bruises, cold sores. Has no equal for piles. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

A toy given with each tablet or pencil purchased at the Elite.

Miss Zora Coggin was seriously stricken Monday night with acute appendicitis and was taken to one of the Abilene sanitariums for operation. The last reports to reach us was that she successfully withstood the operation and was recovering as rapidly as could be expected. Her illness comes as a shock to the many friends of the patient and family and we hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Fryar will arrive the latter part of this week from DeLeon and will make the little city in clover their future home. The young couple have many friends who will welcome their return and Charlie, one of the members of the old force, is needed at his case on the Merkel Mail.

As usually treated, a sprained ankle will disable a man for three or four weeks but by applying Chamberlain's Liniment freely as soon as the injury is received, and observing the directions with each bottle, a cure can be effected in from two to four days. For sale by all dealers.

Alex A. Wisdom who several months ago bid au revoir but not good-by to his Merkel country friends and left for various and sundry points has returned and says there is no place just like a Merkel home. He has accepted a position with the Merkel store where he will appreciate the visits of his friends.

EVERYTHING NEW—Silverware, cut glass, jewelry, diamonds, odd manure and cuticle pieces, brass ware and copper, the latest creations in this new and popular ware. Come to see us. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Orr died last Saturday and the remains were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery Sunday afternoon. The parents have the sympathy of our entire country in their bereavement.

When the bowels feel uncomfortable and you miss the exhilarating feeling that always follows a copious morning operation, a dose of Herbine will set you right in a couple of hours. If taken at bedtime you get its beneficial effect after breakfast next day. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Austin Fitts who has been employed in the new store for the past few weeks left Sunday for Mansfield where he goes to assist in a big special sale for a live dry goods house there.

Good for Biliousness.

"I took two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by all dealers. Samples free.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Groene's Art Store. Open 8 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.

Try Pipes Brothers with your next grocery bill. tf

Virgil Touchstone and Lester Ellis were in Abilene Sunday.

Bruce E. Oliver of Abilene was a business visitor here this week.

LIGHT CRUST FLOUR IS BETTER. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Oran Edwards returned to Midland last week after a visit to his mother and brother here.

Old hats made new at Kent St. Tailor Shop. The only Hatter in town. J. E. Martin. tf

Miss Cecil Wilson of Abilene is the guest of Miss Bowler this week.

LIGHT CRUST FLOUR IS BETTER. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Mrs. T. S. Dennis returned to her home in Abilene last week after a pleasant visit with relatives in the city.

If you are from Missouri come and let Pipes Bros. "show you" that they sell groceries cheaper.

Misses Winnie Warren and Maude Martin left Sunday night for Waco where they will enter Baylor University.

Read the big ad of the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company in this paper. There's always something doing at this store.

Rufford Evans has returned from Dallas where he has been during the vacation months and has entered school.

We are making some hot prices on shoes. We are cleaning out all broken lines. Try us for better prices on shoes. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Misses Pet Sears and Irene Swann left Sunday for Nashville, Tenn., where they will enter into the course of study of the Rader college.

Pipes Brothers are exclusive agents for the famous "American Lady" flour, the best flour you can buy. Try a sack. We guarantee satisfaction. tf

Yellow complexion, pimples and disfiguring blemishes on the face or body can be gotten rid of by doctoring the liver, which is torpid. Herbine is a powerful liver correctant. It purifies the system, stimulates the vital organs and puts the body in a fine vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Bring your clothes to Kent St. Tailor Shop, first class work and reasonable prices. J. E. Martin.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Baraca Entertainment.

Friday evening at the home of Mrs. M. Armstrong the Baraca's entertained in honor of the home coming of their teacher Miss E. Love Hawkins of Huntingdon, Tenn.

Japanese lanterns lighted the lawn. The house was radiantly decorated with the class colors. The evenings entertainment was begun by singing the class song. Several contests were engaged in, among which were guessing at the flags of the different nations. Writing a sentence out of the following words: boys, girls, moonlight, in, the, for, mercy, take, mouse, hate. Writing the most improbable story.

Ice cream and cake was served to the Rose Philathea's, the Senior Philathea's and members of the Baraca class. The hosts received a number of very flattering compliments. Each guest present was more than glad to have the honoree here again for another year.

Watermelon Party.

Friday evening September 22, Ben and Ruth Merritt entertained in honor of Misses Winnie Warren, Pet Sears and Irene Swann who have gone away to school.

Music was furnished by Misses Warren and Burroughs. A contest was rendered by writing compositions using only the letters in these three girls names. The object was to write the longest composition. Virgil Touchstone and Miss Flay Gunn were the lucky ones who were presented with a nice box of chocolates. They in return graciously served same to the crowd.

The boys and girls matched by the way of little green watermelons. As soon as all had secured their partners they were invited out on the lawn where tables of watermelon awaited them. Just before departing each one was requested to write a toast in each of three little autograph albums which were afterwards presented to the honorees.

The host and hostess were assisted by Misses Jewel Garrett and Kittie Pipes.

Those present were Misses Fannie Burroughs, Eunice Nisbett, Pet Sears, Irene Swann, Winnie Warren, Virginia and Ona Hamblet, Elma Sheppard, Flay Gunn, Kittie Pipes, Jewel Garrett. Messrs. Choc Jones Lytton Howard, Sam Swann, Virgil Touchstone, Robert Hicks, Ben Merritt.

An auto party was greatly enjoyed Sunday when John Daniel and sister, Miss Annie T. honored their house guest Robert McMurray and sister of Colorado City, Miss Zora Coggin and Sterling Miller with a joy ride. On returning to the Daniel residence each one was conducted to the kitchen where special duties were assigned. It was only a short time until a beautifully served dinner was the result of skilled and unskilled labor.

Business and pleasure was combined in an auto trip Monday when John Daniel as driver and Sterling Miller as able assistant started from the little city in clover for Abilene accompanied by Misses Annie Lou O'Briant,

Mabel Collins, Zora Coggin and Annie T. Daniel. A punctured tire added labor and a few blisters. The pleasure was not marred until the crowd was nearing home when Miss Coggin suffered a return attack of appendicitis. A hurried drive was made to her home north of town. An hour later she was taken to an Abilene sanitarium where she received medical attention.

Misses Fannie Burroughs and Faye Lowrey were honorees at an informal party Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Jessie Sutphen. Progressive 42 was played by Misses Mattie Paylor, Margie Saffle, Fannie, Burroughs and Faye Lowrey. Messrs. Choc Jones, Forest Gaither, Robert Hicks and Rufford Evans.

Attacks School Principal.

A severe attack on school principal, Chas. B. Allen of Sylvania, Ga., is thus told by him. "For more than three years," he writes, "I suffered indescribable torture from rheumatism, liver and stomach trouble and diseased kidneys. All remedies failed till I used Electric Bitters, but four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me completely." Such results are common. Thousands bless them for curing stomach trouble, female complaints, kidney disorders, biliousness and for new health and vigor. Try them. Only 50c at H.C. Burroughs.

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Montgomery Britain has received a flattering offer and will accept a position with the new electric light plant at Eastland. He hates to leave Merkel and really he may be coming back soon.

Miss Minnie Webb of Hempstead, a niece of Mrs. Charley Whitaker, will be with them for the winter. Miss Webb will attend school here.

Sterling P. Milier of Dallas left Thursday for the east after a few days visit with his sister Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Miss Bera Stalling is in Ovalo where she accepted a position as head milliner in a dry goods house.

J. J. Standard of Lampasas county after a visit to the family of Dr. M. Armstrong left Wednesday for home.

Mrs. W. R. Walker was in Abilene Saturday and Sunday to visit her son Jack who is there in college.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cheshire are guests of Mrs. Cheshire's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Berry.

Mrs. D.J. Rawlins has returned to her home at Trent after a visit to Miss Pearl Rawlings of our little city.

Mrs. Charley Whitaker spent Tuesday in Abilene the guest of her sister Mrs. Fred Wood.

Misses Eather Williams and Clara Moore were guests of Abilene friends Sunday.

Mack Bowyer of Anson visited his sister Mrs. W. T. Berry last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown are visiting their Merkel home for a short time.

Pipes Brothers will save you money on groceries. tf

Charles Booth Dead.

In the death of her brother, Charles Booth, Mrs. J. T. Warren of our little city has the tenderest sympathy of all of our people.

The death occurred at the home of the deceased at Hawley Tuesday night about ten o'clock and was caused by a relapse after a serious siege of fever. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren spent the Sunday previous at Hawley and all were rejoiced at the apparent improvement of the patient but later there was the relapse and fatal result.

Charles Booth was married in our little city to Miss Laura Evans, sister of Supt. C. E. Evans of the San Marcos College and was of the firm of Booth Brothers & Warren, general merchants at Hawley.

The burial took place Wednesday afternoon in the Hawley cemetery. The Mail joins with our good people in the universal sympathy for those most bereaved.

Otto Carter of Sweetwater was shaking hands with friends here one day this week.

Mrs. E. M. Hawkins of Dallas is visiting her niece Mrs. M. Armstrong.

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We will when we read meters the last day of November check our customers and the three that show the largest amount of current consumed during that month will be presented absolutely free of charge one of our ELECTRIC BREAD TOASTERS which retail for \$4.00 each.

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ELECTRIC BITTERS THE BEST FOR BILIOUSNESS AND KIDNEYS. PILES get immediate relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment.

SWEETHEARTS AND JUST COMMON SENSE.

The following item which we have just read in the large dailies is sufficient food for a lot of good hard thinking and in the hope that it may be of benefit to some of our readers, here it is:

Sweethearts Held Up.

Oklahoma City, Sept. 20.—Highwaymen held up and robbed Jesse Rulo and Eliza Carpenter, sweethearts, last night, as they were driving along a country road near Kay Creek, Okla.

They took \$4,000 from Rulo, money he had saved to get married. The robbers compelled both Rulo and the girl to remove their stockings in their search for more money.

Moral: Put your money in the bank.

There is some excuse for Mr. Rulo for he was in love. The world loves a lover and we sympathize with him but after all he was a fool.

If he had escaped this misfortune he may have bought a farm, been happily wedded and later on there may have come some little "Rulettes" to bless his home. Then there might have been sickness or some financial setback and he would naturally have gone to his home bank to ask for assistance. He would do this and yet here he was refusing to let them have his deposit and riding around spooning with his girl and thinking he was about the smartest thing in the big new state when he was in reality the biggest fool in the country. It was bad enough to lose his "wad" but to have his future-intended suffer the embarrassment of removing her socks before some perfect strangers was worse.

If you have money put it in the bank where it will be safe and then when you have none you may ask and expect their assistance in times of misfortune and need.

"Texas in Spots."

To Merkel Country Farmers and Others:

My little book is advertising matter but it is honest advertising and one who reads it gets a good idea of conditions and values in our section.

If you are willing to help advertise our country and will come in to see me and give me names of friends and relatives back in the older countries we will write them a letter and send them one of my books. I will furnish free pencil, pen and ink, paper, envelopes and stamps and the more you use the better I will like it. If you can not come send in a list of names and addresses and I will do the work.

Yours for business,
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It All Depends.

A young lady recently sent this extraordinary request to the editor of the religious journal subscribed for at her home: "Do you think it right for a girl to set in a man's lap, even if she is engaged?"

The editor spent some time in prayer and then answered her as follows:

"Yes, if it were our girl and our lap. Yes, again, if it were some other fellow's girl and our lap. But if it were our girl and some other fellow's lap emphatically no. We don't approve of such frivolity."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Fierce Night Alarm

is the hoarse, starting cough of a child, suddenly attacked by croup. Often it aroused Lewis Chamblin, of Manchester, O., [R.R.No.2] for their four children were greatly subject to croup. "Some times in severe attacks," he wrote "we were afraid they would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy Dr. King New Discovery is, we have no fear. We rely on it for croup and for coughs, cold or any throat or lung trouble." So do thousands of others. So may you. Asthma, hay fever, lagrippe, whooping cough, hemorrhages fly before it. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Chicken Show, Eh?

A local chicken raiser was talking this week in ear shot of one of our reporters and advanced the idea that the Merkel country should have a poultry and maybe a pet stock organization and later on a poultry exhibit and show. The idea is a capital one and if carried out would result in good to the organizers, the poultry business and our country. There are now many chicken fanciers in our little town and country and we know some who have fowls which would compete with the best anywhere. We commend the idea to the following whom we know to be fanciers of the feathered tribe: R. A. Ellis, A. C. Rose, Otho Williams, Claud Comegys, Clyde Reid, A. H. Thornton, Homer Rainbolt, Mrs. W. L. Dilz, Mrs. H. C. Williams and others who may think it worth while.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten caused by Catarrh; which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Sept. 30, 1911
Brow, P. A.
Schneider, Henry (2)
Stagg, P. J. (2)
Turner, Miss Lintha
If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Oct. 14, 1911.
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

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Notice Patrons.

The week ending Sat. Oct. 7th will be my last week in Merkel and will be pleased to do any dental work for you during that time. Dr. J. M. Green. It

Swellings of the flesh caused by inflammation, cold, fractures of the bone toothache, neuralgia or rheumatism can be relieved by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. It should be well rubbed in over the part affected. Its great healing and penetrating power eases the pain, reduces swelling and restores natural conditions. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H.C. Burroughs.

Uncle John Toombs was in from his Canyon home Saturday for the first time in several months. He has been in very poor health and was looking a little pale Saturday but the same jolly and jovial disposition.

R. A. Rollins of Coleman is in our city. He was formerly a citizen of Merkel and contemplates making this his home once more.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Butman Community.

Sept. 17—Cotton has sure opened up in our community this last week.

The farmers have all been as busy as bees gathering their cotton and hauling feed.

Dewdrops has been so busy picking cotton she didn't take time to give the news last week.

Sunday school was well attended Sunday morning.

The members of Live Oak church have elected a new pastor. Bro. Prechard of Abilene was elected. We regret to give up our old pastor. Bro. Archer was a faithful pastor and we pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon him wherever he goes. May Bro. Prechard be such a pastor as Bro. Archer. Bro. Archer will be at Butman school house the first Sunday in next month. There are to be two baptized that day. Bro. Archer will preach his farewell sermon the first Sunday in next month.

Willie Matthews was elected superintendent of the Sunday school. Mrs. Eula Matthews was elected secretary. Sunday school every Sunday morning. Prayer meeting every Sunday night.

J. H. Ensminger who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks is up again.

Clark and Hal Perkins attended Sunday school at this place Sunday.

J. H. Ensminger and family took dinner with R. N. White and family Sunday.

Lee Burrus and lady took dinner with J. A. Dulin and family Sunday.

E. E. Patterson has been attending court at Abilene.

R. N. White went to Merkel Friday.

Alfred Costephens went to Merkel Friday to attend school.

Miley Burrus was picking cotton for Pealy West last week.

D. D. Coats and family were recent guests of C. L. Tucker and family.

Sam Gant and family attended Sunday school at this place Sunday morning.

Ezra Norman passed through our community Sunday.

Wade Ensminger took dinner with Jordan White Sunday.

J. A. Dulin went to Merkel Saturday.

It has been reported that Ira Thornton has rented a farm for another year. Wonder what is going to happen.

Mrs. Ellen Baccus and children of Castle Peak have moved into our community to pick cotton.

Pealy West and family were visiting in Butman community Sunday.

Dove Pannel and family were visiting in the White Church community Sunday.

Ernest Costephens spent Friday night in Merkel.

Dewitt Phillips was visiting in the Butman community Sunday.

E. A. Costephens went to Merkel Saturday.

D. D. Coats went to Merkel Wednesday.

P. B. Franks was in our community Monday on business.

Mack Grider was in Merkel Friday.

Mr. Coombs was in this community Monday attending to business.

Mr. Campbell and family of Riney attended Sunday school at this place.

Mr. Perkins went to Merkel

one day last week.

Come again Blue-eyed Girl.
Dewdrops.

Sept. 23—Cotton picking and new buggies are the order of the day.

Some of the people of our community are preparing to attend the circus at Abilene Saturday.

R. N. White and family attended Sunday school at Butman Sunday.

E. E. Patterson and family spent Sunday at the home of J. A. Dulin.

Miss Pearl Baccus of our community was visiting in the White Church community Sunday.

J. F. Costephens went to Merkel one day last week.

Miss Mary Grider was among the visitors at White Church Sunday.

We are sorry to say that little Owen Patterson has been on the sick list.

Mack Perkins was visiting in White church community Sunday.

Leo White was a pleasant caller at Mr. Snows Sunday evening.

Miss Little Virgia Woods was visiting the Misses Whetsel Sunday.

Miley Burrus and Miss Addie Dulin were the guests of Miss Ludie Dulin Sunday afternoon.

Lee White has treated himself to a nice new buggy.

Emitt Patterson and Lee White went to Merkel Saturday.

J. A. Dulin went to Merkel Saturday.

R. N. White went to Merkel Tuesday.

Walter Lenas transacted business in Merkel Monday.

Misses Willie and Addie Dulin were the guests of Miss Ludie Dulin Saturday night.

Emitt Patterson was in the White Church community Sunday.

Misses Eula and Ruth Pannel attended prayer meeting at White Church Sunday night.

Ernest Costephens transacted business in Merkel one day last week.

Lee Burrus was visiting in the Butman community Sunday.

There will be preaching at Butman school house Sunday and Sunday night. Everyone invited to come. It is communion day.

Well as Dewdrops letter didn't get in in time last week will close and give Lost Chicken room.
Dewdrops.

Nubia News.

Sept. 25—The farmers are busy picking cotton.

Rev. Forster filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mrs. P. B. Deavenport went to Merkel Friday on business.

Harry Walker and Grover Blair attended the party at W. M. Clarks Friday night.

Roy Cox visited at J. S. Blair's Sunday.

Misses Montie Whetsel and Thelma Jones attended prayer meeting here Sunday night.

John Hunter and Mrs. Ellen Hogan attended church at Riney Sunday.

Miss Blanche Randolph and brother Sid took dinner with Miss Hattie Hunter Sunday.

J. S. Blair and daughter Fanny went to Merkel Tuesday.

D. L. Boyd and T. J. Walker went to Merkel Saturday.

Lost Dog.

White Church Items.

Sept. 26.—J. E. Costephens transacted business in Merkel Wednesday.

Miss Thresa Watford visited Mrs. Tucker Wednesday.

W. M. Snow transacted business in Blair Wednesday.

Misses Willie and Addie Dulin visited Misses Mary Lee and Jewell Hicks Wednesday.

Mrs. Noel was visiting in Merkel Saturday.

Andy Brown visited at Mr. Hicks Tuesday night.

Nath Noel and Will Singleton were in Merkel Thursday.

Mrs. Bickley and daughter, Annie visited relatives in Merkel Wednesday.

C. L. Tucker transacted business in Merkel Monday.

H. R. Hicks and P. B. Franks were in Merkel Friday.

Mr. Pannel was in Merkel Thursday.

L. H. Burrus transacted business in Merkel Saturday.

Kiah Spears and Miss Willie Dulin visited at Mr. Stanley's Sunday afternoon.

J. S. Bickley, Tom Purlom and Joe Brown were in Merkel Saturday.

Lee White visited at Mr. Snows Sunday.

Dewitt Phillips of the Divide attended prayer meeting at this place Sunday night.

Some of the young people of Merkel visited in our community Sunday.

Miley Burrus and Miss Addie Dulin visited at J. A. Dulin's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. West visited in the Butman community Sunday.

Lee White and Miss Ludie Dulin attended prayer meeting at this place Sunday night.

Dexter Juniper and Addie Franks were in Nubia Sunday.

E. E. Patterson was at B. L. Dulin's Sunday.

New buggies are all the go in our community.

Kiah Spears and Miss Millie Dulin attended prayer meeting at this place Sunday night.

We are glad to say that Miss Emmie Brown who has been sick for the past few days is able to be up.

Bessie Tucker is on the sick list this week.

Lost Chicken.

"IN A BAD WAY."

Many a Merkel Reader Will Be Grateful for this Information.

When your back gives out. Becomes lame, weak or aching. When urinary troubles set in your kidneys are "in a bad way." Doan's Kidney Pills will cure you. Here is local evidence to prove it.

J. L. Harris of Merkel, Texas, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills did me more good than any other remedy I ever used and I think they stand alone as a cure for kidney complaint. At times the misery was in the form of a dull, throbbing ache, then it changed to sharp, shooting twinges. The kidney secretions also caused me a great deal of annoyance, being too frequent in passage. Since using Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Rust & McCauley's Drug Store, my health has been better and my kidneys have given me no further trouble. I have recommended this to several of my neighbors and consider it a pleasure to do so.

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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Noodle Dots.

Sept. 27.—Cotton picking is somewhat slow this week as everyone is wanting help.

Miss Duncan of Oklahoma is visiting her cousin Miss Ettie Ely at this place.

A good many of the Noodle people went to Hamm school house Sunday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Sunday school.

Miss Bonnie Church of Stith was in our community Sunday.

Robert and Josephine Medlen of Anson were visiting relatives at Noodle Sunday.

A good many of the Compere people were at Noodle Sunday night.

Everybody enjoyed the singing at Mr. and Mrs. Herring's Saturday night.

Mr. Buford and family were visiting relatives here Sunday.

We had a fine singing at Noodle Sunday afternoon.

We are sorry to report that Miss Allie Glover has been sick for the past two or three weeks and we hope she will soon be well.

Bro. Bankhead filled his regular appointment at Noodle Sunday.

Misses Della and Jessie Chilton of Seymour are back in our community.

Will Mattingly and Miss Emily Hodges were married Sunday. We wish them a long and happy life.

Rev. R. O. Bailey will preach at the Methodist church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.
White Dove.

Sept. 25—Cotton picking is in full blast and everything is running along as pleasant as could be.

Tommy Jones has moved to Merkel where he will take treatment daily. We hope he will soon recover.

Miss Allie Glover has been sick for several days.

Mrs. Jack Heard left for Oklahoma last week.

Fred Deutchman and Grover Seaton made a business trip to Hamlin Friday and Saturday.

The new gin is in operation and we don't have to carry our cotton so far to get it ginned.

Jim Cook was a caller at Mr. Davis' resident Sunday evening.

Will ring off this week as news is not much. So wait until I come again.
Happy Jack.

Shiloh Clippings.

Sept. 22.—People are still picking cotton out here and hands are scarce but quite a lot is being gathered.

There was church at Shiloh Sunday night.

Mrs. C. A. Hill has a sick child.

Dr. W. H. Kincaid and Lower Earnest Brooks of Anson were down Sunday in their auto.

There was a party at Mr. Williams Saturday night.

Mr. Barm of Clay county came in and has bought out the crop of Henry Vines. He will move in soon to make his future home with us having bought the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dyess visited relatives and friends at Anson Saturday and Sunday.

Shiloh will soon have no girls left if the boys don't quit taking them from us. Again we are called upon to announce the wedding of Miss Mary Green to Mr. Bob Boon of Decater. They left soon after the wedding for

their future home. We wish for them much happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Rutledge have gone to Oklahoma to gather Mr. Rutledge's crop.

News is scarce this week as Happy has been too busy to catch much. Will ring off. All come again.
Happy Hoolagan.

Castle Peak News.

Sept. 25.—The people are all busy picking cotton.

Brother Sibley will preach at Castle Peak Sunday.

There was a reunion of the Boden family at Walter Boden's Sunday. Those present report a nice time and plenty to eat as they spread dinner under the trees in the yard and had a picnic dinner.

Mrs. Liddie Davis is sick this week.

Mr. McGehee and W. P. Moore were at Merkel Saturday.

George Moore and family were in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballum are the proud parents of a fine baby girl.

Mr. James has moved to the Mt. Pleasant community to pick cotton.

Master Adran and Murray Farmer of White Church were visiting in our neighborhood Sunday.

Misses Ethel Noel and Pearl Baccus and Will Singleton visited Miss Estell Moore Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. N. P. Moore and daughter, Estell, attended preaching at Rock Crossing Sunday.

Mrs. M. E. Baccus is at home from White Church where she has been for the last three weeks picking cotton.

Miss Ehtel Noel of White Church spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Pearl Baccus.

There will be several from community attend the show Abilene Saturday.

Master Eddie Davis visited Ray and Carl Baccus Sunday.

Mr. Barnes has moved back home from Merkel and is picking his cotton.

Well I will ring off.

Stranger.

Salt Branch News.

Sept. 26—Rev. Archer of Abilene filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ocie Teaff was visiting Misses Alma and Cora Hays Sunday afternoon.

Miss Oma Taylor was the charming guest of Misses Gardie and Lula Higgins Sunday.

Houston Robertson took dinner with Ollie Higgins Sunday.

Miss Ollie Rogers was visiting Miss Ona May McMurray Sunday.

Misses Constance and Hattie Harris of Stith attended church here Sunday morning.

Miss Oma Taylor spent Saturday night with Miss Alma Hays.

Mrs. Hattie Hardy has been on the puny list the past few days.

Mrs. Porter Petty was visiting Mrs. Hardy Monday.

Miss Lydia Beavers called on Mrs. Hattie Hardy Saturday morning.

Bro. Archer was visiting R. Allen, J. W. Teaff and O during Friday and Saturday.

Cartha Lyles and wife visiting at Ellis Pettys Sunday night with Paul McRay.

Little J. D. Rainer spent Saturday night with Paul McRay.

Best wishes to the M. A. Blue-eyed Girl