

## FARM BUREAU WILL SUCCEED

In a recent address at Canton, Texas, Mr. Clarence Ousley said: "Present financial conditions not going to be any better if we sell one crop for more than it cost us and pay our debts—then sell another crop for more than it cost us to produce it, so that we shall have a little surplus money. The bankers and merchants cannot change present conditions; the Government cannot change them. The farmers, and they alone, can improve the present financial emergency. Again, no farmer can bring about the change working alone, but it is through co-operation, through co-operative marketing of the cotton crop, that there is hope of better times. The only way to pay for the war is to replace the destruction which the war imposed. Work and save."

Addressing a meeting of farmers in San Antonio a few days later, Mr. Walton Peteet, manager of the cotton marketing division of the Texas Farm Bureau sounded the same note, when he said:

"The reason for the unrest and instability of business which prevails all over the country is because agriculture is upset and if the farmers could get their business upon a stable basis tomorrow, the rest of the business of the country would be come normal and stable in forty eight hours. The modern farmer won't make crops like his grandfather did, but he insists on selling them like his grandfather did. He uses new, up-to-date methods of producing his crops, and then hauls them to town and asks somebody, 'What will you give me for 'em?' All commodities sold now are made and sold by group action. Experts are employed in all lines of making, keeping books, advertising and selling everything that you buy, except agricultural products, and because agriculture is the only business of individual effort there is. That is why farming is done at a woeful loss. The reason for this is not that the world has a grievance against the farmer, but that the farmers are working against the law that is governing the business world, that of co-operation."

And Mr. Aaron Sapiro, co-operative marketing expert, of California, told the farmers at the same meeting: "If you cooperate and operate as other individuals do, you will better your standard of living and introduce a new rural civilization in the South."

These utterances are significant, because hardly a day passes now in Texas that similar expressions are not heard in some section of the state. Every day comes news of a meeting in some new country and of the organization of a local farm bureau. These gentlemen, it happens, were all speaking to cotton farmers. But the same is true of other crops. In the wheat sections of the State the farmers are organizing for the co-operative marketing of wheat. That is the basis idea of the movement. The marketing machinery is being organized according to the commodity.

It is because what these gentlemen say about the dependence of the prosperity of the rest of the State and of the country on the prosperity of the farmer is absolutely true that all of us should watch this movement with sympathetic interest. The bankers of the State realize this, and at its meeting at San Antonio the Texas Bankers' Association organized a committee to study the purpose of the Texas Farm Bureau for the purpose of a feasible plan

of financing a marketing program. It is to be hoped that a uniform and practical plan of financing will be worked out, and that it will be adhered to by bankers and farmers alike all over the state. For co-operation must extend at least to include the bankers, and both the bankers and the farmers must patiently endeavor to find a common basis for co-operation in this matter.

There is great promise in this movement if it will profit by the mistakes of the past. It is because so many movements of similar purport have failed in the past that many are skeptical. But both in tone and in the character of the leaders who are directing it, the Farm Bureau movement undoubtedly is superior to anything that has ever been started to deal with the problems of agriculture. If it will build on a firm foundation, build patiently and not seek to perform miracles or be discouraged by too little success at first; if it will keep away from Utopian schemes and not go into politics; if, in short, it will shun the mistakes of the past we may expect much good from this movement in time. There is every reason to believe that such will be the course of this movement, and in consequence it should receive the sympathetic encouragement of every man who is genuinely interested in the prosperity and progress of the state.—Star-Telegram.

## STITH CITIZEN HAS MOVED TO ABILENE

Mr. A. M. Wimberly was a pleasant caller at this office yesterday to ask us to change the address of his paper to Abilene, stating that he had exchanged his splendid farm home near Stith with Mr. J. I. Ford for the latter's handsome home in Abilene.

For twenty-five years Mr. Wimberly has resided in the Stith community and has many friends who regret that he and his good wife are leaving that community. Mr. Ford, who has already moved to the Wimberly place, is a former county commissioner of Taylor county from the Abilene precinct; is a very fine man and while we regret to lose Mr. Wimberly, we welcome Mr. Ford among us.

## THOMPSON ASSISTING IN EDUCATIONAL DRIVE

The writer had the pleasure on last Sunday morning of accompanying Mr. L. R. Thompson, of this city, to the little city of Tuscola, some twenty miles south of Abilene, where the latter, who is a member of the Board of Trustees for the new Methodist College soon to be erected at Abilene, delivered a splendid address at the Methodist church on the subject of "Christian Education." A large audience was present to hear Mr. Thompson, and they were in no way disappointed in the able and convincing talk he delivered.

After the service at Tuscola, we drove back to Abilene, and Mr. Thompson drove to Baird, where at eight o'clock he made a similar talk. Mr. Thompson is spending most of the week assisting in the drive by the Methodist people for more and better Christian Education. He will speak at Moran next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and at Albany in the evening. He makes an address today (Thursday) at the picnic at Nubia.

F. H. Latham left first of the week for a business trip to Houston.

## CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE MERKEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### "HAPPINESS" SENIOR PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday night, May 20th, at 8:30 o'clock, the Senior class of the Merkel High School will give their play at the High School Auditorium. The play is an excellent, up-to-date four-act play entitled "Happiness." Under the direction of Miss Tracy, expression teacher, the play has been put into good shape, and a good

amateur play is assured. The seniors are donating the entire proceeds of this play to the school library to purchase library and reference books that are so badly needed. Therefore an admission charge will be made. The admission to all the school children will be 40 cents, and to all others 60 cents. Come see a good play, and also help a worthy cause. The cast of characters and a synopsis follows:

## "HAPPINESS"

A 4-Act Play by The Senior Class

### HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Friday, May 20th, 8:30 P. M.

#### CHARACTERS

Philip Chandos, a disgruntled Widower... Roy Largent  
 Fermoy McDonah, Happy Irishman... Bill Stevens  
 John Scowcroft, father of Mrs. Pole... Sewell Harvell  
 Waiter... Wade Darsey  
 A boy... Sterling Sheppard  
 Mrs. Chrystal Pole, eventually finds happiness...  
 Hazel Harkrider  
 Miss Perkins, purposeless devotee of fashion...  
 Evelyn Hamm  
 Mrs. Wreay, mother of Jenny... Mae Beidleman  
 A girl... Artie Lee Agnew  
 An Assistant... Lucille Russell  
 An applicant... Iva Landreth  
 Jenny, ambitious shop girl... Loyce Dry

#### SYNOPSIS

Act I: "Looking Forward." The action takes place in Mrs. Pole's apartment in New York.  
 Act II: "The Cry of Youth." Scene again Mrs. Pole's apartment. Mrs. Wreay has arrived from Brooklyn.  
 Act III: "Pressing On." Scene in Mrs. Wreay's lodging in Brooklyn. Eighteen months later.  
 Act IV: "Happiness." Scene at Madame Epanard's. After many years.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1921; 8:30 P. M. BAPTIST CHURCH

Invocation... Rev. Fred S. Rogers  
 Salutatory... Oma Jordan  
 Chorus... Seventh Grade  
 Piano Solo... Hazel Lee Rainbolt  
 Reading... Ray Garrett  
 Piano Solo... Evelyn Curb  
 Valedictory... Opal Patterson  
 Piano Solo... Melba West  
 Address... L. R. Thompson  
 Diplomas  
 Farewell Chorus... Seventh Grade

### COMMENCEMENT SERMON SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1921 BAPTIST CHURCH 8:30 P. M.

1. Processional Hymn.  
 2. Invocation... Rev. W.M. Murrell  
 3. Chorus  
 4. Announcements.  
 5. Offertory.  
 6. Duette... Christene Collins and Mrs. L. B. Howard  
 7. Sermon... Rev. E. E. Robinson  
 8. Hymn  
 9. Benediction... Rev. Ira L. Parrack

### COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM MONDAY, MAY 23, 1921 BAPTIST CHURCH 8:30 P. M.

1. Processional... Orchestra  
 2. Chorus... "Hour of Memory" Senior Class  
 3. Selection... Orchestra  
 4. Address... Pres. J. P. Sewell of Abilene Christian College  
 5. Presentation of Diplomas  
 6. Awarding of Certificates and Scholarships  
 7. Chorus... "Farewell" for Class

## FAREWELL PARTY FOR MRS. WALTER JACKSON

On Friday afternoon, May 13, a farewell party was given in honor of Mrs. Walter Jackson. The party had previously been arranged to be given at the home of Mrs. W. O. Boney, but on account of sickness Mrs. J. S. Swann's lovely home in Bettis Heights was thrown open to the many friends of Mrs. Jackson. The spacious living room and dining room were decorated in a color scheme of pink and white.

After the many guests had assembled an interesting program was rendered. Then Mrs. Warren told, in her own way, the meaning of the occasion. After this little talk three girls which had stood quietly behind Mrs. Jackson's chair showered her with a number of beautiful gifts in appreciation of her loyal and untiring service.

Mrs. Jackson, who was appropriately gowned in a beautiful brown, told in her effective way how she appreciated the tokens and said that a bride could not have been showered with a more lovely selection of gifts.

After this the guests were served with a lovely course of cream and cake, the color scheme being carried out in the refreshments and with sweet peas as plate favors. Those serving were Grace Cook, Girlie Howard, Nell Swann and Mary Cleo Booth.

## MANY ATTEND FIRST SERMON CHURCH

The beautiful and handsome new Baptist church was opened for occupancy by the pastor and congregation of that organization for the first service on last Sunday morning, when all the regular services were conducted there. It was likely that the largest number of people ever attending Sunday School on a previous day, were present on this day; numbering more than four-hundred, with a much larger attendance for church, and at the evening hour, some of the other churches with held their services, in honor of the opening of this splendid edifice, and the result was that the present seating capacity of the church was taxed to the utmost. In fact, there were many came who could not even gain entrance.

This church when entirely completed will be one of the finest and best arranged church buildings in this part of the country, and all Merkl rejoices with Pastor Ira L. Parrack, those members who have taken the lead, worked hard and faithful to make possible this most beautiful place of worship, which stands as an ornament to our city and monument to the splendid citizenship of Merkl.

### THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. H. F. Groene and Mrs. R. O. Anderson entertained the members of the Thursday Club Friday afternoon May 13, with a theatre party at the Cozy. After enjoying a very interesting and appreciated picture program, guests were conducted to Merkl Drug Co. where they were served with delicious cake and cream. Members present were: Mesdames F. Y. Gaither, Ross Ferrier, L. A. Arrington, Lytton Howard, Chas. Jones, W. J. Largent, Tom Largent, Earl Lassiter, S. D. Gamble, G. L. Miller, F. C. McFarland, James West, Mims, W. and Will Brown. Visiting guests for the afternoon were Mrs. Buford, Mrs. DeWolfe of Chicago, Mrs. Oly Shaffer of El Paso, Miss Geneva Rust of Dallas.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE HERE

Concerning the coming meeting of the Northwest Texas Epworth League Conference, which is to be held in Merkl June 16 to 19 inclusive, we notice the following among the church notes in the Snyder Signal, which is an indication of how the Leaguers and church people elsewhere are planning to make the occasion a grand success. And we want to say that we are sure this is to be the largest meeting of it's kind ever held in Merkl, and that the local Epworth Leaguers and the members of the Methodist church will be ready to receive the delegates to this conference with open arms and a royal welcome. Yes, all Merkl, will help to make the occasion a success.

Northwest Texas Epworth League Conference, Fifth annual session. Four days of inspiration, education, and recreation. Be there!

Why attend? Because we need you and because you need the inspiration, training and recreation. And because you will find there the very best type of our young people.

Who should attend? At least one delegate from every Chapter. Every Chapter Officer, every conference officer, every district secretary, every pastor and presiding elder. Every young person who wants a closer walk with Jesus Christ.

### BAPTIST NOTICE

All the classes in Sunday School will assemble at the new building at 10 a.m. Through the kindness of our Brethren in the Christian church we will have the use of the seats out of their building until we can get permanent seats. Our attendance in Sunday School Sunday was 412. That shows what we can do when we try. Lets make a new record again Sunday.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. Following the preaching service the Lords Supper will be observed. It is earnestly hoped that a full attendance of the members of the church will be present at this service. The younger members are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to help to "Show forth His Death." Those who followed the Lord in baptism last Lord's Day should participate in this the only other ordinance of the church.

B.Y.P.U. at 5 p.m. No training class Monday on account of Graduation exercises.

Ladies Meeting Tuesday 2:30 Prayermeeting Wednesday 8:00. Let all the membership feel that each of us should subscribe to the budget adopted by the church.

A cordial welcome extended to all friends who will come and worship with us. Ira L. Parrack

### CONFECTIONARY MOVED

W. H. Reese who for more than a year has conducted the Gem Confectionary, located next door to the Gem Theatre, has this week moved same to the building next door west from Ed Turner's Cafe, on Front Street, where he has a nicely fitted up place of business.

He proposes to continue to render first class service to his patrons, inviting them to call on him in his new location.

Dr. O. J. Shaffer, of El Paso, was here first of the week for a visit with his wife, who is here on an extended visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rister. Dr. Shaffer returned to El Paso Wednesday.

# The State of Texas

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 W. L. DILTZ, Jr. .... Assistant Cashier

We are always glad to welcome visitors and strangers at all our services. Sunday May 22 Sunday School 10 a.m. Watch for the new goal we are going to set for our years work. Preaching service 11 a.m.

We will organize an intermediate C. E. Society Sunday at 6:30 p.m. All boys and girls 12 years of age and above come. You have a special invitation. Womans Society meets Monday 3:30 at the church. Prayer-meeting Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. Fred S. Rogers.

It is my pleasure and desire to give you the very best in laundry work, Cleaning and pressing, Hat work and Dye work. Satisfaction guaranteed Phone 218. Ligon the laundryman.

W. E. Stegall, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, is here this week to look over his oil lease interests. He is also a stockholder in the C. H. Oil and Development Co., and states that he feels good over the future for this test, and which is getting down close to "where the oil should be."

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Mrs. Walter Jackson returned last week from a visit to Mr. Jackson, at Fort Worth.

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1. Scriptu... :1-10 Ruth Newberry a... Mae Boaz.
2. Introdue... eader Lula B. Sharp.
3. Belief on... e Lord Jesus Christ Gyrlie Howard.
4. Love of other Christians is another evidence that we are children of God. Mrs. N. Hancock.
5. Vocal solo Miss Christene Collins.
6. Still another evidence of the fact that we are children of God is our likeness to Jesus Christ Nell Swann.
7. The Holy Spirit helps us to know that we are children of God, Willie Swann.
8. Reading Miss Pauline Virginia Blanche Durham.
9. The Promises of God, Bro. Parrack.
10. Conclusion B. Y. P. U. Song.

W. M. Elliott, of the Bob Martin Grocery Company, is one of the juror's in the noted Rowan case, now being tried at Abilene. He will make a good one; giving both the state and defense justice as he sees it.

Miss Pauline Johnson returned first of the week from a visit with friends and relatives at Fort Worth, Wichita Falls and Stamford.

Miss Mamie Ellis who has just completed teaching a very successful term of school in Callahan county, returned first of the week. Her school closed with a splendid entertainment and picnic on the last day. Her parents attended the latter.



### Condensed Statement at Close of Business April 28

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$271,661.22
U. S. Securities	11,222.57
Other Bonds and Warrants	14,894.93
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	700.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Other Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	221,351.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$529,593.03</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	11,508.10
Circulation Acct.	5,650.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
OTHER LIABILITIES	NONE
DEPOSITS	447,434.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$529,593.03</b>

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#### AGAINST LAW TO RIDE FREIGHT TRAINS

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It's dangerous boys, and besides your parents are liable to have to pay a heavy fine for you or let you spend a time in the county jail, so take our advice and stay off the trains.

Why bother with wash day troubles. You will be pleased with our Quality Service and the charge. Phone 218. Ligon the laundryman.

#### BABY BOY PASSES AWAY

We regret to chronicle the death of little Joseph Tyree the one year and five days old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Compton, which occurred at the family residence Monday of this week, from pneumonia.

The remains were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery Tuesday afternoon; Rev. Fred S. Rogers conducting the funeral services. We join the many friends of the bereaved in extending deepest sympathy during their sad hour.

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#### ROSCOE DEFEATS MERKEL

The local base ball club went over to Roscoe Tuesday where the team of that city defeated our boys in a very close game; the score being two and one.

The Roscoe team is to meet the local players here for another round today. (Thursday) and we hope to give a full and complete account of the game by innings.

White and grey shorts. Also bran. Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

Misses Maurine Cobb and Ruby Hamm, who have been attending a business college in Dallas, returned home Tuesday, much to the delight of their many friends here.

Peace Maker Flour, at G. M. Sharp's

#### METHODIST NOTICE

Sunday School promptly at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a.m. by the pastor. No service at the evening hour on account of Commencement Sermon by Dr. Robinson at Baptist church. W. M. Murrell, pastor.

White and grey shorts. Also bran. Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

Misses Mary Campbell and Bess Tucker who have been teaching the Compere school have returned home after closing their school with a concert and picnic.

Marechal Neil Flour at Bob Martin's. None better. tf

Mrs. W. E. Weed has as her guest her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. H. Perry of Abilene.

Homer Rainbolt Howell Britian Eugene A. Hargrove

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Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Warren are here from Knox City for a visit with Mrs. Warren's mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams.

If you enjoy a good clean ball game occasionally, get in behind the Merkel team and give the boys the support they are entitled to.

J. H. McDonald was up first of the week from Ivan, for a visit to his family and to incidentally shake hands with his many friends.

D. C. Click, of North Carolina arrived last week for a visit with his brother E. A. Click and sister, Mrs. E. H. Cordell.

## GOODYEAR TIRES REDUCED

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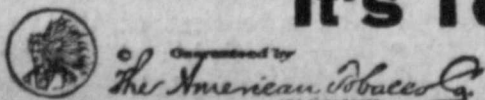
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### THURSDAY CLUB NOTES

One of the most enjoyable meetings of the season was held at the home of Mrs. James West with Mrs. Will Brown as assistant hostess. The rooms were beautifully decorated with roses and cape jasmine blossoms.

Four tables were arranged for progressive "42" and several lively games were played. A very unique contest followed in which Mrs. Frank McFarland proved to be the most efficient and she was presented a cut glass bud vase.

Each guest was asked to give two descriptive adjectives and later Mrs. Will Brown read a description of the guests using the adjectives given to her, this caused much merriment for there were many misfits.

At a late hour delicious refreshments were served. Those enjoying this pleasant afternoon were: visitors: Mesdames Geo. F. West, Claude Sears, O. J. Shaffer and Ernest Mimms, and Misses Zoe West and Susie Penn Club Members: Mesdames Gaiter, Scott, Arrington, Weaver, Tom Largent, Jones, Henry West, W. J. Largent, Grimes, Howard McFarland, Miller, Hick Ferrier, Thompson, Brown and the hostess.

### WILL TALK TO EPWORTH LEAGUERS

On next Sunday at the regular hour, Rev. Elmer Landreth who is visiting here from King county, will talk to the Epworth Leaguers of the Merkel Methodist church. Every Leaguer is urged to be present and a cordial invitation is extended to others who wish to attend.

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worth a durn in time of peace or  
war either. All this-strike busi-  
ness, union labor troubles, the  
despotism of the closed shop, the  
battle between capitol and labor,  
it's of alien birth, and just trans-  
planted over here. So folks, let's  
travel along down the road and  
be pleasant and smile, as it will  
be better further on.—Albany  
News.

### BLAIR NEWS

We are very sorry to say that Henry Brooks is still very this writing.

Sunday School is progressing cely at Blair now. Every body ome at ten o'clock promptly.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears spent Sunday with their daugh-er in Merkel.

Mrs. Druce Tucker is very ill his time.

Mr. Harvey Rose of Merkel is ending the week with Mr. and rs. T. H. Spears and family.

The farmers of Blair commu-planting Mr. John and Leo Brooks Crop Tuesday and are going to plant Mr. Brooks crop when it rains.

Blair community had a nice ower of rain Saturday night.

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This week will end the Merkel Public schools for the 1920-21 term. From the results, one would judge same to have been among the best and most successful ever taught in our city. Of course there may be those who feel different, but we doubt if there ever was a term of school conducted just to fit the ideas of all the patrons. And where one has a grievance it is that person's duty to take their troubles up with the proper authorities, where in most cases such things are righted to the best interest of the school and all concerned.

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that parties who are in a habit of staking out stock to graze, who tie them where they will be able to cross the streets, walks etc. thereby endangering the safety of the traveling public, will be prosecuted according to the City laws governing same. Respectfully, T. M. Pribble.

**"WHO RECEIVES IT?"**

A New York financial publication in a discussion of freight rates and prices tells of shipments of garden truck sent from Florida, California and Texas to the Chicago market.

A Texas producer of cabbage was paid \$7 per ton. Cost of transportation to Chicago was \$26.30 a ton; total amount received by the Texas producer and the railroad for hauling the ton of cabbage was \$33, or at the rate of 1.67 cents per pound. On the same day cabbage retailed in Chicago for 7 cents per pound, equivalent to \$140 per ton, or \$106.70 per ton more than the producer and carrier received for their service.

On the same date also a Texas producer of onions received \$42 per ton for white onions. The freight bill to Chicago was \$29.64 per ton, making the total amount received by producer and railroad \$71.64 a ton or 3.58 cts. per pound. At this time white onions retailed in Chicago at 10 cents per pound or \$200 a ton.

Another instance cited is that of a grower of spinach in Texas who was paid \$5 per ton. The cost of transportation to Chicago was \$30.36 per ton, making a total of \$35.36 per ton or 1.77 cents per pound which the grower and carrier combined received. At the same time the retail price of spinach in Chicago was 15 cts. a pound, making \$300 a ton, \$226.26 per ton more than producer and railroad received.

This is an indicated profit, less local hauling charges, of more than 700 per cent and the Chicago Railway Age, responsible for all the figures, made this inquiry. "Who receives it?"—Fort Worth Record.

**MULBERRY LEAVES**

The barbecue at Stith last Friday was well attended, as barbecues usually are. One lady complained "Just look how many people. Now if our meeting

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had started today very few would have come out before Sunday." To which some one else replied "Start your meeting with a big dinner on the ground and see if you don't get a crowd"

The occasion for this getting together was in the interest of a movement to consolidate several school districts, and have one good, well equipped school that would teach up through the high school courses. Mr. J. P. Sewell, President of the Christian College of Abilene, made an interesting speech in favor of the movement that made the proverbial "little red school house" seem very inefficient in meeting modern educational demands. The districts by consolidating would include a sufficient number of people to accomplish any thing if they all pull together, or rather in getting the majority of them to pull at all.

The singing at Mr. Redding Sunday night was enjoyed by a number of our people.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas of Merkel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh.  
 The Mulberry school will close

with a program Friday night. All are invited to attend.  
 The people of this community are back on that old familiar line of conversation that we have followed so often before. "Do you think it will rain?" We notice the direction of the wind, the changes of the moon, the slant of the new moon, a ring around the sun, the number of stars, the color of the sky, and stare at every cloud that comes in sight until it bashfully disappears before getting down to business.  
 If there are few "leaves" from the Mulberry this week, the editor must consider the fact that we are having a "dry spell" and are not very lively just now.

Franklin on War.  
 Mad wars destroy in one year the works of many years of peace.—Franklin.

VISITS DAUGHTERS IN NOLAN COUNTY TEXAS  
 Merkel, Texas 5/14/21  
 Editor Mail:—  
 My wife and I have just re-

turned from a weeks' visit to our daughters, Mrs. Hettie Howell and Mrs. Marga Martin at Nolan Nolan County, where we ran, unexpectedly into a community rabbit drive. The ladies assembled at a splendid farm house owned by Mr. Ocie Oliver where a long table had been prepared by Mrs. Oliver and when the noon hour arrived the men with their guns, also arrived and just such a feast I have seldom seen the equal of and never saw one to surpass it. At 4:30 p.m. we reassembled and did our best to relieve the growing table, but failed sadly, after which we made another drive and totaled 619 scalps for the day, but the best part of it was the social feature. Among many of my old neighbors, from whom I had been separated for ten years, the good will, the warm hand shakes, one with another, the good feelings one to the other that existed, was truly an inspiration that I and others, scarcely, if ever, will fail to really enjoy. I sure was glad that I was alive and among the splendid host. Truly yours,  
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"I had no account for work. I had a bucket of water and would not lift it, and I would have to set it down and pick it up like I could lift it to the shelf. In addition, of course, to do even a simple task was almost impossible to accomplish.

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W. M. Peden, proprietor of the Dry Goods Store, arrived in Abilene last week from Kansas, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Ed Heeter. They have secured a handsome bungalow in the southwest part of the city recently built by Tom and Jinks Winter.

Abilene, Texas. None better.

Mrs. Ed Heeter, who with Mr. Heeter, for the past two months have been residing near Cleveland, Ohio, returned here Wednesday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Woodrum and other relatives and friends.

Miss Jewel Garrett, of Dallas, is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. W. T. Garrett.

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## KEEP THE PROFITS AT HOME

Producers of raw materials are being forced to recognize the plain business truth that it is the finished product that pays the profit. The Southwest has for years shipped its raw material to other sections of the country and brought it back in the form of finished products, paying freight both ways and paying the labor and profits accruing to various middlemen. During the early years in the history of the Southwest the only source of revenue was in the production of such raw material as could be transported to the factories in the more thickly settled parts of the country.

The passing of time has changed these conditions ten per cent of the population of this country now resides in the Southwest. We have good roads, railroads and steamship service. We produce nearly one-half of the American cotton crop besides much other raw material. Our farms and our ranges feed hundreds of thousands of cattle, sheep, goats and hogs. We have the oil, the gas, coal, lignite, cement material, sands and various other materials. The Southwest is rich in material resources. We need to develop them more advantageously.

It has been suggested that cooperative cotton mills be organized with producers either in control or as stockholders. Every safe, legitimate proposition of that character should be encouraged. There is a wide field not only for farmer owned cotton mills, but for corporate owned mills. Woolen and knitting mills would not be out of place in the Southwest or a large number of small tanning factories in sections where hides are abundant and other material handy. Let the Southwest utilize its raw material in sufficient quantities to provide its own demands. Why pay our good money to others when we

can keep it at home?—Farm and Ranch.

## BIG TRADES DAY AND RODEO AT TRENT 21st.

There is to be a big Trades day and Rodeo at Trent, on Saturday May 21, as well as Merchants Trade day. The merchants are behind the move and have arranged with Malone Bros to secure some wild Brahma steers as well as some bad, wild horses for the occasion.

The day is expected to be a live one for all who care for such sport. A big time is assured all who attend.

Mrs. W. M. Murrell returned first of the week from her trip to her old home in Tennessee. Her friends are glad to have her among them again.

## PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary met at the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon.

The meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Geo. West. A very interesting talk was given by Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Bland on Latin America, and a new day for Chili.

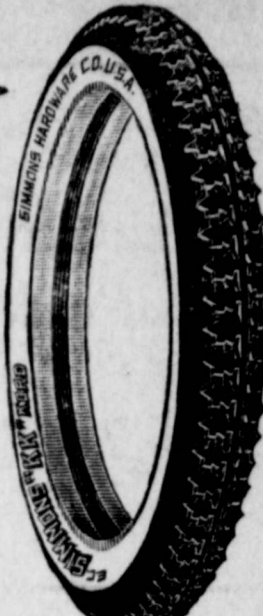
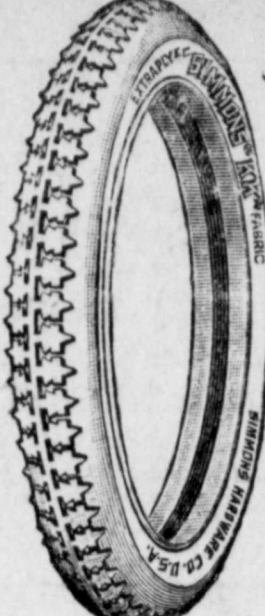
Program for May 23rd, 3:30 promptly. Opening hymn No. 45. Devotional led by Mrs. Rogers. Bible study Mrs. Geo. West. Problem of foreign language in Southwest, Mrs. C. H. Jones. Girlhood of new Mexico, Mrs. W. M. Elliott. Varried activities of Menval College, Mrs. Jas West. Editorial discussion. Closing Hymn No. 203.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. Emory McDonald, are spending the week at Glenrose, Texas, where they are recuperating and enjoying the pleasures of that splendid health resort.

## THE PRODUCER DID NOT GET IT

The Kansas City Packer takes issue with the Railway and charges that publication with libel against wholesale dealers in fruits and vegetables when it published an article in which figures were given showing the amounts Texas producers received for onions and cabbage in comparison with the price consumers paid in Chicago. The Railway Age did not make a positive statement as to who got the money, but intimated that the wholesale merchant got the greater part of the difference between the \$7 received by the producer and the \$140 per ton paid by the consumer in Chicago. The packer quotes prices and shows a loss to a wholesale merchant on the date named.

In last week's issue, Farm and Ranch, quoting the Railway Age commented upon the excessive



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## CAPITALIZING FARM CHILDREN

One of the most popular subjects for editorial discussion in city papers and even in farm journals is: "How to keep the boy and girl on the farm."

If there is any special reason for keeping the boys and girls on the farm, there are several ways of going about it that a large number of our farmers have apparently never thought of. Some who are able might try interesting their boys and girls, and more especially the boys, in developing the best farm and business methods by giving them an active and interesting interest in the farm as soon as they are old enough to do chores after school hours, and make good with them when it comes time to market their products. A good brood with a small acreage for feed-stuffs, to be cultivated by the boy, he to pay for the brood at a specified time, has been beginning of making a good farmer out of many a boy, keeping him on the home place, or

near by, at a time in the life of the parents when he is most needed. An interest in the poultry flock and pleasant home surroundings will do much towards keeping the girl at home until she is ready to take her place in the world as a wife and mother. There are farmers in the Southwest, and perhaps in all other sections of our country, who are sitting snugly on farms of 500 acres or more, bemoaning the fact that their boys have left them in their declining years and are occupied in the city or renting farms in distant parts, while they must till their fertile acres with tenants. How much better it would be for farmers of this class to say to John, Jim and Will, "You have helped earn this, Jim, here is your 100 acres over here, and John and Will, over there are nice homes and settle down. There is no use for you to wait until I die to enjoy a home of your own. There is enough left for your Dad and Ma." What a happy and contented community of home folks and home owners.

Too many farmers, unconsciously of course, judge the value of their children much as they do a work animal. Many set the same kind of a measure against their wives. They go to the fields early in their tender lives and develop an inborn hatred for farm life. Landlords are so well acquainted with this tendency that about the first thing they ask a prospective renter is: "How many children have you?" And the more the tenant has the quicker the landlord will rent the farm to him. Capitalizing children on the farm is one of the crimes of the age and one of the chief causes for the movement cityward. Not that the boys and girls should not assist in the work on the farm and in the home, but that they should be given at least a fighting chance to receive a common school education and indulge in a small way in childish pleasures.—Farm and Ranch.

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Personal service period. Pray ye Mrs. Booth. Prayer and the present crisis Mrs. Campbell. Answered prayer Mrs. Swann. Unanswered prayer Mrs. Pilcher. The family Bethel Mrs. Elliott. Prayer in the missionary meeting Mrs. Cook. Thoughts on prayer Mrs. Warren. Unlocking the door with the key of prayer. Miss Ola Sharp.

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Miss Pearl Rains of Merkel is visiting relatives at Van Horn for a few days.

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## TRENT NEWS

Mr. Claude Rosson returned home from Abilene Wednesday morning where he has been working.

Mr. Royce Dowdy was in Anson Monday and Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Murdock spent Monday and Tuesday in Cisco and Eastland.

Mr. Dee Donnell of Colorado Texas, was in the city Tuesday visiting old time friends.

Messrs James Bright, C. L. Beckham and Dave Slopes attended the Rowan trial at Abilene Monday.

In a fast game of ball here Monday, Bradshaw defeated the locals to the tune of 17 to 11.

Jack Boone was in Roscoe Tuesday on business.

Messrs T. L. Hamner and Cal Edwards were in Abilene visiting relatives Tuesday.

Rev. Alfred Dooley preached at Newman Sunday.

## J. A. Harris

Roby, May 17.—J. A. Harris who came to Fisher in the early days, and was the oldest citizens of the west of Roby Sunday evening 7 o'clock. He leaves and five children, three of which are married, to mourn his passing. The above was a brother of our fellow citizen, Mr. J. L. Harris, and we join his friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

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