

## OLD SETTLERS PICNIC BE EXCLUSIVE

The Reporter has received the following announcement:

In answer to a call made by president C. M. Hunt of Bradshaw and Secretary Fred Jones of Tuscola, a few members of the various committee met at Buffalo Gap Tuesday afternoon to transact such business as might be necessary to make the third reunion of pioneers of Taylor county a success, and I was authorized to make a brief report for your today's issue of the Reporter.

The first matter of importance discussed was the time limit to become a member of the Old Settler's Association. At the meeting last year, and while the committee in constitution and by laws changed this so as to read "a citizen of the county since 1800", this will not go into effect until it is adopted at the meeting next Saturday. So the 20-year limit is still in force and all who have been citizens of the county for 20 years and wish to belong to the association can do so now and at two p. m. next Saturday, and they are invited to come early next Saturday and bring their families.

### Strictly for Pioneers

I was urged to emphasize the fact that the meeting next Saturday is strictly for members of the organization, their families, and those who wish to join on or before that date. There may be many Taylor countians who do not understand why and may criticize us for this "close communion" meeting, but last year's free-for-all meeting taught them a lesson. There were seven beaves, two sheep, and one goat barbecued, besides hundreds of fried chicken, cakes pies etc, yet scores of our members who had worked hard to entertain their visitors returned to their homes hungry. I will not explain why.

H. B. Cook, ex-sherriff of Taylor county, was appointed as marshal of the day with power to select as many deputies as he thought necessary.

A motion by John L. Graham that all newspaper men in the county, if not eligible for membership, be invited to spend and enjoy the day with us, carried. The publishers of the Abilene Reporter also were especially invited to be present and enjoy the day.—S. L. NEELY. —In Abilene Reporter.

## PREDICTS GOOD CROP YIELD HERE

Mr. D. O. Huddleston, who not only owns many fine farms in the Merkel country, but who studies very carefully crop conditions, stated to the writer that at present the crop outlook in this vicinity is as good as he has ever seen and that while in his opinion better crops will be made here this year, even though we do not get but little or no rain, a good general rain would produce the largest and best crop the country has ever witnessed.

J. L. Banner came in Friday from Rotan where he had been visiting relatives and attending the big barbecue. He recently visited his father at Comanche.

Johnny Ray, the leading merchant of Blair, was in the city Monday looking after business affairs.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE WISHES TO THANK PEOPLE

The members of the Epworth League wishes to thank the people who so graciously patronized the ice cream supper that was given at the church last Friday night. As young people, it encourages us to know that the older ones are willing to help us in any thing we try to do. We made very near \$18, which will be used to carry on the work of the league. We thank you. Publicity Com.

## FAREWELL SOCIAL TO BLAND FAMILY

On last Tuesday evening, on the lawn of the Presbyterian church the membership enjoyed a "Farewell Social" to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland and children, who are this week moving to Abilene.

An interesting and impressive program had been arranged and was carried out to the pleasure and interest of all present.

Mr Bland and family have been faithful and splendid members in the Presbyterian church in this city, and while it is with regret that they are moving to our sister city, Abilene, the church here will continue to hold their interest and help in every way possible.

## SOCIAL MEETING POSTPONED

Notice is hereby given that the social meeting of the Woodmen of the World and Woodmen Circle, set for the 4th Friday night, has been postponed. All interested will please take notice.

## BUILDING NEW MODERN BUNGALOW

A. V. Dye, whose home was burned a short time ago is rebuilding on the lot adjoining the one on which the house was burned. The new building will be a six room, modern bungalow with bath, and will be of stucco type.

Our Batteries are guaranteed twelve months and we allow a fair price for old ones. Merkel Motor Co.

Judge N. D. Cobb and N. A. Dowell returned Sunday morning from Rockwall county, where they had been visiting friends, relatives, and taking in the old Settlers Reunion of that county.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson left for Trent Monday where she will join her husband in making that place their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford left Thursday for Sweetwater to visit friends and to attend the meeting at the church of Christ which is in progress in that city.

Mrs. Kirby Beckett and baby are here for a visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

## M. E. LADIES MISSIONARY PROGRAM

Song  
Prayer  
Scripture lesson, Mrs. Durham.

Song  
My church missionary church, Mrs. M. C. Hays.

What visiting missionaries said, Mrs. Martin.

Poem—I know a Name, A Name, A Name, by Mrs. Grimes

Song  
Closing prayer.

## TAYLOR REVIVAL BEGINS SUNDAY

There will be prayermeeting each evening at the Baptist church leading up to the beginning of the meeting. All praying Christians are invited to help make these prayer meetings count for the most possible.

While the meeting is being held at the Baptist church and while the preacher is a Baptist it is hoped that the meeting will be community wide in its power and influence.

Every body is cordially invited to attend the meeting and help make it a success. We earnestly invite all the singers and all the Christian workers in the town and surrounding communities to come and help us.

Charlie Taylor, a native of England but a preacher in America since he was 9 years old is coming to Merkel to preach the same gospel that he has preached in other places.

He will preach sermons here that have been the means of the surrender of hundreds of men in other places. If Merkel will throw themselves in this meeting there will be results here that will be gratifying.

Come to the prayermeeting and help to get ready for a real revival. We will meet at the church at 8:30 each evening till the meeting begins.

"Charlie" will not be with us until Monday night but we earnestly urge all those who will to come to all the services before then so as to help be ready for his coming.

During the next two weeks, we will have two services daily the morning services in charge of the pastor will meet at 10.

The evening service in charge of Rev. Charlie Taylor will begin at 8:15.

Let all the Lord's hosts come and help fight one great battle for the Lord. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Messrs. C. L. Tucker, Geo. Elliott, J. R. Pee, Jim Toombs, E. L. Wilson, David Shelton, Tye Compton and Will Campbell of Blair composed a party of Odd Fellows to Guion Saturday night to assist in installing officers of the I. O. O. F. lodge at that place. The boys all report a royal time and that the Guion lodge is a live wire. It is given out that out of a membership of 48 that 32 are past grands, and we doubt if there is a lodge with the membership of the Guion lodge in the state that can equal it.

Buy Ford Parts at Ford Headquarters and save money. Merkel Motor Co.

The little baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lassiter, who has been quite sick for some time is improving.

J. D. Beasley shipped one car of cattle to Fort Worth Saturday.

A. R. Booth and family returned yesterday from an extended visit with relatives and a trip to San Antonio, Corpus Christi and other South Texas points.

The following cars of cattle were shipped out from here Tuesday to the Fort Worth Market: Mr. Cook, 2 cars; Collins Bros., 2 cars; C. T. Derrick 2 cars; Jasper McCoy, 2 cars.

Mrs. L. M. Simmons of Eastland and daughter, Juanita, are here visiting the formers father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe.

## FARM BUREAU TO ADVANCE \$75. BALE

An advance of \$75 per bale as the maximum for the 1923 crop shipment of cotton by the members of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association was agreed upon at a meeting of the Executive Committee held in Dallas July 12, according to information just received from the President John T. Orr by the local headquarters of the Association.

"We are going to pay 12c per pound, up to \$75 a bale through the banks upon presentation of bills of lading, on all cotton shipped this year by members of the Cotton Association," said Mr. Orr. "A bale weighing under 500 pounds, will be figured on a basis of 15c per pound. We were unable to make arrangements for more than \$75 per bale, no matter how much it weighs. This is done to protect your Association against light bales. We hope the members will appreciate this as a very liberal advance on unclassified cotton."

"This is another evidence of the success of the cotton cooperative marketing plan and the desire of its directors to give the members every possible help and make the association one of service," said W. B. Wade, president of the Taylor County Farm Bureau in discussing this news Saturday. "The first year the association started with an advance of only \$25 per bale, which amount was increased to \$40 before the season was over; the second year the amount was increased to \$60 per bale and now arrangements have been made to advance \$75 per bale. This amount should enable any man to handle his cotton through the bureau without serious inconvenience, however, in extreme cases where the grower is encumbered with land notes, mortgages or other pressing obligations the association will go even further in its effort to take care of him. Through the loan committee which will be appointed in each county, the member can lay his case before this committee and secure its assistance in working out his problems with the local bankers, merchants or with the Association headquarters. This cotton cooperative marketing association is the farmers own corporation and it is being operated entirely for his benefit and if he will keep in touch with it there need be no friction whatever in his business with the association. The association was never intended to be a hardship on any man and its contract is so flexible and its operation through the local committee in such close contact with the member shippers, that no grower should ever be seriously handicapped in the movement of his crop."

"I believe that the association heretofore has been a wonderful help to every grower who has co-operated with it, but this further evidence should convince every grower that the Association has only one aim and that to benefit the grower and should influence him to immediately line up with the other growers and help make the association an even greater success and benefit to his community and state."

### Campaign Meeting Success

Most encouraging reports are being received from the field forces throughout the county in the membership drive now in full swing in Taylor County. More than 2 hundred new members have been signed up so far during the campaign and every worker reports prospects

## MR. R. L. BLAND AND FAMILY MOVE AWAY

We regret to learn that Mr. R. L. Bland and family are leaving Merkel. They have long been good citizens of this place and will be missed by the entire community. They left for Abilene Thursday, where they will make their future home, Mr. Bland having purchased a nice home over there some time ago. We hope that these people will be coming back often to visit their friends.

## G. J. JONES SUFFERS STROKE PARALYSIS

Mr. G. J. Jones, excellent citizen and local cotton buyer of this city, on last Friday suffered a stroke of facial paralysis, from which he has been in a critical condition since. However, at this writing, it is thought that his condition may be a little better, and we join his host of friends in the hopes that he may continue to improve.

very bright for a big week's work next week, according to Clyde Daniel, in charge of the Taylor county drive. "The progress made the past week has been most encouraging and everything indicates that Taylor County will have a representative membership when our campaign end," said Mr. Daniel. "The drive will be pushed to the limit during the next week and we hope to sign up at least two hundred members before next Saturday night."

### This Is Victory Week

"This will be victory week for Taylor County, and we expect to exceed our goal of One Thousand and Three new members before it shall have ended," continued Mr. Daniel. "During this week we expect every member of the Association in Taylor County to devote at least one day to the work of the membership campaign and secure at least one new member for the association. If this is done we will have more than our quota."

Mr. Daniel said that many of the members had already volunteered their services for one or two days this week and they will be paired with field service men and call on non-member growers throughout the county, leaving no stone unturned to secure a complete sign-up in every community. Invaluable assistance is being rendered by members of the association who shipped their cotton last year and participated in the profits made by co-operative marketing. These men are out telling their friends and neighbours of the practical benefits which they reaped from their membership.

A prominent grower in the county in discussing the work of the association last year said, "Every bale of cotton that I ginned last year, in order to satisfy myself, I drove out on the street and had it priced, and in this way was able to ascertain the price of the cotton that day and what I would have received by direct selling. Then I would take my cotton to the depot platform and put it under bill-of-lading and draw my draft through the bank for the 60% advance, being very particular to put on the back of my ticket the price being offered for that particular bale. In this way I am able to make an absolute comparison and on the 20 bales I shipped last year under the street method of selling I would have averaged 20.80 net, while my final statement shows that I averaged 27.12 net."

## MR. GROENE LOSES OWN FILM BY FIRE

One-third of the motion picture, which was taken here July 4, was destroyed by fire during a private showing at the Palace Theatre Tuesday afternoon. The picture was being shown to a group of West Texas Fair officials, and about one-half of the picture had been shown when it caught fire.

As a result of the fire, the public exhibition of the picture will be delayed a week or ten days it was announced Tuesday afternoon.

The picture was made by H. F. Groene, and depicted scenes during the parade of National Guard troops on the downtown streets, and also scenes during the automobile races. The picture was to have been shown at the Palace Theatre during this week to the public.—Abilene Reporter.

Mr. Groene informs us that he will soon have the film ready for showing again, and that he will present same to the people of Merkel before showing elsewhere.

This is said to be a very interesting picture and all who can should take advantage of seeing same when presented here, which will be announced in this paper at the proper time.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The weather continues to be oppressive, but let it not keep us from the House of God. In this season of the year the church needs the presence of those who can come to this services

Sunday, July 22, Sunday School at 10 o'clock. A puace for all and all in their place is our motto for Sunday morning. Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Morning subject will be "The Present World". We are always glad to welcome visitors and strangers. Fred S. Rogers, pastor.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

The usual services next Sunday. Bible classes assemble at 10 o'clock. The ladies Bible lesson at the church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

## H. H. TOOMBS VISITS HIS FARM IN FISHER

Mr. H. H. Toombs, who besides owning considerable bank stock in one of our splendid local banking institutions, and a number of fine farms in this locality, returned Wednesday from a trip to his farm in Fisher county near Rotan. On his trip to Rotan Mr. Toombs was accompanied by his brothers, John and Will.

Mr. Toombs is very much elated with his holdings in Fisher, finding the crops there looking very fine. On his farm there he has fourteen acres of fine orchard and vineyard; all of which he reports as being well loaded with fruit of the various kind. As a sample of plums grown on same he brought to this office a cluster containing thirty-six very large plums. He has growing in his orchard three varieties of plums, all very large and suitable for canning and preserving.

Mr. Toombs, who usually studies crops and conditions, reports the crops on his farm at this time as being very good.

## Deposit Your Cotton Checks in this Bank

During the fall months is a good time to build your next year's credit structure. Be sure and patronize a bank that has always taken care of the Farmer.

### Ask Our Customers

You insure your Home and your life, why not your deposit?

Only Guaranty Fund Bank in Merkel

## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

John Sears, President  
R. O. Anderson, Cashier

### GOLAN ITEMS

It has been some time since there was any thing from Golan in the Mail, owing to the illness in the writers family.

The grasshoppers have been eating on the crops until the farmers have had to poison them but they have not killed them yet. Guess they will leave enough for seed next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson McCain are the proud parents of a big girl.

Mrs. G. M. Byrom has been on the sick list for the past three weeks.

Miss Letty Duncan returned home from Miles, accompanied by Ernest Thompson.

There was an arrival of a new boy at the home of Herbert Thompson last week. Herbert's lucky on boys.

Mr. and Mrs. West, parents of Mrs. W. T. Jones have been visiting Mrs. Jones. Her father being a Baptist preacher preached Sunday morning, also Sunday night.

Some of the people of this community attended church at Newman Sunday afternoon.

An eight pound girl arrived at the home of Perry Copeland's last week.

It has been reported that some few of the little children of this community have the whooping cough. We hope it is not true.

Mr. W. R. Hudspeth and daughter, Aurda and W. W. Ellerebre have returned from Floydada leaving Edith Hudspeth out there visiting her sister, Mrs Rapp Green.

The Methodist meeting begins Friday night the 20th. All have a cordial invitation to attend. It will last through ten days. Come join us.

Mr. W. M. West is leaving for the plains to rent a place if possible.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. West visited their son, Frank and wife Sunday.

Little ElDora Hill has been on the sick list.—Busy Bee.

### NOTICE CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that bids will be accepted on the wrecking of the old Compere School Building and the construction of a new three room school building on the present site of same, said new building to contain all lumber that is usable salvaged from the old building, contractors who are interested are requested to look the proposition over and submit bids to the county superintendent of Jones county, all bids to be opened at 10:00 A. M. Saturday, July 28, 1923.

The right to reject any or all bids is hereby retained.

For further information see the trustees on the ground or write the county superintendent Anson, Texas. 13t3

### San Antonio Woman is Relieved of Dizziness by Taking Stella Vitae

"I was miserable before taking Stella Vitae, but now I am simply feeling fine," said Mrs. A. W. Heath, 1035 Culebra Ave. San Antonio, Texas, recently.

"I was troubled with irregular periods and terrible dizzy spells. Why I almost fell to the floor at times, and my nerves were in wretched condition and kept me on pins and needles all the time. My stomach would grip me something awful and my legs ached so I could hardly stand on my feet at times.

"Although I have taken but one bottle of Stella Vitae I already feel a world of difference. Indeed, it helped me so wonderfully that I have told a friend of mine about it and advised her to try a bottle."

Stella Vitae may be obtained from any druggist and the purchase price will be refunded if it fails to bring relief.

Durability comes first, we have it. SERVICE comes next, we give it. SATISFACTION is what we all want, we guarantee it. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180

Buy Ford Parts at Ford Headquarters and save money. Merkel Motor Co. tf

Mr. L. B. Scott and wife, accompanied by Misses Pauline Hargett, Winnie Barns and Miss Floyce Boyd, all of Arlington, left today for an outing and fishing trip to Christoval. Miss Boyd is Mrs. Scott's sister. Christoval is one of the finest outing and recreation places in the state, and the entire party will no doubt enjoy the many pleasures to be found there by tourists and pleasure seekers.

Plenty of Good Used Fords at Merkel Motor Co. tf

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

Mr. Geo. B. Hays of Henderson Texas is here on a visit to his brother, Rev. M. C. Hays. It was a pleasant surprise, as they had not seen each other for the past ten years. We understand that the former Mr. Hays is sheriff of the county in which he lives.

The HOME of the Everlasting Trease. Well pressed is well dressed. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180. tf

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum, accompanied by Mr. Frank Woodrum and little Missie Dye left by car Thursday for Winfield, Texas where Mrs. Woodrum will visit a sister, who has been in bad health for some time.

### Condensed Statement

## Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business June 30, 1923

### RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$296,614.07
U. S. Securities	9,760.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	34,660.60
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,960.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Other Real Estate	4,100.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	123,490.35
Overdrafts	196.02
Total	\$476,472.54

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	6,265.74
Circulation Acct.	5,950.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	399,256.80
Total	\$476,472.54



## THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

J. T. Warren, President L. R. Thompson, Cashier

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES

Mrs. Frank Golladay was hostess to the Friendship club on Friday, July 6.

Pathe music and friendly conversation were enjoyed until papers were passed describing famous authors. Mrs. V. B. Sublett won the prize which was a nice magazine. Mrs. Earl Stanford received the booby, which was a small box of toasted corn flakes.

Papers were again passed for another contest, which was the jungled names of our presidents. Mrs. B. T. Sublett won this prize, which was a lovely pudding dish.

Refreshments of delicious punch and chocolate cake were served by Misses Ruby Fae Golladay and Evelyn Miller.

### Intermediate Epworth League

Subject:—The Good Fishermen.

Leader, Sallie Brown.

1. Silent prayer, closing with Lord's Prayer.

2. Song

3. Scripture lesson; Luke 5, 1-11 from memory.

4. Announcements.

5. Song.

6. About fishing, Stella Wilson.

7. Fishing for Men, Hallie Pike.

8. Some Rules for fishing, by Emma Toombs.

9. What of the Bait, Fannie Bell Boaz.

10. Sentence prayer to the end that we may be good fishermen.

11. Song; League benediction.

### \$10.00 REWARD

For dark red Pullet, frying size. Mark in right web of right foot. Liberal reward for 6 others of same hatch. Mark in one or both feet. G. F. Holland.

1t. Subscribe for the Merkel Mail.

### SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject: "What in present day social life would stand the Test of Christ's Judgement."

Leader—Lilley Pratt Sears.

Song Service beginning at 7 o'clock promptly.

Prayer—The Lord's Prayer in Unison.

Guide post No. 1. Expediency, Iva Bragg.

Guide post No. 2. Value of enriching Personality, Lola Armstrong.

Guide post No. 3. Unselfishness, Tom Allday.

Guide Post No. 4. Love, Tom Blair.

Guide Post No. 5. Glorifying God, Annie Bickley.

Detour No. 1. Morally Hatel, Wrenn Durham.

Detour No. 2. Physical Injuries, Ganavera Middleton.

Detour No3. Over indulgence, Esther Rhoel.

What about the social butterflies, Evelyn Hamm.

Would the modern Dance Pass Muster, Hazel Harkrider.

Modern Local Social falicies of both Married and unmarried, M. R. Pike.

We invite you to hear this discussion at the Epworth League Sunday at 7 o'clock. Social problems are the problems of the Methodist church to day. Lets get in line for our Methodist.—Presbyterian Meeting.

### Junior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject—A woman who went to war.

1. Introduction by William Sheppard.

2. ACananite King rules Israel, O. B. Boden.

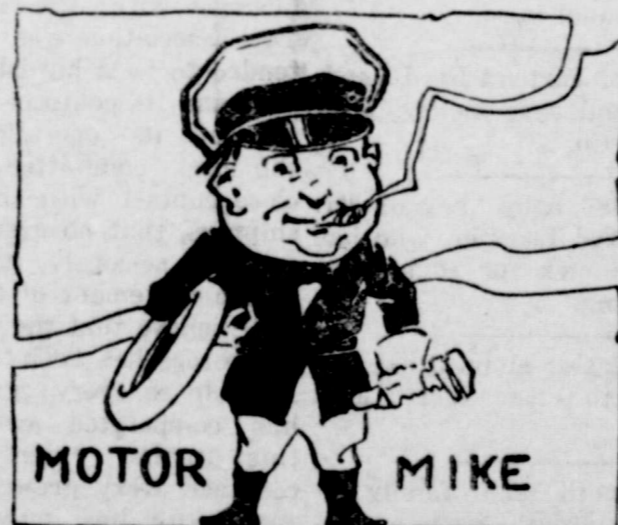
3. Deborah, a prophetess and Judge, by Avis Deavers.

4. Deborah sends for Borah, Thelma Miller.

5. Borah asks for Deborah's help, Mary Ellen Ashby.

6. The Army on Mt. Labor, Jess Anderson.

7. Victory in a storm, Beth Hamm.



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Please let us have a whack,  
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If it runs bum, bring it down quick for parts or repairs  
We can Satisfy.

"You tell 'em hammer, you're a knocker."

## McFarland Garage

### FORD NEWS

Detroit, Mich, July 10 1923: A total of 1,050,185 automotive products were built by the various divisions of the Ford Motor Co. during the first six months of the present year, according to figures just compiled.

The output for the half-year was as follows: Ford cars and trucks, domestic and foreign, 941,245; Canada 467,871; Fordson tractors, 58,557; and Lincoln cars, 3,512.

A new monthly record for production was established by the domestic assembly plant in June with a total of 175,040 Ford cars and trucks, exceeding the output of May by nearly 5,000

New production marks have been set up almost daily since January, but there hasn't been a time when manufacture even approximated the demand. With production increasing in an endeavor to meet the demand, it is expected that the company will finish the year with a total approximating 1,800,000 Ford cars and trucks for domestic use alone. This is the opinion expressed by officials in view of the present prosperous conditions, the increasing number of orders and the outlook for even better times prevailing during the coming months.

In bringing up production, efforts all along have been devoted to building better. As a result many improvements have been made and though Ford cars and trucks are today at the lowest price level in the history of the company they are of higher quality and present a greater value to the purchaser than ever before.

The demand for Ford trucks and light delivery cars is particularly optimistic since it reflects the attitude of the business men as well as farmers, toward expansion and greater efficiency. Sales of Ford trucks are more than double those of

last year, which indicates the extent of the general prosperity.

For months Ford dealers have had no stock on hand, buyers absorbing the cars and trucks as rapidly as they were turned out of assembly plants. With this condition continuing production is certain to remain at capacity to aid dealers in making deliveries as quickly as possible.

Mr. V. N. Ellis returned this week from a trip to Deport, Tex as where he visited a brother, who is in very poor health.

Miss Iva Bragg will leave the first of next week for a visit to her grandmother at Glen Rose, Texas. She expects to be gone about six weeks.

Mr. J. C. Jones of Nevada, Texas, was here this week to attend the bedside of his brother, Mr. J. G. Jones, who is suffering from a stroke of paralysis.

17 bars P. & G. the White Naptha Soap, one package "Chipso" Soap, equal to 2 bars of soap and 10 quart heavy galvanizd bucket, all for \$1.00. at W. W. Campbell's Grocery. 13t2.

## Texas Banker Uses Ferrasal

One of the most widely known financiers in Texas is Mr. T. T. Cole, President of the Texas Mortgage Co., of Dallas, who writes: "I am pleased to say that I have used Ferrasal for indigestion and acid stomach and I believe it is the best remedy I have ever tried for such troubles. I know of no better remedy for indigestion, constipation and kidney trouble where due to acidity. Yours truly, (signed) T. J. Cole. For Sale by Merkel Drug Co. at 50c per box. 29tf

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arrington returned last Friday from their trip to points in East Texas.

Mrs. Bob McDonald returned this week from a visit to relatives at Dallas.

Mrs. W. G. Cypert and son, Joe visited Roten Cypert at Crosbyton the first of the week.

B. F. Daniel of Stamford, was the guest of his father, W. T. Daniel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate Lockhart of Snyder, Texas, were guests of Miss Blanche Durham last week end.

Miss Fanny Moore came in Saturday from Groesbeck on a month's visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore.

Mrs. Minnie Hunter and children are here from Quemado, New Mexico on a visit to her mother Mrs. J. P. Sublett and other relatives.

I have some A-grade M. Johnson White Leghorn Cockrells for sale at \$1.00 and some special mating at \$1.50. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Route 2. 7t6pd

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis and children visited at Roscoe and Loraine Saturday and Sunday.

G. J. Jones suffered a stroke of paralysis Friday morning and has been in a serious condition since, and at times his life was despaired of.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Conlee, a daughter on the 8th.

Good Ford car for \$65.00 at Merkel Motor Co. tf

### CLASSIFIED ADS

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FOR SALE—1000 acres, large per cent rich mesquite valley land, 4 miles east of Merkel, at \$27.50 per acre. Will sub-divide tract to suit buyers when all sold. Terms if desired. Various other farms, ranches and Abilene city property for sale or trade. Jesse Scott Realty Co., 124 1/2 Pine street, Abilene, Texas, Phone 79. 6t4p

**FOR SALE**—Good fresh Sorghum, just cut. Will deliver or sell in the field. Selma Russell. tf

**Tutt's Pills**  
The first dose astonishes the invalid, giving immediate relief, regulating bowels and digestive organs, inducing  
**GOOD DIGESTION**



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AND IN THE  
**MOUNTAINS**  
OF  
**VIRGINIA**  
AND  
**CAROLINA**  
And the  
*Sunshine Special*  
IS THE QUICKEST AND  
BEST WAY THERE  
For Summer Tourist Rates see  
your local agent or write  
**GEO. D. HUNTER, G. P. A.**  
DALLAS

### FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The great South-wide membership campaign fostered by the American Cotton Growers Exchange in the twelve Federated State cotton-co-operative marketing associations became a reality on July 4. A thousand counties in the cotton-producing area launched simultaneous campaigns with the avowed intent of doubling the membership and of signing up a 5 per cent of the cotton crop. The Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association is forging to the front with around a thousand members being enrolled the past week in eight counties.

Since the beginning of the membership campaign in the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association on April 21, nearly 4,000 members have been added to the 20,000 in the State. Reports from the eight counties in which the field forces are now operating indicate that the membership is increasing at the rate of nearly 1,000 a week. In all the counties in which membership drives have been conducted the members growers have been trebled. In Bell County 754 members were added to the present membership of 231; in Travis county 293 members were added to the original membership of 232; Runnels County produced more than 500 members which more than doubled their membership. Indications that Hill county which is in the heart of the blackland belt will add more than 1,000 members. Lubbock, Brown, and Taylor will more than double their enrollment. Immediately after the close of the campaigns in these eight counties the forces will be enlarged and will begin operation in eleven of the high producing blackland counties as follows: Dallas, Grayson, Collins, Hunt, Kaufman, Van Zandt, Ellis, Navarro, Limestone, McClellan. Preliminary work among the business men and farmer members in these counties begins Monday July 9 under the direction of Clarence Wolters, former secretary of Chamber of Commerce at Yoakum and Cictoria, and director of banker and business men's activities in Tennessee and Missouri.

On July 15, highly trained workers who have had experience in many of the cotton co-operative marketing campaigns in other States will be stationed in these heavy producing counties with experienced field men under their supervision. Assignments have been made in the following counties: Limestone, J. M. Kayser; Navarro, J. F. Bagwell; Ellis, R. B. Vanskike; Hunt, W. C. Proctor; Dallas, J. W. Miles; Collin, J. N. Jackson. Other assignments will be for the blackland belt and west Texas early in the week.

Campaigns will be conducted in 20 heavy cotton counties in West Texas which already have a large membership in the organization. Simultaneously with the beginning of the work in the blackland territory, field workers will be placed in Hall, Childress, Hardeman, Cottle, Little Barger; Foard, Knox, Dickens, Dawson, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Mitchell, Coke, Tom Green, Concho, McCullough, and Haskell.

The organization forces now operating in Taylor, Lubbock, and Brown counties will be moved to this new territory which has been assigned a quota of 5,000 new members.

These western counties, together with the eleven blackland units have a farm population of 92,865 and produce approximately in 1922 a little more than a million bales of cotton which is a greater production than any State in the cotton belt. The goal set for this big drive is 15,000 membership in Texas up to about 40,000 and make it the first in membership in the cotton belt. Thousands of satisfied members shipped cotton to the Tex-

as Farm Bureau Cotton Association the past year and it will be the biggest factor in the success of the great Victory Drive now in progress in twelve Southern States. These farmers who have made an average of \$29.60 above the dumping average are anxious that other cotton growers shall participate in the profits that come from orderly marketing of cotton and give them assistance through this method of selling of stabilizing and influencing the price.

The Mail representative in his rounds this week noticed that W. T. Daniels had on display fresh watermelons, cantaloupes and bananas, and is still stocking up on fresh groceries. It

We trade for old tires. Get our prices. Merkel Motor Co. tf

Paul Alsbrook spent Saturday and Sunday in Sweetwater.

C. T. Beckham was a visitor from Trent Monday.

Mrs. Flora Reece and sister Miss Selma Hendrix are in Mineral Wells to spend ten days or more.

J. W. Moore left Saturday night for Imperial Valley, Calif. to remain for some time.

W. D. Hutcheson returned Friday from Dallas where he had been visiting his brother.

Miss Maurine Cobb is here on a two weeks visit with relatives and friends.

W. T. Branch of Abilene, spent Sunday here the guest of his son T. W. Branch and family.

Mrs. R. I. Grimes had as her guest last week, Miss Yeager of Abilene.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Leverett, on the 3rd, a son.

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Messrs C. L. Brown, Andy Brown and W. H. and Howard Brown returned last Friday from their trip to the San Saba river. They report a fine trip and plenty of fish.

Choc Jones who had gone to California some ten days ago was called home first of the week by the serious illness of his father, Mr. G. J. Jones.

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We endorse the Farm Bureau Cotton Association and its co-operative marketing plan, and extend to the cotton growers of Taylor county our hearty cooperation in any possible way in making their movement a success.

### Woodrum Filling Station

"That Good Gulf Gasoline"—Godrich Tires and Tubes Filling Station Service that SATISFIES

Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and baby, Mollie Frank of Chillicothe were here first of the week on a visit to relatives.

Miss Marianna Mayfield is at home after spending a two weeks vacation on a ranch near Midland.

Mrs. Golloway of Girvin, Pecos County, was the guest of Thos. Smith and family this week.

Mrs. J. B. Bell left this, Friday morning for Eastland to visit her daughter, Mrs. Jack Burkhead.

### FOR SALE SECOND HAND LUMBER

I have second hand lumber for sale. Also one 75 barrel tank and 14 foot tank tower. Lumber good for making cotton wagon frames and feed bins. R. O. Anderson. 20t2

Mrs. Verley Robinson has returned to Trenton, Tenn, after a visit with her mother, Mrs. N. E. Peebles and other relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dowdy at Trent Tuesday

Misses Annie and Josie Smith spent Tuesday in Abilene.

Mrs. H. F. Groene was a visitor to Abilene Tuesday.

Mrs. L. D. Gaither is expected to arrive from San Antonio this week to visit her parents Dr. and Mrs. Cranford.

Misses Edith Brown and Lynn Thompson were shopping in Abilene Monday of this week

Miss Maurine Angus is spending the week visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

Misses Hazel and Venice Bell are in Eastland visiting their sister, Mrs. Jack Burkhead.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Woodrum and babies returned Wednesday from Crosbyton where they visited the latter's brother, Rotten Cypert.

### Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

1. Conversion must take place before Baptism, by Mary Par-rack.
2. Baptism is an Act of Obedience, by Clyde Mayfield.
3. Baptism pleases our Heavenly Father, by Fannie Bell Boaz.
4. Immersion the only mode of Baptism, by Joe Ben Ashby.
5. All converts should be Baptized by Eunice Bird.

Lewis Tucker, his sister Mrs. V. L. Merritt and baby, Burneal left Wednesday morning for a ten days visit with relatives and friends at Graham and other points in that section. They drove through in their car. Roy Tucker of Caddo will join them at Graham.

I want 2,000 Hens and 4,000 fryers. Bring your chickens, eggs, hides, butter, junk, Brass and copper. Will pay cash and will sell your groceries at a profit to you. Come to see me at the little store in the alley. W. P. Duckett. 20t2

Mrs. W. L. Diltz Jr. and baby are visiting relatives in Abilene.

Judge Cummings attended to legal business in Abilene Wednesday.

Miss Owen of Slaton is the guest of Miss Minnie Maud Lamar this week.

Mrs. J. H. McDonald and two daughters, Myrtle and Belle returned this week from Oil City, where they have been with Mr. McDonald who is working there.

Mrs. J. E. Richardson and children returned last week after a visit to her mother at Stephenville, Texas.

Ed Teaff is at home after spending two weeks in Mineral Wells.

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Mrs. N. E. Peebles left Monday night for Seymour, where she goes to work in a music store.

Dr. S. W. Johnson and wife, will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Bland on Oak Street.

Miss Grimes of Meridian, Texas is here visiting in the home of Dr. Mr. Armstrong, having accompanied Miss Lola Armstrong home, after having visited there and at other places in east Texas.

Mrs. Owen Waldon returned to Dallas Tuesday after a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns.

Battery work done at Merkel Motor Company. tf

U. N. Ellis returned Monday from a trip to Lamar and Red River counties. He visited a brother while down there and other relatives. Crop conditions are not as good there as here, stated Mr. Ellis.

Miss Mona Calvert has returned to her home at Sweetwater. She has been visiting her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin.

Mrs. Tommie Morton of the Mt. Pleasant community is the guest of relatives in the city this week.

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Mrs. B. P. Middleton and daughters, Imogene and Gladys left Tuesday for a visit with relatives at Brownwood.

Judge Cobb was looking after legal business in Abilene Tuesday.

Misses Pauline Hargett, Winnie Barns and Floyce Boyd of Arlington, are the guests of Mrs. L. B. Scott this week. Miss Boyd is a sister to Mrs. Scott.

J. A. Woodard, night policeman returned Friday evening from Galveston where he had been attending the Sheriff's convention.

W. B. Alsbrook left Monday for the hot wells at Brownwood to recuperate his health.

L. R. Thompson was in Abilene Saturday afternoon in attendance upon a session of the Executive Educational Board of Taylor county.

### Dr. Gilbert Uses Ferrasal

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Johnny Morton and family will leave Friday for an extended visit among friends and relatives in east Texas.

Tom Wyman and family are in the city from New Mexico, visiting his parents on the south side.

Minister E. A. Bedechick of Abilene, is conducting a series of meetings for the Church of Christ at Hope north of Stith this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Minor Burns and children of Canton, Texas are here visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns.

### LAUNDRY SERVICE

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Miss Stella Benard who is attending A. C. C. Abilene was the guest Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Will Burns and family.

Miss Fae Buchanan, who has been real sick, is now considerably improved.

Miss Ella Merle Weed is visiting relatives at Sanburr this week.

Percy Jones and family and W. B. Farmer left Sunday for Tennyson to visit relatives.

Mrs. John Morgan has returned to Dallas, after a very pleasant visit with her sisters, Mesdames Martin and Latham.

Mrs. Lila Fae Nichols, (nee Simons) of Abilene is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe.

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Alton Davis is visiting in Lorraine this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Guthrie are here visiting with friends. They now reside at Slaton.

Rev. McKissick, accompanied by his singer, Mr. Richardson were here Tuesday afternoon from Sweetwater and Rev. McKissick preached at the Tabernacle that night.

Mr. T. L. Grimes returned last week from Temple and other points in the east, where he had been to visit relatives.

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