

## J. C. MASON WRITES LINE TO FRIENDS

The following is a letter from Hon. J. C. Mason, one of this city's most distinguished citizens who is a candidate for the office of Railroad Commissioner of Texas, (the six year term) to his many friends here:

Dallas, Tex., June 30, '24. Merkel Mail:

Since I left on my campaign over the state, I have encountered all kinds of roads; some times would be in the sand where I could divide the road with a passing car, then in the mud and chug-holes, but have made it all O. K. so far. However, I feel like coming home and resting for a week, and yet there is no rest for a candidate. For we are told that if a candidate reaches the goal of his ambition, he will feel the beak of the Vulture in his heart and the fangs of the serpent in his soul. Yet we all like to win out. But my motive in writing this is to extend some remembrances to some of the Merkel people, as a request from some of their friends whom I have met over the state. Merkel is well known in East Texas.

"I drank in Sweetwater, bathed in Plainview, traveled through Paradise to that Celestial city in Glory and rested in Palestine." Promised the people all along the route that I would deliver their messages to friends in Merkel, and to keep from telling a falsehood, I will try to name some of them. Gentlemen: your friends send regards to Rev. Fred S. Rogers, the Woodrum family, Jeff Jones, Choc. Jones, Arthur Rose, Jim Dennis, T. G. Bragg, Yates Brown, J. T. Warren, L. R. Thompson, Mr. Ferrier, Mr. Cox, Mr. Childress, John Sears and dozens of others I do not now remember.

One man 94 years old ask if any of those old time cow rustlers were still in this country; said he got his share of them forty-five years ago. I told him that all of them had either been converted or moved away as he did. Now gentlemen you will have to guess who your friends are, for I couldn't remember all their names to save my life.

Crops look good back east, except corn, which was damaged by the hot winds.

Tell my friends if I have any that I miss their congenial company whether they miss me or not.

Respectfully,  
J. C. MASON.

P.S. Since the above was written, Mr. Mason has returned home for a day or so rest before making a trip to parts of West Texas in the interest of his campaign, which he states seems to be progressing fine. His many friends here join him in the optimistic hope of his election.

### Will Work on Shiloh Cemetery

Mr. S. L. Grayson, in a telephone communication to the Mail announces that on next Thursday, July 10th, there will be an all-day working at the Shiloh Cemetery, to which the community is cordially invited to attend and take part.

It is urged that every one come and bring a well filled basket and all spread dinner together, spending the day putting the cemetery in good condition.

Rev. T. J. Rea and wife and children drove to Stamford, Texas, last Sunday afternoon, where Rev. Rea preached in the Methodist church at the evening service. Rev. Rea and wife spent the night with friends and visited there the next day.

### SENATOR COLLINS GIVEN GOOD HEARING AT MERKEL

Senator V. A. Collins, according to announcement made in this paper last week, spoke here Wednesday afternoon in the interest of his candidacy for Governor of Texas, to a fair sized audience. His remarks were well taken and appreciated by a large majority of his hearers, according to expressions of sentiment made by many.

The fact that he made no wild statements, which could not be carried out by any governor elected, and infact his entire speech had the ring of honesty throughout it's entirety, was among the many favorable comments by his hearers.

He is no doubt a good man, and if elected, would make Texas a good honest, conscientious Governor.

### SENATOR SHEPPARD TO SPEAK ABILENE

Announcement is made thru the daily press that on July 9, Hon. Morris Sheppard, United States Senator from Texas, will speak on the Federal Lawn, at Abilene at 8:30 in the evening.

Senator Sheppard is a good man, has made a brilliant record in the Senate, and the voters of this vicinity should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing him give an account of his stewardship as their servant.

### Popular Young Lady Here Marries Vernon Young Man

On June 20th Miss Maurine Angus and Mr. Esker Curtis of Vernon slipped quietly away and were married at Trent by the Baptist minister of that place.

This was the climax of a courtship of about three years. Miss Angus and Mr. Curtis having met at the Abilene Christian College, where both have been going to school for the past three years.

Mrs. Curtis is the beautiful and charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus, and has a number of close friends and acquaintances who will wish her much happiness throughout her future life. As a high school student here, she had won many close friends, and as a college student, many more admiring friends were added to the list.

We understand that Mr. and Mrs. Curtis will be at home at Vernon, and that Mr. Curtis plans to finish his college education at A.C.C. next year.

### Marry in Ballinger

Mr. Homer Patterson and Miss Myrtle Harris, both of this place, were very quietly married at Ballinger last Thursday. The happy couple were accompanied by several people from here. After the ceremony, the bride and groom in copmand with several other couples left for a week's fishing trip.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are well known in Merkel. Mr. Patterson has been a resident of Merkel and surrounding country all his life. Mrs. Patterson is a charming young lady, and has many friends here and elsewhere who wish her happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are at home in their neat place on Bettis Heights.

Rev. L. B. Owen of Petersburg was here several days last week and this, for a visit to his son, Joe Owen, as well as many old friends. Rev. Owen formerly was the pastor of the Baptist church in this city and delivered a splendid sermon at the Sunday morning hour.

## BAPTIST REVIVAL NOW IN PROGRESS

The Baptist revival began last night at the Tabernacle, with Evangelist John G. Winsett doing the preaching, and Mr. T. D. Carroll, singer, directing the choir.

Rev. Winsett, who held a short revival for this church early last spring, with splendid results, is one of the best known and most successful evangelists in this part of the country, and with the able assistance of Choir Director Carroll, Merkel is looking forward to this being one of the greatest revivals ever held in the city.

The Evangelistic party has just this week closed one of the most successful meetings at Midland that that city ever experienced. He is forceable and convincing in delivering his great gospel messages. He never makes unnecessary propositions. He preaches the plain gospel of Jesus and leaves it up to the unsaved.

The able and untiring pastor, Rev. W. H. Albertson, asks that this paper extend a cordial invitation to all Christians to join them in making this meeting a great good for the town of Merkel. And every Christian should attend and take part to the end that Christianity may be advanced throughout the entire community.

All the Sunday morning services will be held at the First Baptist church auditorium. At night and on through the week the services will be held at the Tabernacle at 10:00 a.m. and 8:15 p.m.

## TRADE TRIP TO STITH WEDNESDAY

The people at Stith have invited the Merkel Trade Trippers to come out to that thriving and enterprising community on next Wednesday evening, which invitation has been accepted.

The people are planning one of the best programs they have ever rendered for this occasion, which includes music by the local orchestra, readings, singing, and speech making.

Every one who can is urged to make their arrangements to go, leaving here at about eight o'clock.

### Buys Fine Home in Town

We learn with pleasure that Mr. S. A. Coats, one among our best and most influential farmer-citizens, residing two miles north, has purchased a home in Merkel, and, with his family, will move about August first into same. The home in question is that of Mr. M. D. Daniels, one among the best in the city, located on Oak Street in the south part of the city.

As to what Mr. Daniels and his excellent family intend doing, this paper has not learned, but we join many friends in the hope that they will continue to make Merkel their home.

The citizens of the Stith community met one day this week at the home of one of their neighbors, Mr. W. A. Ford, whose wife had been sick for some time, and completely chopped and worked out his crop. Thirty-nine hands took part in the work which was done in a half-day. Mr. Ford extends his sincere thanks to one and all who participated.

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## THOS. L. BLANTON SPEAKS TO-NIGHT

Hon. Thos. L. Blanton, present Congressman from this the 17th District, and candidate to succeed himself, is expected to speak in Merkel tonight, Friday, July 4th, at 8:30 o'clock.

As to where Mr. Blanton will speak, this paper has not learned. The tabernacle usually used for political speaking will be in use by the Baptist Revival which began last night. However, we are sure that some suitable place will be provided, and that a great crowd will be present to hear him. Mr. Blanton is making the 17th district a real honest, hard working and capable servant in the National Congress, and no Congressman was ever more popular than is he, especially in this part of the district.

## TRINITY QUARTETTE IS COMING HERE

The Trinity University Male Quartette, one of the best known musical organizations in Texas, will make its annual appearance in Merkel Tuesday evening, July 8, Rev. Fred S. Rogers, pastor of the local Presbyterian church and a former student of Trinity, has announced.

The program will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. The entertainment is being given under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor, and part of the proceeds will go to that organization.

Having given this program here for the past two summers, the Trinity singers say Merkel is among the best supporters they have. Members of the quartet are: Fred Meyers, first Tenor; Lee Smith, second tenor; George Newton, baritone; and James Herring, bass. Herring and Meyers were members last season. Solos, duets, quartets and a play feature the program. It would be hard to find a more varied program than these men give.

### White-Sanders Wedding

Sunday afternoon at the hour of three o'clock, Miss Mildred Sanders and Mr. James C. White were married at the Presbyterian Manse, Rev. Fred S. Rogers, pastor of the Presbyterian church, saying the beautiful ring ceremony that bound in holy wed-lock this couple.

The bride and groom were attended by the groom's brother, Mr. Geo. White and his wife. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. White left in their car for points south and east, where they were gone about a week.

The bride is the admirable daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sanders, and is highly admired. She has a large circle of friends who wish her much happiness in her wedded life.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White, and is also much esteemed and liked by those who know him best. Mr. White is with the Magnolia Filling Station, at which place he has made good, being very courteous and accommodating to all.

Mr. and Mrs. White will be at home in Merkel, and for the present they will occupy the furnished home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. White in south Merkel.

Mrs. A. A. Baker has as her guest her niece, Mrs. Sallie Walker of Nashville, Tenn.

### TRADE TRIP TO BUTMAN SCHOOL APPRECIATED

The trade trip to the Butman School House last Friday evening was very largely attended by both the town people and country people, and every one present reports one of the finest yet made.

Besides the fine program given by the local orchestra, readings and speech making, the Butman people served delicious refreshments at the close of the meeting, all of which was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

## POST OFFICE AGAIN TO SECOND CLASS

Postmaster G. E. Comegys has been notified by the Department at Washington, that on July 1st, the Merkel Post Office becomes that of Second Class again, after having slipped back to that of the Third Class during the past year. This is good news, and besides the fact that it will give an additional assistant to the working force in the office, which is needed badly, it denotes that our town for the past year has been on up-grade and improving nicely.

On July 5th there will be held in this city an examination for the additional clerk, from which an appointment will be made, and until that time the Postmaster has appointed as temporary assistant, his son, Mr. J. C. Comegys. With the addition of the new assistant the patrons of the office will receive more prompt and satisfactory service.

### Fine Oats and Wheat

We understand Mr. Sam Butman lately threshed his wheat and oats, and that the former made a yield of 34 bushels per acre, while the latter, though thin on the ground, made about 55 bushels per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Deutschman returned last week from Breckenridge where they had been called on account of the serious illness and death of Mrs. J. J. Thompson, sister of Mrs. Deutschman, who was before her marriage, Miss Ella Carpenter. The remains of the deceased were taken to Abilene for burial. We join many friends of the bereaved relatives in extending deepest sympathy during this sad hour.

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**YOUR OWN CHURCH**  
\* If you want to work in the \*  
\* kind of a church \*  
\* Like the kind of a church \*  
\* you like. \*  
\* You needn't slip your clothes \*  
\* in a grip \*  
\* And start on a long, long \*  
\* hike. \*  
\* You'll only find what you \*  
\* left behind. \*  
\* For there's nothing that's \*  
\* really new; \*  
\* It's a knock at yourself when \*  
\* you knock your church; \*  
\* It isn't your church, it's \*  
\* you. \*  
\* Real churches aren't made \*  
\* by men afraid \*  
\* Lest somebody else goes \*  
\* ahead; \*  
\* When everyone works and \*  
\* nobody shirks, \*  
\* You can raise a church \*  
\* from the dead. \*  
\* And if while you make your \*  
\* personal stake, \*  
\* Your neighbor can make \*  
\* one, too, \*  
\* Your church will be what \*  
\* you want to see— \*  
\* It isn't your church, it's \*  
\* you. \*  
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## LUNCHEON CLUB TUESDAY EVENING

Next Tuesday is the regular Luncheon Club meeting time, and a large crowd is expected as there are a number of important matters to come before the meeting for consideration.

Mr. W. L. Diltz, Jr., hustling young banker, was named as Toastmaster by the chairman of the Club for this occasion, and those present may expect a spicy, peppy and interesting time throughout the entire meeting.

Among the questions to be brought before the club will be the chance of Merkel securing natural gas, the higher officials of the Gas Company being present to talk the matter over with the local citizenship, it is expected. Come out.

And owing to the fact that there will be a revival in progress and other church meetings also, we are asked to announce that the Luncheon Meeting will be held earlier in the evening. Beginning promptly at 6:30. Let all be on hand at this time and there will be no conflict with any of the other meetings.

### RANGE PRACTICE IS HELD SUNDAY BY GUARD UNITS

Memories of the World War were revived Sunday afternoon in the minds of veterans of that struggle when French "Seventy Fives," said to be the most effective light artillery used during the World War, boomed near this city for the first time in history. The firing was done on the Dr. F. E. Haynes ranch ten miles south of Abilene, two guns being used.

Two hundred fifty rounds of shrapnel were fired during Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon. The two guns were fired by Fattery E and the Service Battery of Abilene and the battery unit from Merkel. Captain Earl Hoppe of this city and Captain R. C. Rutherford special instructor from the United States Army, were in command.

A number of problems were worked out by the artillery units during the range practice. One or two problems were propounded to each group by Captain Rutherford. The telephone communication lines were laid by the Merkel unit. The men camped on the range during Saturday night.

The range was ideally situated for the practice, both for tactical problems and for the spectators. A large number of spectators were present during the entire day and followed the practice with keen interest. Captain Rutherford expressed himself as highly pleased with the work of the men and the officers. Sunday's range practice was in preparation for the summer encampment of the batteries which will be held at Camp Stanley, San Antonio, beginning August 4th. Plans are being made for a fall range practice on the same range. The date for this will be set later but will be sometime during the fall.—Abilene Reporter.

### BANKER ON VACATION

Mr. L. R. Thompson, wife and daughter, Miss Lynniss, and Miss Anna Lou Russell, left Thursday morning for the Concho, where they will spend a few days outing and fishing.

Roy Holmes of Clovis, New Mexico, is here this week for a visit with his father, Joe Holmes and other relatives and friends. Roy has a splendid position with the Sante Fe Railroad at Clovis.

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### BUILD WORLD'S LARGEST TIRE AT AKRON FACTORY

The largest tire in the world is being built at the Goodrich factories in Akron, Ohio. The tire, designed by the engineering division of the United States Army Air Service, with whom Goodrich engineers collaborated, will measure more than five feet high with cross-sectional measurement of 14 inches.

Goodrich engineers estimate that the building of this tire, which is the first of a set, will require approximately 75 yards of fabric, 52 inches wide, several pounds of steel wire for the bead construction and approximately 70 pounds of compounded rubber. If this amount of raw material was applied in the construction of 30x3 1/2 inch tires, it would make thirty-five of them. However, more rubber would be needed in the construction of the small automobile cases, for a smaller proportionate amount of rubber is used in the construction of airplane tires owing to the small amount of wear experienced by the tread.

The special molds for the construction and vulcanization of this big tire requires special machinery to handle. This equipment was recently completed at the Goodrich plant, where plans have been made to build more of these large tires as the tests are completed on the one now being built.

The huge tire will be part of the equipment on a new type of giant aircraft, which is soon to be tried at McCook field, Dayton, Ohio. The tire—a 64x14 in-straight bead cord—will sustain a normal load of 20,000 pounds at an inflation pressure of 75 pounds. A special wheel has been designed to accommodate this new tire. The wheel assembly alone will tip the scales at better than 300 pounds.

Mrs. D. A. Hill of Childress, Texas, is here to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Costephens.

### MOST POPULAR HIGHWAY AND MOST POPULAR CAR

Selection of the Lincoln Highway as the official route of travel for Ford Car No. 10,000,000 on its trip from New York to San Francisco brings the world's most popular road and the world's most popular car into a new and more intimate association.

Of course, Ford cars have sped along over this great ribbon of gray stretching from coast to coast ever since it was first laid out and it would be interesting to count the Fords that will meet the ten millionth car on its journey.

But supposing the other 9,999,999 Fords were suddenly to appear and endeavor to get on the highway with Car No. 10,000,000.

Well, there'd be a hurry call for all the traffic cops in the country and just how long it would take them to bring about any semblance of order no one could even guess.

Anyway, let's give them the credit of doing a good job and finally lining up all the 10,000,000 cars, six abreast, which would make a line 33 feet nine inches across.

Then even with the cars standing end to end they would cover the entire 3,305 miles of the famous highway and there would be 1,151,920 cars entirely out of the picture, unless the cops were not too tired to park them on either side of the road so they could see the rest of the family on parade.

Dr. S. C. Tatum, who has been visiting in the home of his cousin, Mrs. J. S. Blair, left Monday for Los Angeles, California, Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington. From there he will go to New York City to visit a son, Dr. William B. Tatum.

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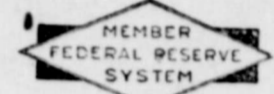
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## THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown Given Party\*\*\*\*\*

Thursday afternoon from five to six-thirty, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, a recent bride, was honored by a surprise party by her Sunday school class. The Junior room of the Methodist church was made attractive with cut flowers and ferns. A few games were played followed by piano selections. The most interesting feature was a "cake contest" in which Miss Inice Brown, a member of the Sunday school class, brought out a box, saying that a cake was in it and was to be given to the one who wrote down on a slip of paper the best description. Mrs. Brown gave the best description, and was awarded the cake, which proved to be, on opening the box, an odd but very pretty sandwich tray with six tea coasters to match, with a card attached, giving greetings and best wishes from the Sunday school class. Refreshment plates of ice tea, sandwiches, and cake were then passed. Hand painted plate favors were on each plate.

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### Miss Anderson Hostess

Miss Flora Frances Anderson very hospitably entertained a few friends at her home in south Merkel Wednesday afternoon from the hours of five to seven. Games of various kinds were much enjoyed. A contest was also an interesting feature of the afternoon's program. Ice cream and cake was served to the following: Miss Snookie Sheppard, of Dallas, Misses Mildred Hamm Tommie Durham, Mildred Smith Inice Brown, Mona Margaret Jones, Ruby Fae Golliday, Elizabeth Harkrider, and Flora Frances Anderson, hostess.

Mrs. Geo. Brown, and daughters, Miss Edith and Miss Sallie, were in Abilene Tuesday visiting with relatives and friends.

Mrs. M. Armstrong and daughter, Miss Lola, returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives for several days at Temple, Texas. They made the trip in their car.

### Gleaners Class Has Social Meeting

The Gleaners Class met in the home of Mrs. Fred Latham on Tuesday afternoon, with Mesdames Briggs and Latham as hostesses. After a short business session, a delightful time was spent.

The rooms were very beautifully decorated with roses and daisies, and as the fourth of July is near, red, white and blue were very much in evidence. We were then entertained with a dress making contest. A couple of designers from Paris (who are known as Mesdames Rea and Richardson) fitted and pinned paper dresses on two American models (Mesdames R. I. Grimes and Largent). Three very capable judges from our country (Mesdames Morton Ferrier and Martin) decided on Mrs. Rea as best designer. Then we had a state abbreviation contest on which some of us had to work. We were then told to

prepare for a lesson in drawing, so, with paper ready and pencil poised, we were told to draw our b-r-e-a-t-h. Such a relief to some who are not very good artists.

Cream and angel food cake was passed with miniature flags for plate favors. Those enjoying this pleasant social event were: Mesdames Ferrier, Guitar, Largent, Sublett, Gamble, Patterson, Case, Toombs, R. I. Grimes, Thompson, Richardson, Hicks, Morton, Harrell, and invited guests were Mesdames Browning, Calvert, Rea, Martin, and Russell and a number of children.

Such a delightful afternoon was spent it is hoped that these hostesses will again entertain in no distant time. A Guest.

Mrs. T. M. Johnson and daughter, Miss Eva Mae Johnson, returned this week from a visit to Mr. Johnson at Breckenridge and also visited Mrs. Johnson's brother at Pioneer, Texas.

Dr. M. Armstrong reports that his son, Dr. Frank Armstrong, of New Orleans, left that place Thursday for a boat trip to Panama, after which he will return to Merkel for a brief vacation.

Mr. J. C. Baker, a former teacher in the Merkel schools was here Tuesday on business and calling on friends.

The new drive-in Filling Station, owned by Mr. Ellis Warren is nearing completion and will soon be ready to serve the people. It is modern in every way, and will afford every convenience to be had in this line. A nice large camping shed has also been erected and made for the comforts of those traveling who wish to stop and camp over night.

Mrs. R. L. Campbell and daughter, Miss Julia, will leave this week for Paducah, after visiting Mrs. Frank Sears and other relatives here.

### The Weekly Prayermeeting

The weekly prayer meeting will meet with Mrs. Hollingsworth on Wednesday, July the 9th, at four p.m.

Lesson, Luke 2:40-52, by Mrs. Mack Busbee. Song 100, Prayer by Mrs. Meeks. Boyhood of Jesus by Mrs. Causseaux, Luke 2:40-52. The Boy and his Bible, by Mrs. Jim Meeks, 2 Timothy 3:14-17. The Boy and his church by Mrs. Elliott, 1st. Samuel 1:21-28. The child and the kingdom, by Mrs. Fannie King, Mat. 18:1-6. The Boy who helped, by Mrs. Sstes, John 6:5-14. Children worshipping, by Mrs. Lamar, Mat. 21:12-17. Guided in the way, by Mrs. Tatum, Psalm 119:9-16. Prayer, Mrs. Sears. Song 310. Lesson in old Testament, Joshua 2nd chapter, by Mrs. All-day. Prayer, Mrs. King. Song No. 58. Prayer, Mrs. Lamar. Minutes and roll call, Mrs. Busbee. Song 137. Prayer by Mrs. Tatum. Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swafford and children of Kansas City returned to their home last Saturday after visiting relatives here for some time.

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THE FOURTH OF JULY

The real significance of Independence Day comes from an understanding of its meaning, a realization of what the Fourth of July stands for in American History.

No child should be permitted to grow up with the idea that the Fourth is the day we all take a vacation and try to see how much noise we can make.

Rather, every school child should be able to quote from memory the essential part of that immortal Declaration of Independence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

In the words of Abraham Lincoln, "This was their majestic interpretation of the economy of the Universe. This was their lofty, and wise, and noble understanding of the justice of the Creator to His creatures".

Americans today may well ponder carefully the expressions of these great men who gave years of thought and efforts to the forming of our national ideals and who wrote these ideals into the two great basic documents of our civic life—the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

The Declaration of Independence declares the doctrines of equality, liberty and that a government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed.

Equality means fraternity, brotherhood, fair-dealing, exclusion of no one from public benefits because of race or poverty or lowly birth. It does not mean social equality, or equality of wealth or equality of inherent ability. The Declaration referred to political equality, which means equal opportunity under the law.

The national ideal of liberty has been the first watchword on our lips. To assail our union, our government, in the interest of personal liberty, license, unbounded freedom, is not liberty as conceived by the writers of the Declaration. It is, rather, to break our national idea into pieces and to rush back towards the barbarism that existed before man set aside his selfishness to form co-operative government, without which we would still be roaming the wilderness and fighting for our daily bread.

The other vital thing in the preamble of the Declaration Independence means that government is to be from the bottom up and not from the top down. The American theory is that all power rests in the people as a whole. A tendency to depart

# Red Hot Specials for Saturday

**Our last Saturday's Special was the talk of the country and we are going to give you another chance to buy merchandise at less than Manufacturing cost, for one day only.**

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## A. C. ROSE Dry Goods

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Doan  
Entertained Friends

On Friday night, June 27, the friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Doan gathered at their home to enjoy the evening in a social way. The host and hostess met their guests with cordial greetings and made every minute of the time a pleasure for them. Games of several kinds were played, those not caring to take part in the games enjoyed Victrola and guitar music.

After the games, the guests were invited into the dining room where they found the table laden with delicious cake and ice cream, which soon began to disappear rapidly to satisfy their appetites, but there was an abundance for all and much left which could not be consumed.

A cake cutting contest was then enjoyed by the young people, and prizes were offered to those finding the button, dime, thimble, etc.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Sanford, Mrs. James Doan, Mrs. Ely Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Nath Naul, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bobo, Mr. and Mrs. Authur Coats, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook, Misses Mabel, Tinnie Mae and Wanda Scott, Miss Odell Meeks, Otera Wheeler, Cora Dulin, Lena Jones, Vera and Edna Moore, Buby Privett, Virginia Moore, Lois Noil, Bell Shuff, Gladys Noil, Bobbie Jones, Mary and Leona Riggan, Alice and Bessie Brooks, Messrs. Hoy Wills, Elgin Riggan, Loyd Harris, Ralph Coats, Roy Coats, eBn Brown, Zeb Moore, Jessie Wilson, Leonard Moore, J. E. Perkins, Lonnie and Floyd Bryan, Henry Walker, W. J. Dulin, Marvin Lindsey, Horris Atwood, John B. Hughes, Leon Toombs, Nath Riggan, Albert Diggers, J. W. Moore, E. O. Patterson, Clyde Moore, Claudie Meeks, Earnest Meeks, Roy Wesley, Call McLean Floyd Perkins, Collin Perkins, Hollis Haynes, Ervin Lackey, Kyle Blair and many others whose names cannot be recalled at this time.

Messrs. J. A. Patterson, A. B. Patterson, A. E. Brown and G. L. Baker, accompanied by Dr. J. P. Howard, left first of the week for a vacation trip to Corpus Christi and other south Texas points.

New Hay—and full line Feed Stuff. Swafford, phone 44. It

from this system in recent years has been the greatest source of trouble. Only by holding to the representative form of government as established by our forefathers, can our republic endure.

Mrs. Gene Nix and children of Fort Worth, Texas, are here this week visiting Mrs. Nix's father, Mr. W. A. Sheppard and sister, Mrs. Lige Gamble.

Mrs. Henry Coit and son, Warren and little daughter, Katherine, of Renner, Texas, are here to visit Mrs. Coit's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Miss Lenna Rose Black of Big Spring returned to her home Friday after a visit with relatives and friends here for some time.

Mr. Ed Ash and family returned Tuesday from a visit to Mr. Ash's brother at Gorman.

RESPECT FOR LAWS

Not many crimes in several decades have attracted the attention that has been directed to the recent kidnapping and murder in Chicago. Revolting as are its details, its lesson should not be lost; neither should its cause be passed by lightly.

Probably never in criminal annals has such a clear case of guilt been built up against the defendants, involving, as it does, their confessions and the mass of material evidence to support it.

They are both subject to a double death, so to speak, as the law plainly sets out death as the penalty for murder and kidnapping for ransom.

Whether or not the death penalty is visited upon them, only time will tell, but the public will follow the case with keen interest because of the many questions involved.

There is no question that the increase of violent crime is closely related to the delay in punishment of criminals.

Those with criminal intent fail to see the relation between a murder and the execution of a murderer several years later, if, indeed, he is put to death at all, and does not win his freedom on one pretext or another.

Crime increases directly as the lessons which prompt application of the law would teach, fail to make an impression on the public mind.

The nation's criminal element will be encouraged or discouraged, according to whatever course this case takes.

On account of the social position and wealth of the defendant's parents, the importance of the outcome of the trial of the two boys is great, because of the far-reaching effect it will have in influencing people to respect the law.

Miss Lois Christopher of Lamesa is here this week visiting with Mrs. Len Sublett.

PERSONALS

Miss George Daniels is here visiting friends and relatives this week.

Mr. R. C. Younger and family returned to their home at Duncan, Oklahoma, after visiting Grandma Younger and Mrs. J. A. Milliken for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox left Thursday afternoon for the Concho for a fishing trip of about ten days.

H. Turner and family of Siloam Springs, Ark. are here for a short visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Turner, of the Stith community.

Miss Willie Toombs has been quite sick at her home for the past few days. Mrs. Ed Gant is working in her place at the Brown Dry Goods Co.

Mrs. Stanley B. King, Miss Stella King, Mr. T. J. King, and Mrs. Gilmore left Wednesday morning via car for East Vaughn, New Mexico, to visit Mr. S. H. King for a while.

Mrs. Lee Acuff and son, Ira, returned this week from Electra, where they visited Mrs. Acuff's mother, who has been quite ill, but who was some better when Mrs. Acuff left her.

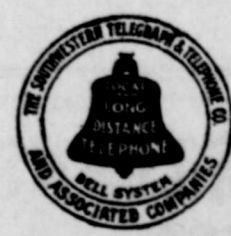
We are glad to place on our list of readers the name of Mr. F. Howard, Anson, Motor route B. Mr. Howard reports crops good cut his way. Said his wheat made 30 bushels per acre, and that he has had cotton blooms since June 23rd.

Mrs. R. W. Grisham and two children, accompanied by Miss Dixie Howard, left Friday morning for Hillsboro, after visiting Mr. J. T. Howard and other relatives and friends here for a week or more.

The following members of Miss Mary Eula Sears' Sunday School class enjoyed a swim Wednesday afternoon at Shannons: Sterling Sheppard, Milton Case, Bill Hamm, Victor Smith, and T. J. Rea.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Acuff, and daughters, Mrs. Smith and Miss Gladys, and Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Eckard, and daughter, Miss Margaret, and Mr. and Mrs. Conder and daughter, Miss Thelma, spent a few days camping at Buffalo Gap recently.

### STATION-TO-STATION CALLS COST LESS



When you ask Long Distance to get you a certain telephone number in a distant city, and, when connected, you speak to any one at that number, you have made what is described as a Station-to-Station call.

That is, on a Station-to-Station call do not specify a particular person to be reached, but give only the number of the telephone or the name or address under which the telephone is listed.

A Station-to-Station call costs less than a call for a particular person because less operating labor and less circuit time are required than if a particular person has to be located and brought to the telephone.

Charges can not be reversed on station-to-station calls

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How often we hear someone make that remark. People do appreciate health and really want it more than anything else life offers. A well person enjoys life infinitely more than a sick person. Anyone suffering with a mild cold in the head knows how he reacts by a slowing up of all his facilities—he actually feels sicker than he is, often he is miserable.

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Entered at the postoffice at Mer-  
kel, Texas as second class mail.

There is still a chance that a  
college graduate may succeed in  
life, even if he did not get on  
the ball team.

Anyway the pleasure cars  
must be kept well repaired, even  
if the working machinery all  
gets out of order.

Now the question is asked  
whether the doctors of philoso-  
phy created by the colleges can  
tell us why the beans don't flour-  
ish any better?

The American idea of phys-  
ical exercise is sitting in the  
grand stand and yelling "Take  
him out" at the umpire.

If the American people were  
as ready to remove their hats  
when the flag passes by as when  
the home team makes a run,  
they would show better patriot-  
ic manners.

The person who can't afford  
to spend a dollar or two to ad-  
vertise the house or farm he has  
for sale, may lose a thousand  
dollars in the price he will get  
for it.

Some folks in Merkel who can  
tell just how their city should  
be run, would not take any pub-  
lic office in it.

It might be easier to get ad-  
equate laws regulating child la-  
bor, if the child laborers had  
votes.

The people who are resting on  
their vacations have plenty of  
time in which to fret about the  
weather.

Formerly the children used to  
walk long distances in the coun-  
try to pick flowers, now they  
will consent to go if they get an  
automobile ride.

The people who cherish a de-  
sire for political office find it  
easier to fulfil their duty of at-  
tending primaries and elections.

So far people have not suc-  
ceeded in converting their neigh-  
bors to their political views, by  
getting mad and calling them  
fools if they think differently.

Some people will probably  
claim that the American people  
are fundamentally dishonest, as  
they steal so many bases in the  
national game.

Although popular feeling runs  
high over baseball in many plac-  
es, no players have been jailed  
so far for making errors.

The young crowd put much  
pep into their dancing, but the  
boys need not let their coat tails  
touch the floor.

Many people can't pay their  
bills this month because they are  
just going on a vacation, and  
won't pay them next month be-  
cause they have just been.

About now when the swim-  
ming pools open, the kids be-  
come strong believers in clean-  
liness.

The next thing for the candi-  
dates to do it to have their pic-  
tures taken showing them wear-  
ing overalls,

From the way some automo-  
biles are steered, it looks as if  
the owners carried some light-  
ing up apparatus other than  
their lamps.

Not merely must the success-  
ful candidate please the dirt  
farmers, but he must know how  
to satisfy the dough housewives  
of Texas.

Now that the Republican con-  
vention is over, President Cool-  
idge has no excuse if the White  
House garden gets full of weeds.

Although it may seem that  
little was done in the "Clean-up"  
campaign, one will notice that  
many alleys have been cleaned  
up, and other spots made to look  
cleaner.

Just anyone can criticize and  
knock, but it takes a big per-  
son to cooperate and help push  
an enterprise or citizen along up  
the hill to success.

Had you thought about the  
fact that there are a number of  
business men and citizens in and  
about Merkel who are doing  
their dead level best to promote  
and do things that will be help-  
ful and beneficial to both the  
city of Merkel and the surround-  
ing country. Are you helping  
them?

With a beautiful new High  
School building costing \$40,000,  
the voting of \$60,000 worth of  
bonds for installation in this  
city of a modern, sanitary Sewer  
System, the building of a fine  
system of modern dirt highways  
leading into Merkel, and an ef-  
fort being made to bring to Mer-  
kel natural gas for heating pur-  
poses, are some of the fine  
things that have been secured  
and under contemplation for  
Merkel, which have either been  
directly sponsored by the Merkel  
Luncheon Club or had it's back-  
ing. The Merkel Luncheon Club  
is a good thing for the advance-  
ment of the towns best interest  
and should have the united and  
wholehearted support of the  
town's citizenship.

The move that is being made  
through the Luncheon Club, to  
buy another Tractor to be used  
in building more good roads  
through the Merkel territory, is  
a good one. For the reason that

the day is NOW AT HAND,  
when the general public demands  
good roads. Good roads means  
the saving of dollars in the wear  
and tear of automobiles as well  
as the saving of time. Besides  
the town that neglects to see  
that good roads leading into it  
from all directions will soon be-  
come a back number, and infact,  
become a one-horse, one-man  
town, for people are going to  
haul their produce and buy  
their goods in the town that has  
good roads leading into it. The  
well graded road, plain dirt road  
where the drag is properly used,  
is going to prove to be the best  
and most economical road  
throughout the communities.

**IS ARBITRATION FAIR?**

The community has for many  
years looked to arbitration as  
the principal resource for set-  
tling labor troubles. But a ten-  
dency is noted among many of  
the union representatives, to  
claim that arbitrations as a rule  
tend to work in favor of the  
capitalists, for the reason that  
the arbitrator is usually a man  
of some prominence in the com-  
munity who tends to side against  
labor.

The objection is similarly raised  
to permanent industrial arbi-  
trational tribunals, that they would  
generally be made up of men  
who are more intimately con-  
nected with the employing class  
than with the employees, hence  
would be likely in the majority  
of cases to render a biased ver-  
dict.

But considering how many  
people there are in the commu-  
nity who sympathize with the  
common man's efforts to pull  
himself upward, it would seem as  
if it should always be possible  
to find impartial people who  
would weigh fairly both sides  
of such questions. When a ques-  
tion is submitted to such arbi-  
tration, the usual result is that  
great losses to capital, to labor,  
and the community are saved.

The objection is also raised  
that such adjustments are apt  
to be compromises, aimed more  
to prevent any break than to  
give exact justice, and that the  
more one faction claims, the  
more favorable the compromise  
will be to that side. But even  
such agreements are better than  
stopping production and causing  
the terrible loss of strikes.

In view of the difficulties in  
getting satisfactory arbitrations  
it would be far better if employ-  
ers and employes would make a  
more earnest effort to get to-  
gether before quarrels reach the  
acute stage. Many concerns  
avoid such difficulties by con-  
ferring constantly with repre-  
sentatives of their employes, and  
seeing to it that their help un-  
derstand business conditions.

**PREPARING FOR JULY 4TH.**

Much of the lawlessness and  
disorder which has occurred in  
many towns on July Fourth has  
taken place because the leaders  
of the community did not ar-  
range any suitable program for  
the day.

It may be said that the older  
people ought not to have to work  
their heads off getting up enter-  
tainments so that the young  
crowd will graciously consent to  
be quiet. However, the tradi-  
tion exists that July-Fourth is  
a big public occasion that should  
be adequately observed. If there  
are no public displays, and no  
athletic sports or picnics to work  
off their surplus vitality, they  
may take it into their heads to  
celebrate in the old fashioned  
way, by creating a big distur-  
bance.

There ought to be in every  
community some leaders who  
have enough energy and sympa-  
thy with young folks to get up  
an interesting observance for  
July Fourth, one which shall  
not merely give people a good  
time, but have some patriotic  
suggestion.

The foundation to the School  
Building now being built has  
been laid and all that can be  
done to hasten the completion  
of this building is being done.

**READING POLITICS**

If every American voter would  
put in thirty minutes or more a  
day for the next four months in  
carefully reading the political  
news and opinions printed in the  
newspapers, the people as a  
whole would vote with more in-  
telligence, and the result would  
be seen in better legislation.

The American people as a  
whole are interested in politics,  
as the enthusiasm manifested in  
a political campaign indicates.  
If however they would read the  
political news every day in the  
year, instead of in many cases  
just in periods of special excite-  
ment, their knowledge would be  
more thorough. The excited dis-  
cussion that takes place in many  
hang-outs and meeting places  
shows that political study is by  
no means neglected, during polit-  
ical campaigns at least.

Unfortunately a great many  
people, possibly a majority in  
many places, have not been  
enough interested in politics so  
that they would consistently  
follow political developments as  
a regular habit all through the  
year. Many of these folks take  
their opinions second handed.  
Some clever political gumshoe  
who knows how to appeal to  
their prejudices will often sway  
them in favor of some undesir-  
able candidate.

If these people would put the  
same earnest thought into their  
political choices that they would  
into a decision affecting their  
work or business interests, un-  
fit candidates would not so fre-  
quently be places in office by  
their votes.

The newspapers of America  
cover the presidential campaign  
with thoroughness, and anyone  
who wants to vote intelligently  
has plenty of material from  
which to make his decision.

The Merkel Mail will do its  
full share in printing political  
news and opinions. The people  
who fail to read the political  
news this fall will miss a very  
interesting story, and they fail  
to show reasonable care in look-  
ing after their own interests.

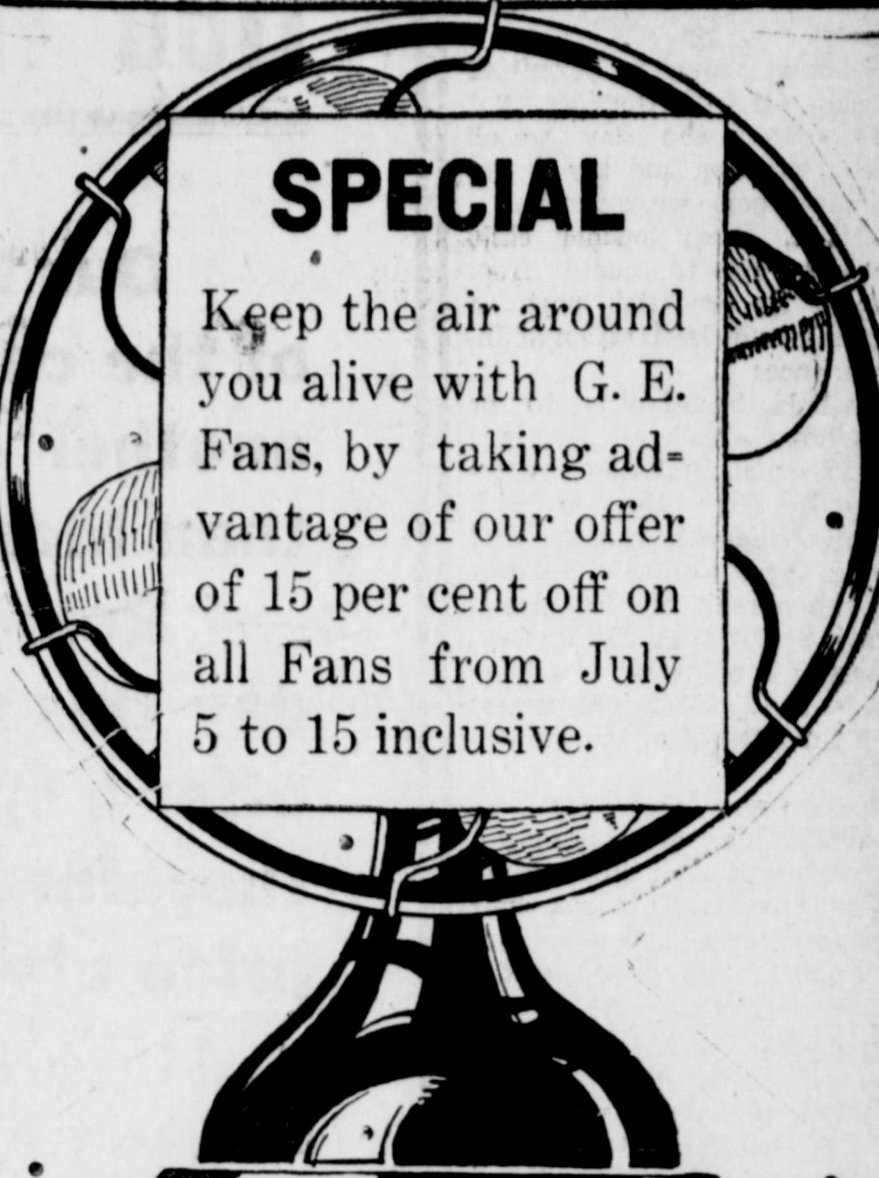
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Owing to the fact that it takes  
so much time to cut a shingle  
and Pineapple Bob, we will, be-  
ginning July 7th, charge seven-  
ty-five (75) cents for this work.  
West and Byers Petty Barber  
Shops. 1t

New Hay—and full line Feed  
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Mrs. Luther Woodroof of  
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of Mrs. W. F. Patterson this  
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An authority on the subject  
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ployes on the payrolls of the  
federal and local government  
and 700,000 former employes  
drawing pensions—3,400,000 per-  
sons who are being provided by  
government with their living.

There are 41 to 42 million  
persons in the United States  
"gainfully employed" so that  
every 12 citizens are support-  
ing one in office.

The amount paid for services  
by government—federal, state  
and local—represented six and  
one-half percent of the national  
income in 1922.

This sum was nearly one-half  
that paid out in wages by all  
manufacturing plants in this  
country in 1921.

This sum represents an aver-  
age payment of \$91 by each per-  
son over ten years old engaged  
in a gainful occupation.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

**Miss Johnny Sears Entertains**

Tuesday evening at eight  
o'clock, six girl friends gather-  
ed at the home of Miss Johnny  
Sears in response to an invita-  
tion from her to attend a slum-  
ber party.

After enjoying a car drive,  
music and various games were  
enjoyed until the mid-night hour  
when a feast was spread con-  
sisting of sandwiches, iced tea,  
and pickles.

In the morning a very deli-  
cious breakfast was served fol-  
lowed by a ride to Shannon's swim-  
ming pool, where a swim was  
enjoyed.

Those enjoying the hospital-  
ity of Miss Sears were: Misses  
Boog Sears, Dorris Durham, Ona  
Fae Rose, Mona Margaret Jones,  
Lola Dennis and Dorothy San-  
ders.

Dawson Fancy Egg Coal in  
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to have to start all over again.  
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out in a few minutes the work of years. In-  
surance is your one unfailing protection.  
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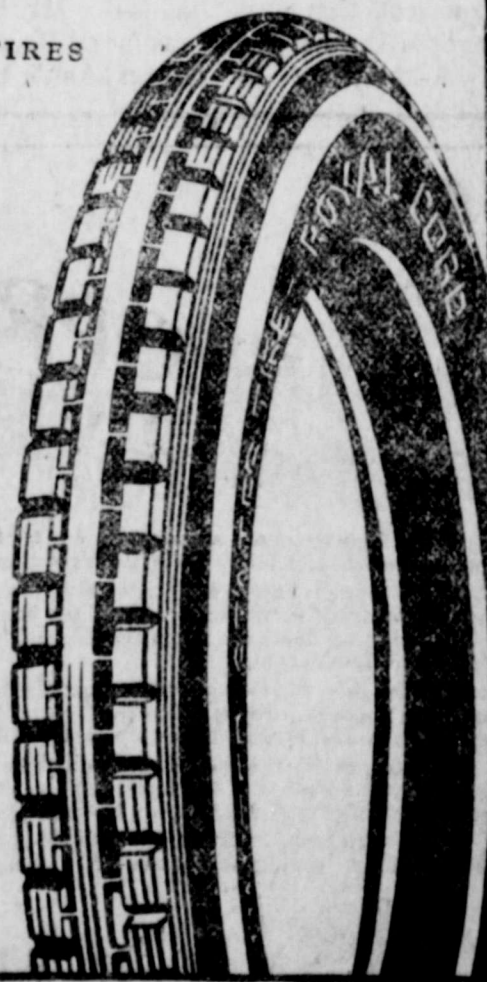
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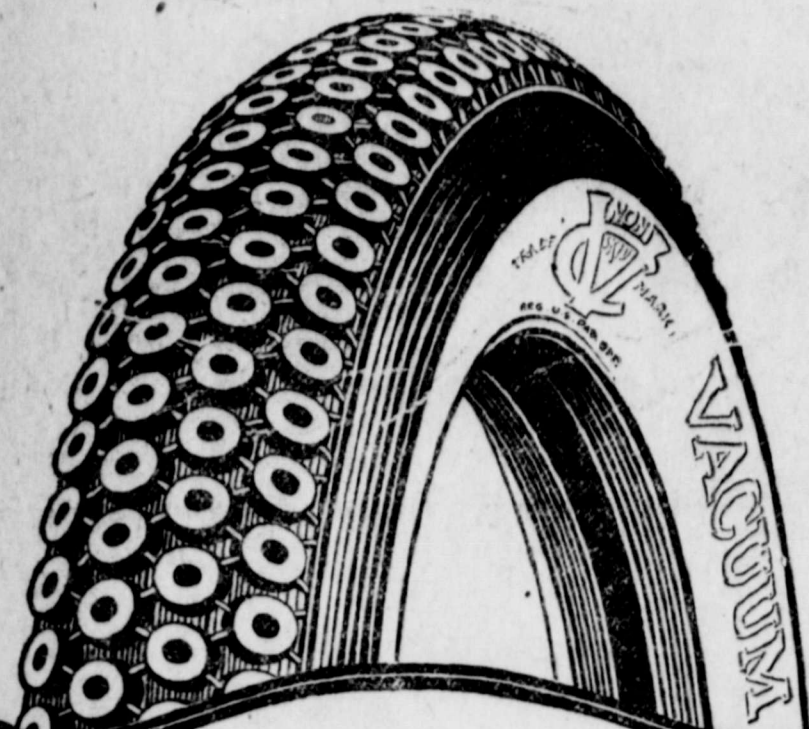
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Merkel's Complete Accessory Store

## DUTY COMES FIRST ALTHOUGH LOVE IS CALLING TO RANGER

In the William Fox production of "The Grail," with Dustin Farnum, which comes to the Cozy Theatre Friday and Saturday, there is said to be a powerful moral, as well as a wealth of good action and picturesque romance.

Appearing as a Texas Ranger whose father died with a plea on his lips that he never turn back on duty, Farnum plays a role which calls for all of his dramatic ability. He is called upon to choose between the girl of his heart and duty when it devolves on him to arrest her dear friend.

The Ranger never desisted, but makes the arrest and faces it out with his gun ready. In the end he wins the girl, but not until he has been forced to suffer untold mental anguish and dare to risk life and limb many times.

### Picnic Honoring Miss Powell

Wednesday afternoon, Mr. James Swann gave a picnic in honor of Miss Mary Ruth Powell, who has been here for some time visiting her sister, Mrs. Sam Swann.

Those invited gathered at the home of Miss Ona Fae Rose at four o'clock. The drive to Castle Peak was much enjoyed.

After a climb to the top of the peak, a picnic supper was spread. The Menu consisted of fried chicken, sandwiches, potato chips, olives, iced tea, ice cream and cake.

Those enjoying this happy occasion were: Misses Mary Ruth Powell, of Leonard, Texas, Ona Fae Rose, Helen Booth, Dorris Durham, Grace Lee Cranston; James Swann, W. L. Harkrider, Perry Shannon, Robert Mayfield, Carl Smith of Hamlin, and Castle Ellis. Mesdames A. C. Rose and Thos. Durham were chaperones.

Full stock of Corn, shelled Maize, Shorts, Chops, Bran, Oats and various kinds of chicken feed. Also have plenty of hulls and fresh Millet hay. J. M. Garrett. Phone 155.

Misses Edna, Lillian and Ruth Watts, and Foster Watts and Dallas Hand returned this week from a trip to San Antonio, Galveston and Corpus Christi. They went in their car and camped out all the time. A great time is reported by all the party.

Mrs. M. E. Orr returned this week from a visit to relatives at Cross Plains, Texas. She was accompanied home by her two grandsons, J. W. and Norman Orr for a visit here.

Mr. D. H. Vaughn and Mr. L. M. Watkins of Wichita Falls, Texas, are here for a brief visit with friends.

# SPECIAL SALE!

We have just received a large shipment of Queensware (dishes) and are going to make some attractive prices for a Summer Stimulator, so if you need any thing it will pay you to come in and look them over and make your selections.

## WATCH FOR OUR BIG ALUMINUM SALE "NEXT WEEK"

### Special on Screen Doors

Hardware of all kinds.

Quality Merchandise, not cheap John Stuff, is what we feature.

Come on in with the crowd.

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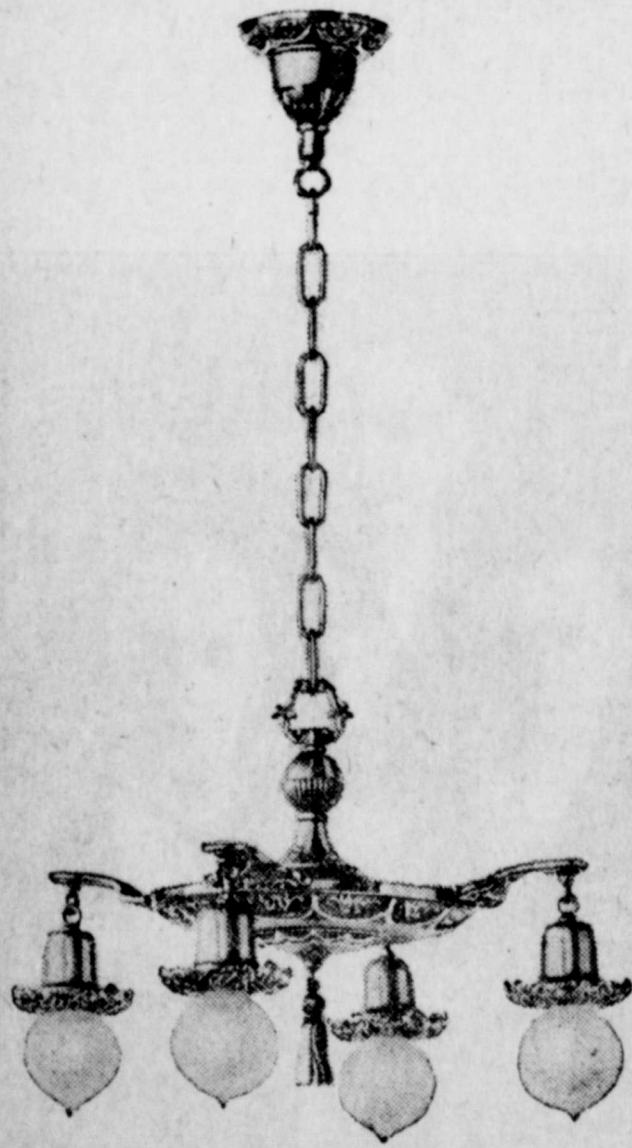


So why not brighten up the old home at a great saving by taking advantage of our

**25 PER CENT REDUCTION**

Offer on all of our up to date fixtures.

Our sacrifice is your gain  
So you cant Afford to miss it.



**West Texas Utilities Company**



### WITH THE CHURCHES Presbyterian Church Notes

Our meeting closed Wednesday night, and we are glad that we had the privilege of having Dr. Sneed with us. At every service he brought a great message, and the closing service gave a masterful account of his recent trip to the Holy Land. We face the coming months with assurance that the meeting will continue, and grow with each passing week.

Next Thursday night we have the pleasure of entertaining our own Trinity Quartet. We always give them a great reception. Let this be no exception. On Wednesday night Mrs. Spence, for years a missionary in Alaska, will tell of the work in the far north.

Sunday, July 6, we hope to make a great day, this being our regular communion day, and the day set apart for the reception of members. "Come Thou with us and we will do Thee Good." No service at night.  
Fred S. Rogers.

### Methodist Church Notes

On next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour, a full attendance of the church membership is urged, and likewise a cordial invitation is extended to all others who care to come and worship with us.

For the morning hour the pastor will preach on the subject of "What We Believe", the special thought under this heading will be "The Divinity of the Lord".

Owing to the fact that the Baptist Revival will be in progress at the tabernacle, we will have no service at the evening hour, and would be glad that all who can would attend the services there. T. J. Rea, pastor.

Dawson Fancy Egg Coal in transit—Buy while you can get summer prices. Swafford, phone 44.

### M. E. MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

The Womans Society will have their regular meeting at the church next Monday afternoon. This is regular business meeting day, and the president urges all officers to be present to give reports. There will also be a report from Mrs. Richardson, our delegate to the all-day district meeting at Tuscola. We hope to have a good attendance of the membership at this meeting. We are beginning a new quarter the third quarter of the year, and we should strive to make each quarter a little better in every way than the preceding one. The hour of meeting has been changed from 3:30 to 4 o'clock. Please take notice and be present at 4 o'clock on next Monday afternoon.

### Intermediate League Program

Subject: "A boy who listened, Samuel."  
Leader, Elizabeth Harkrider.  
Song service.  
Scripture (1st. Samuel 3:1-21)  
Prayer.  
Samuel's Good Home, Elfe Chaney. God Speaks to Samuel, by

Lewis Tucker.  
Reading, Tommie Durham.  
Samuel's work, Robert Mayfield.  
Are we Wood Listeners? Stella King.  
Can God speak to us today, Orpah Patterson.  
Quartette.  
Announcements; Benediction.

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

Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program for July 6th at Compere.  
Subject: Enoch.  
Song Service.  
Prayer; Bible Drill.  
Enoch's Biography, Joe Ben Ashby.  
Enoch's Prophecy, Clyde Mayfield.  
Enoch's Faith, Avo Van Eaton.  
Enoch's Example, Iris Garrett.  
Special song, Helen Booth and Charlie Largent.  
"How the Christian may Walk with God", a discussion by three Intermediate girls.  
Special number.  
Closing song and prayer.

Miss Ruth Davis left Thursday for her home in El Paso after a pleasant visit to her friend, Miss Mary Alice Johnson.

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PERSONALS

Mr. T. G. Bragg was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Mr. John Ray of Buffalo Gap was here Tuesday on business.

Miss Ruth Davis of El Paso, Texas, is here the guest of Miss Mary Alice Johnson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hamm and daughters, Misses Ruby and Evelyn, were in Abilene Thursday.

Mr. J. T. Darsey and family spent Sunday with relatives in Anson.

Miss Grace Lee Cranston was the guest of Miss Ona Fae Rose last week end.

Mrs. Ruth Douglas of Linville, Tennessee, is here visiting her cousin, Mrs. A. A. Baker.

W. L. Garrison left last week to attend Draughons Business College at Abilene.

Mrs. L. O. Cooper of Abilene was a guest of Mrs. A. V. Dye for a few days this week.

Mrs. J. E. Costephens is visiting her sons at Sweetwater and Roscoe this week.

Mr. G. B. Brown, Jr., of Abilene was here visiting with friends Tuesday.

Mr. Kenneth Sharp left Wednesday morning for Fort Worth for a visit.

Miss Gladys Milliken left Wednesday for a visit with friends and relatives at Duncan, Okla.

Mrs. H. B. Hill returned to Columbus, Texas, after a visit with her mother, Mrs. B. Jenkins, and friends.

Dr. S. W. Johnson and wife, and Mrs. P. A. Sandifer returned Tuesday from a vacation trip to Mineral Wells, Texas.

Mr. Odell Eoff and wife of Roscoe, Texas, are here this week visiting their parents who reside in the Noodle community.

Mrs. A. C. Adcock of Wellington, Texas, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Riddle and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Warnick of Abilene were here Monday visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thornton and two children of Lamesa are here this week visiting with relatives.

Mr. H. L. Propst left Wednesday for the Plains country, where he will attend to business matters for a few days.

Miss Lois Swafford of Yoakum Texas is here this week the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. S.H.L. Swafford, and other relatives.

Mrs. S. A. Duckett and daughter, Louise, of Tulia, Texas, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives at Caddo and Eliasville, Texas.

Messrs. A. V. Dye and family and O. R. Dye and family, and Mr. William Dye, visited relatives at Loraine last Saturday.

Mr. W. W. Campbell left Tuesday via car for Roaring Springs, Texas, and will bring back his mother for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dye returned Monday from a trip to Lamesa where they visited members of their family.

Mr. Lawrence Lee and Mr. Audley Hallman, were here Wednesday and Thursday of this week, visiting friends.

Mr. L. L. Huddleston was in Winters Wednesday on business.

Mr. A. C. Rose was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones were in Abilene Monday visiting.

Mr. G. H. Bullock was an Abilene visitor Monday.

Miss Annie Mae Swann is spending the week with friends in Abilene.

Mr. T. L. Grimes returned from a visit to his son, Luther at Breckenridge, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Trawick of Abilene, were guests of Mrs. Amy Sears this week.

C. W. Simpson and children left this week for a visit among old friends in Arkansas.

Mr. Arthur Thornton is improving his place by having a new roof put on his house.

Mr. C. L. McNees of Abilene was here Wednesday visiting with relatives and friends.

Mr. Johnnie Walker of Sweetwater was in Merkel Monday visiting with friends.

Mr. R. L. Bland of Abilene was in Merkel Monday on business.

Mr. W. T. Sherrill of Abilene was in Merkel Monday on business.

Mr. R. L. Walker is just completing a neat bungalow home in northeast Merkel.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Westel of the Mt Pleasant Community, a boy on the 24th of June.

To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Payne on July 1st, a baby boy was born Mr. and Mrs. Payne live in the Noodle community.

P. C. Jones, T. E. Reagan and W. N. Farris returned first of the week from a business trip to the Plains.

Dawson Fancy Egg Coal in transit—Buy while you can get summer prices. Swafford, phone 44.

Mr. Loring Hamblett returned Wednesday from a brief stay at Breckenridge, where he visited a brother.

Mrs. Ed Beck and son Jim, of Sylvester, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes last week-end.

Miss Frances Eddie Beck of Sylvester is the guest of Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes this week.

Mrs. R. I. Grimes and two children and Mrs. S. A. Grimes and two children visited friends at Sylvester Wednesday.

Mr. R. A. McBean of Dallas, Texas, came in Friday morning to visit Miss Edith Brown for a few days.

Alvin Bell and family are here this week from Dallas, for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown and children, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durham and children, and Miss Bettye Rogers and Mr. Sie Hamm spent two days last week end at Leuders fishing and camping.

Everybody who reads magazines buys newspapers, but everybody who reads newspapers doesn't buy magazines. Catch the Drift? Here's the medium to reach the people of this community.

FIND FORTUNES IN WASTE WATER

Profits From Simple Processes to Remove Metals.

Thousands of pounds' worth of gold and silver are saved each year from dirty water which would otherwise pass into the sewers.

Wherever business is conducted on a large scale, and more particularly where articles of commerce are turned out on the mass production system, the control of waste is a vital part of organization. This is especially the case where the raw materials used are precious metals.

In factories producing gold and silver articles, such as jewelry, gold-rimmed eyeglasses and so on, minute portions of the metals become attached to the hands of the workers. Special arrangements are therefore necessary to prevent the loss of these minute particles, which aggregate to large values in the course of a year.

Where gold is concerned, the wash-basin is the trap used. All the workers wash in special basins, the dirty water from which is stored and treated. The gold, being heavier than water, sinks to the bottom, the water above it being drained off periodically. The accumulated sludge is sent to the refiners, who extract the gold and pay for it.

Large sums are also saved in photographic workrooms by rescuing the silver which escapes from plates and films and photographic papers during the process of development.

The hypo in the fixing bath dissolves out the unused silver. When the bath becomes exhausted and dirty, instead of going down the sewer it is run into tubs into which a chemical is thrown. The silver falls to the bottom. The water is then run off and more exhausted hypo is added, the precipitating process being repeated, and so on until the tub is nearly full of sludge.

The refiner extracts the silver from the sludge, returning to the factory sums which are often large enough to cover the rent.—London Tit-Bits.

Vegetable Pear

The chayote, a popular vegetable in Mexico and Central America, has been grown for more than a generation under the names "vegetable pear," "Mirliton," "mango squash," etc. in certain sections of the South.

A single vine in a garden or yard will produce more than enough chayotes for an average family. It is an excellent fall and winter table vegetable.

The chayote is related to the cucumber and squash. It weighs from eight ounces to a pound, has a smooth surface, a fiber-free flesh and a delicate, agreeable ornamental vine for training over a porch or outbuilding. It flowers profusely, and for that reason is a good bee plant.

The fleshy underground tubers are used in some places much the same as potatoes in temperate regions. Its foliage makes good food for cattle and poultry.—Detroit News.

King Invents Language

A few years ago Njoya, king of Fouban, in the Cameroons, became jealous of the particularly good set of secret languages of neighboring tribes and invented from French, English and German words a code tongue of his own which is reserved for the exclusive use of the "cabinet" and upper administrative officials.

The interesting feature of this state language, which was discovered and studied by a Frenchman, Lieutenant Clapot, is that, instead of meaning their usual equivalent, the European words have entirely different code significations. "La mission," for instance, means "to see," and "franc" means "the king." "Ordnung" means "we," "savant" means "an egg," and "franc" means "a hill," "left" means "which," and "England" means "a head."—Manchester Guardian.

Braggarts Both

A Yankee visitor to a London club was making himself rather unpopular by bragging about the American navy. "The fact is, friends," he said, "Mrs. Britannia no longer rules the waves. Why, if it ever came to war between your country and America our fleet would come out and tow your fleet right into New York harbor, and that would be the end of it."

"Perhaps you're right," said one of the listeners quietly, "but it would take a better man than Columbus to discover America afterward."—Boston Transcript.

R-r-revenge!

Little Jack had been so persistently naughty that mother just had to give him a good spanking, and all that afternoon a desire for revenge rankled in his little breast.

At length bedtime came and, kneeling down, he said his evening prayer, asking a blessing upon all the members of the family individually—except one. Then rising, he turned to his mother with a triumphant look, saying, as he climbed into bed, "I suppose you noticed you wasn't in it."—The Christian Guardian.

Belle of the Funeral

One of the best narrators of Irish stories is Lord Carson, who always tells them with the gravest face. One of his best is an Irish "wake" story. A pretty girl was invited to the funeral of a friend. When it was over, she was telling how much she enjoyed it. "Sure, it was grand," she said. "They put me in the second coach with the brother of the corpse, and I was the belle of the funeral."

News in Pictures



Evangelist John G. Winsett, at right, is doing the preaching at the Baptist Revival, now being conducted at the tabernacle.

EVANGELIST JOHN G. WINSETT



HON. J. C. MASON

Candidate for Railroad Commissioner, the six year term.

MR. T. D. CARROLL  
Mr. Carroll is directing the song service at the Baptist Revival, which began last night.



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Candidate for Railroad Commissioner, the four year term.



TRINITY UNIVERSITY MALE QUARTET

The Trinity Quartet will appear in concert on next Tuesday evening, July 8th. They've been here before.

THE ADS IN THIS PAPER OFFER YOU VALUES.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Johnson Grass hay \$1.50 per load in field. Phone No. 22. 1tp

FOR SALE—A New seven by nine Auto Tent at less than Wholesale cost. Jas. H. West. tf

FOR SALE—1/4 H.P. 32V. Motor Edgar Holly, Deleo Light Dealer, Abilene. 1tp

## FORMULA FOR KILLING

Mosquitoes, Flies, Fleas, Bedbugs, Moths, Cockroaches, and ants in the house.

Do you want to learn how to kill these insect pests?

Make your own insect killer at home, as simple to make as a pot of coffee, and very cheap.

Mail us 25 cents, stamps or coin, and we will mail you the formula for making a stainless insecticide that will positively kill above mentioned insects and many more. Send 25 cents today.

It will be the best quarter you ever invested.

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FOR SALE—Concrete building across the street from the Post Office. See W. W. Wheeler for Particulars. 27t2p

## WANTED

WANTED—Plain and fancy sewing. Call 142, Mrs. A. A. McGehee. 1t

WANTED—Plain and Fancy Sewing. A specialty of Crocheted Beads. See Mrs. Stanley King and Mrs. V. B. Sublett, South Oak Street. tf

## LOST

LOST—Cupples Cord Casing on rim last week. Swafford, phone No. 44. 1t

LOST—A Seiberling Cord Casing and rim for Ford car, on road from Merkel to the Geo. Brown farm two and a half miles southeast of Stith. Finder return to Merkel Mail or Jim Brown and receive reward. 1t

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## ROUGHING IT ON MOTOR TRIPS

The American people are said to be getting soft and fussy about having their luxuries. For all that, there are probably more people today than ever before who go out on trips where they have to rough it and get along without the comforts of civilization.

Innumerable people get out with automobiles and little camping outfits and sleep along the roadsides. Many of them never thought they could get along without soft beds and home cooking appliances. But the chance to see the country was given to them when automobiles became popular, only to do it at little cost, they had to plan for roadside camping.

They responded to the opportunity, and have seen more of the country than they ever thought possible. And what is more valuable, they have had a little experience in getting back to pioneer conditions. It makes people independent and self-confident to feel that they can thus live in a very simple way.

## Announcements

For State Representative:  
**JOHN N. HODGE**  
For District Clerk:  
**J. K. FULLER,**  
**Mrs. LAURA COOK MITCHELL**  
**J. E. McPHERSON**

For County Judge:  
**CARLOS D. SPECK,**  
**J. M. STEVENSON**  
For County Treasurer:  
**AUSTIN FITTS**  
County Attorney  
**FRANK E. SMITH**  
**T. M. WILLIS**  
**ROY L. DUKE**

For Tax Collector:  
**D. T. HARKRIDER,**  
**ED. DICKERSON,**  
**R. A. McCLAIN**

For Tax Assessor:  
**J. T. HOWARD**  
**JOE T. PERRY**  
**(MRS) FLORENCE VANCE**

For County Clerk:  
**W. E. BEASLEY**

For Sheriff:  
**H. T. O'BAR**  
**JOHN S. BOND**  
**R. G. (Bob) ANDERSON**

For County School Supt.  
**M. A. WILLIAMS**  
(Re-election)

For Commissioner:  
**T. R. LASSITER**  
**CHARLES P. STEVENS**  
**PHILLIP A. DILTZ**  
**HENRY R. HICKS**  
**JOHN S. HUGHES**

For Public Weigher:  
**C. L. TUCKER**  
(Re-election)

**JONES COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
For County Commissioner, Pre.4  
**SAM L. GRAYSON**

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Tutt's Pills keep the system in perfect order. Regulate the bowels and produce  
**A VIGOROUS BODY**  
A sovereign remedy for sick headache, constipation.

## Tutt's Pills



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The powerful, healing warmth of Hunt's Lightning Oil gives instant relief to rheumatism, sprain, sore muscles, neuralgia, headache, etc. Use and be healed.

## Friendship Club Notes

The Friendship Club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Golliday last Friday afternoon.

The members were notified that the meeting was to be a "Tacky Party", so the fun began.

The hostess, dressed as a sixteen year old lassie, in gay colors, red, black and yellow, met each guest at the door with a smile.

The feature part of the program for the evening was a surprise wedding. The characters were Mrs. B. T. Sublett, Minister; Miss Maxie Banner, Bride; Mrs. V. B. Sublett, Groom; Mrs. Golliday, Brides maid; Mrs. Stanley King, Flower Girl. The ceremony was indeed a very solemn occasion.

Bridal supper was next served which consisted of brown beans and corn bread, pickles and onions.

Snap shop pictures were made which will be kept forever.

A contest was had to see who was dressed the tackiest. Mrs. L. R. Thompson, Mrs. C. K. Russell and Mrs. Bob McDonald were judges, and declared Mrs. Ed. Turner to be the tackiest, she receiving the prize.

Cold Soda Pop and Sunshine wafers were served to the following: Mesdames Ross Wheeler, Len Sublett, Claude Perry, L. R. Thompson, C. K. Russell, Bob McDonald, Beene, Sam Owens, Stanley King, B. T. Sublett, V. B. Sublett, Ed. Turner and Miss Maxie Banner. Table girls were Misses Juanita Beene, Anna Lou Russell, Ruby Fae Golliday, and the hostess Mrs. Golliday.

Mrs. Kate Minatree of Buffalo Gap was the guest of Mrs. J. A. Milliken this week for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foster announce the birth of a baby boy on June 30th. Mr. and Mrs. Foster live in the Noodle community.



**Goodrich Silvertown Cord**

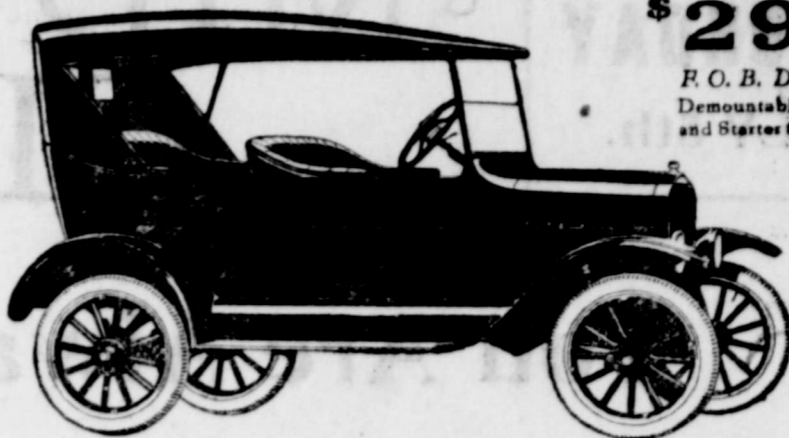
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Mrs. M. R. Woodrum and family were in Abilene Tuesday.

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Finished work and cleaning and pressing our specialty. One day service on cleaning six days out of every week. Leave at West's, Petty's of City Barber Shop, or phone 218. Alfred H. Ligon, agent Abilene Laundry Company. tf

Just what you are looking for in the way of a gift is the fashionable Stationery at the Merkel Mail Office. Come and see the samples. tf

House Full of bargains.—City Furniture, Joe Garland Prop. tf

## Scholarship for Sale

Miss Ouida Campbell has for sale an \$80.00 Scholarship in the Draughon's Business College of Abilene, and any one who is in need of a scholarship now, or anticipate attending this or any other Business College, will do well to see Miss Ouida Campbell at once. It will pay you to see her. tf

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Write W. C. LASLEY, Secretary-Treasurer, Abilene, Texas. Office over Schultz Grocery—Phone 25. 27t4

## NOODLE NEWS

Health of the community is good at this writing.

Crops are looking fine though they are needing rain.

The singing at G. C. Ely's Sunday night was enjoyed by all.

Quite a large crowd from this place attended singing a Trent Sunday. A nice time was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Aubrey Reagan has returned from a business trip and visit to Fort Worth.

There was a large crowd attended the cream supper at Mr. Will Walker's Saturday night, and there was plenty of ice cream.

Miss Hallie Green spent the night with Miss Jewel Boyd Saturday night.

C. B. Jenkins and wife spent the night with W. A. Steele and wife Saturday night.

Miss Maggie Wheeler has returned home from a visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Eoff and little daughter visited at Noodle Saturday night and Sunday.

Eulice and Blanche Tyler

spent Saturday night and Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Henry Pierce.

Mrs. R. D. Cole's mother is visiting with her now.

Mr. Jack Dennison has purchased a Ford car.

Mrs. W. J. Bicknell visited with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell Sunday.

Miss Exa and Vada Cole, Miss Mabel Jenkins, Mr. Leonard Jinkens and Mr. Porter Strange took supper with W. A. Steele and wife Sunday night.

Mabel Seago who is taking a course at Draughon's Business College, was at home Sunday.

Miss Grace Patton, who has been visiting for quite a while with her sister, Mrs. G. C. Richards, has gone to Roscoe to visit her sister, Mrs. Naylor Eoff.

T. C. Jenkins and family are visiting relatives at Wingate and Dora, since Thursday, and Miss Mabel Jinkens is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Steele.

There will be church and Sunday School at Noodle Sunday. Every one invited.

Mrs. Harrison and baby, and Mrs. Andrew Hill, all of Childress, Texas, came in Thursday to visit in the J. E. Costephens home for a while.

## Chills, & Stomach Trouble

**M**R. N. A. SMITH, of Shaw, Miss., says he can't remember being without Theford's Black-Draught liver medicine since he and Mrs. Smith began keeping house, many years ago.

"When we have chills," says Mr. Smith, "Black-Draught is what we use and we find it just splendid. I had a bad case of stomach trouble. I couldn't eat enough and was very weak. Everything I ate hurt me, formed gas and I spit up my food. I would feel stupid or staggery. I didn't feel like doing any work. I knew what Black-Draught had done in colds and I began taking small

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**MID-SUMMER**  
**CLEARANCE**

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 JULY 19th

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Included are the New Powder Blues.  
 A big price range at Big Reductions.  
 One lot Dress Shirts worth \$2.00  
 extra special price **98c**

**Mens Suits Priced For Quick Clearance**

- One lot Spring Suits, regular \$25 and \$30 to sell quick at **\$17.75**
- One lot \$15 Spring Suits..... **\$10.25**
- One lot \$12.50 Spring Suits..... **\$8.95**
- One lot Boys \$7.50 to \$10 Suits..... **\$4.95**
- One lot \$9 Palm Beach Suits..... **\$5.95**
- Boys wash Suits, values to \$3.50..... **98c**
- One lot Boys Knee Pants..... **1/2 PRICE**
- Mens 75c. B.V.D. Style Underwear priced for quick clearance..... **2 for \$1.00**
- Mens and boys Overalls, regular \$1.50 kind..... **\$1.19**
- One lot Mens work Shoes priced **1/2 OFF**
- 25c Lisle Hose, 5 for..... **\$1.00**

**Piece Goods Section**

- \$1.50 Printed Silks..... **\$1.19**
- 75c Dotted Voiles..... **59c**
- 60c Silk Finish Gingham..... **49c**
- 50c Zephyr Gingham..... **39c**
- 75c Tissue Gingham..... **49c**
- 50c Tissue Gingham..... **39c**
- \$1.25 Silk Pongee..... **95c**



- 35c Pajama Checks..... **24c**
- 9-4 best grade Bleached Sheeting..... **45c**
- \$1.00 Muslin Gowns, flesh & white..... **69c**
- 75c Brassieres, flesh and white..... **49c**
- \$3.00 pure linen Table Damask..... **\$1.95**
- \$1.25 mercerized Table Damask..... **85c**
- 65c Mercerized Table Damask..... **49c**
- One table 25c Gingham and Percales per yard..... **18c**
- Good grade LL Brown Domestic..... **14c**
- Good Grade Bleached Domestic..... **15c**
- Remnant Table loaded with Real Bargains. Entire Shoe Stock priced to make room for New Fall Shoes now coming in.
- All Mens Straw Sailors at **1/2 PRICE**.
- All Mens HATS Priced **SPECIAL**.

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- 30 Silk Dresses left on our racks to be sold at..... **1/2 PRICE**
- 50 Ladies and Misses Hats regardless of former price..... **\$1.00**
- 25 Ladies Hats, values to \$10.00..... **\$2.00**
- \$12.50 Linen Dresses..... **\$6.95**
- \$6.95 Linen Dresses..... **\$3.95**
- Better Voile Dresses..... **1/2 OFF**

**Scarfs are The Rage**

--Of Colorful Silks, a delightful variety in prices you'll like. Neckwear, Beads, Belts and Purses are on Sale.



**Ladies Silk Hose Priced SPECIAL**

- \$2.50 Silk Hose, all colors..... **\$2.00**
- \$1.50 Silk Hose, all colors..... **98c**
- All Childrens **1/2** and **1/3** hose Priced **SPECIAL**.
- 75c Bath Towels, per pair..... **60c**
- 60c Bath Towels, per pair..... **49c**
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