

LUNCHEON CLUB INTEREST CONTINUES

Last Tuesday evening being the regular meeting time for the Merkel Luncheon Club, some sixty members and guests assembled at Ed's Cafe at eight o'clock where one of the most interesting, most enthusiastic and best meetings has ever been held.

Mr. Booth Warren, efficient Assistant Cashier at the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, was the able and interesting Toastmaster for the occasion, and through his keen business foresight and unique ideas, he brought forth and presented to the meeting one of the finest and most interesting programs that has been rendered upon a similar occasion.

The program, principally a musical one, began with a lovely violin solo, by Miss Lynn Thompson, Miss Lorena Frazier accompanied at the piano.

Next came a vocal duet, by Messrs Delma Compton and Paul West, with Miss Boog Sears at the piano. This was followed by a Saxophone Trio by Messrs. Compton, Jack Anderson and Charlie Largent, with Miss Sears at the piano. This number proved to be among the most appreciated by those present.

Next a vocal solo, by Miss Boog Sears, with Miss Iva Bragg accompanying, was indeed much appreciated.

The musical part of the program being over, the toastmaster in a few well chosen remarks announced the presence at the meeting of Rev. W. M. Murrell, of Chillicothe, formerly one of Merkel's beloved pastors, whom he asked to make a few remarks. And the minister already bearing the reputation and distinction of being among the best orators in the ministerial profession throughout North West Texas, proved himself an adept as an after dinner speaker, and for some thirty minutes held the assembly spell bound with his eloquence of facts mixed with both wit and humor.

He was very complimentary in his praise of the fine work the Luncheon Club had accomplished and was doing for the up-building of Merkel, especially commending our city's forward step in the building of our new high school building and the voting of bonds with which to install a modern sewer system. But the best of all, was the compliment this good man paid the local orchestra, other musicians and the young ladies taking part in the fine program rendered during the evening, saying that at no place could one find more talented and refined entertainers than had appeared during the evening's program. He also gave Merkel credit for having the best church-going citizenship of any town in Texas of like population.

Rev. Murrell also made the statement that our city had the best graded streets and appeared to be the cleanest town he had seen anywhere.

Dr. Frank Armstrong was next introduced and made a few splendid remarks, all of which was highly appreciated by every one.

At this, the close of the social part of the program, the toastmaster in an interesting manner gave a review of what one might call a correct directory of the city, showing the volume of business transacted; the different kinds and number of the various business concerns, which this paper would like to publish, and which we will do as soon as we can secure the data from the gentleman. However, in his enumeration of all the good things Merkel now possess-

NEXT TRADE TRIP WILL BE MADE TO SHILOH

At the last Luncheon Club it was decided to make the next trade trip to Shiloh, which will be Friday evening, August 1st.

It is expected that one of the largest and most elaborate programs will be prepared and rendered upon this occasion that has ever before been put on, and every person in the city is urged to join in and make the trip to this fine community. The people of Shiloh are also urged to be present and enjoy the occasion.

REVIVAL MEETING BEGINS SUNDAY

Our Revival meeting that is to be held in the newly builded arbor at Butman will begin Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. We have an arbor fifty-four feet long and forty feet wide, adequate space for all who will come and attend the meeting. This meeting will be held under the leadership of the two churches, Nubia and White Church, but we do not in any way wish to make it a sectarian affair. All are welcome, everybody that loves the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ and is in any way near the arbor site will be there. "Work for the Lord," will be our motto.

Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the Methodist church at Merkel, will preach for us. Mr. Cyrus Pee will direct the song services.

Remember the date Sunday July the 27th. Come bring your camping outfit and lets have a camp meeting.

M. R. Pike, pastor.

Mr. J. Ben Campbell and family spent Sunday in Shep-

es, this hustling young banker also mentioned a number of things Merkel needs to finish putting her on the map. One of these things was the need of about six blocks of paving in the business section.

The meeting was at this time turned over to the President of the organization, Mr. L. R. Thompson, who took up the business session. He called for reports of committees, and Dr. M. Armstrong, who is a road enthusiast, spending much of his time and good money in helping to promote a better system of roads throughout the Merkel territory, reported that almost enough money had been subscribed and paid in for the purchase of the second big Caterpillar Tractor, which will be used in Jones county, but belong to the citizens of Merkel and the Noodle community.

The Chairman, noticing in the meeting Mr. John T. Morgan, of Dallas, formerly a citizen of Merkel, called on Mr. Morgan who also made a few interesting remarks.

The next meeting will be two weeks from this meeting, with Mr. R. L. Grimes, Cashier of the Farmers State Bank, as Toastmaster, and as this is to be a meeting when the members will have open house, bringing their wives with them, the same is expected to be one of the best, most interesting and most largely attended. It will also no doubt bring forth one of the finest programs that has ever been given at any time, so make your arrangements to be there. For next succeeding meeting, Mr. Dee Grimes, of the Bragg Dry Goods Company will be in charge as Toastmaster.

The meeting closed with the announcement that the next Trade Trip will be made to Shiloh on Friday evening, August 1st.

FIVE INDICTED ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Indictments charging assault with intent to commit a statutory offense were returned by the grand jury in district court here Tuesday evening against five people, three men and two women as the result of an alleged assault Monday night upon "Miss Ruth Smith against the peace and dignity of the state." Those indicted were: Ruby Murrain of Abilene, Clara Wilson of Trent, Joe Totten of Abilene, Elmon Hall of Abilene and H. F. Sneed of Plainview.

The five defendants were carried before District Judge W. R. Ely Wednesday morning. Bond in the sum of \$5,000 was set in the case of each of the three men and bond of \$1,500 was set in the cases of the women. Hall furnished bond immediately and was released, Dallas Scarborough, W. S. Daniel, Ben L. Cox, A. J. Pope, all of Abilene signing the document. The other four defendants were remanded to custody and had not furnished bond at noon Wednesday.

Investigation of the case was taken up Tuesday by the grand jury following the lodgment of complaints against the five persons by Deputy Sheriff J. C. Reynolds. The five defendants were arraigned before Justice of the Peace P. B. Ford Tuesday morning. Totten, Sneed and Hall waived examining trial and bond in each case was set at \$3,000. Hall furnished bond and was released at that time. The two women were released without bail to appear when summoned.

District Judge Ely ordered the defendants held until bond was furnished. Officers were instructed to bring all bonds to him for his approval before releasing any of the defendants.

Trial Monday.

The trial of all the cases was set down for next Monday by Judge Ely.

An attempt to have the bond lowered in the case of Hall was made by Defense Council Dallas Scarborough who made an appeal to the court. The appeal was refused.

Judge Dallas Scarborough has been retained as counsel for Hall, to be assisted by Judge Ben L. Cox. Judge Cox also is representing the other defendants in the case.

The indictments returned by the grand jury name only one count. They charge each of the defendants, on July 21, with a statutory offense upon Ruth Smith. The indictment bears the name of W. P. Bounds, foreman of the grand jury.—Abilene Daily Reporter.

MANVILLE BROTHERS COMEDIANS COMING

Mr. Charles. D. Rhea, a former citizen of Merkel (and one of the most popular actors of the South) is now business manager for Manville Brothers Comedians. Mr. Rhea is in Merkel this week meeting old friends and making arrangements for his company to play here one week beginning Monday, July 28. The opening play, "One Girl's Experience" is truly a wonderful story—it contains all the public requires and approves.

The big special features with the show is the Famous Spanish Troubadors, eight headline artists, who offer the greatest variety of clean wholesome entertainment ever attempted by any of the big acts. Others are the five Alarcons, Billy McIntyre, Little Jorge Alarcon, The famous Barney Google—Erney Hughes, Nea Forbes, Ida Mae McCole, Kelsey Cook, Dick Sherwood, Marie Moon and others.

CHURCH OF CHRIST REVIVAL BEGIN SUN.

Announcement is made that on next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour, a ten days or two weeks revival meeting will begin, under the auspices of the Church of Christ, at the Tabernacle, with Dr. Jesse P. Sewell, of Abilene, doing the preaching, and Mr. Lee Eason song leader in charge of the Choir.

Dr. Sewell is no stranger in Merkel and the Merkel country, having for a number of years been the president of the Abilene Christian College, as well as having preached here a number of times. That he is one of the greatest preachers in this denomination, and throughout the entire state is a well known fact. In fact a learned and devout Christian Minister. Likewise, Mr. Eason is known far and wide as an able and interesting Choir director.

We understand the membership of the local church is making extensive preparations for a great revival, and with the above capable Evangelistic workers in charge, the Mail predicts a very successful meeting. There will be two services each day, likely morning and evening, and to which the entire citizenship of the town and community are cordially invited to attend.

REVIVAL MEETING BEGINS AT GOMPERE

Rev. W. H. Albertson, splendid pastor of the First Baptist Church of Merkel, announces that tonight he will begin a ten days revival at Comper Baptist church, and to which he invites the surrounding community to attend and take part in.

Rev. Albertson is an able and forceful plain minister of the gospel, and those who avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing him will be pleased and have no cause of regret.

POPULAR FORMER PAS- TOR VISITING HERE

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell, of Chillicothe, arrived in the city Monday for a visit of a few days among their host of friends in Merkel. After their visit here they expect to take the train here for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jones, former citizens of Merkel, but now residing at Sierra Blanco. They will spend some two weeks resting and recuperating in the Davis mountains region near Sierra Blanco.

Rev. Murrell is not only one of the ablest and staunchest ministers among the Methodist in the Northwest Texas Conference, but one of the best and most popular local pastors any church ever claimed as its pastor.

He is always a welcome visitor in Merkel by men of every walk of life and from all denominations.

BANKS TO CLOSE SATURDAY

Announcement is made that both the banking institutions in this city will be closed all day Saturday, July 26, election day. Hence the public should make arrangements to be prepared to meet the occasion, transacting such business and drawing out needed funds the day previous.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Higgins returned this week from a weeks visit with relatives at Floydada.

BRING YOUR POLL TAX RECEIPT; SAVE TROUBLE

If every voter going to the polls in Merkel Saturday to vote will take along and have ready in their hands, their poll tax receipt, they will save themselves, the election officials and the public much time. The law says "A voter may make affidavit to having paid said poll tax, if same has been lost or misplaced, and vote, but to just forget to bring same along, does not excuse one." So bring it along and help yourself and everybody else.

LOCAL FIREMEN AT- TEND DISTRICT MEET

Fire Chief A. V. Dye, of this city, accompanied by local firemen John West, O. R. Dye and Booth Warren, attended a meeting of District No. 21, called, among other things, for the purpose of discussing the standardization of all equipment, such as fire plugs, hose, etc., which, if done, would enable fire departments from one town going to the assistance of another, being able to render effective service by the fact that all fire fighting equipment would be uniform and would fit in with that of the town to which they had gone to help.

Discussion and promotion of working out a running schedule between neighboring towns was the principal item of discussion, which when perfected will prevent any delay in notifying and responding to emergency calls from a neighboring town, when a fire might get beyond the control of the home company.

The Merkel Firemen returned feeling very proud of their visit, feeling sure that much good had been accomplished. They were also loud in their praise of the fine treatment and entertainment accorded them by firemen and citizens of Stamford.

There are sixteen towns included in the district, with representatives from ten towns in attendance. The next meeting will be held with the Spurr Firemen, on October 22nd.

No doubt the idea of the Standardization plan is a good one, and when perfected, along with the running schedule adopted by the district meeting, and with the completion of the good roads movement, which movement the meeting passed resolutions endorsing, plans will have been completed which will enable one town to very materially aid another in putting out disastrous fires, when same shall have gotten beyond the control of the local department. Progress, did you say? Why there seems no end to just what that word means, or where it will end. Merkel has a good fire department, composed of good young men, who have the town's best interest at heart. Let's back them to the limit.

OFFICIAL BALLOT PUB- LISHED IN THIS PAPER

In order that the voters may have an opportunity to look over and study the official ballot as it will be given out for voting Saturday, this paper published elsewhere in these columns the ballot as you will find it when you go to vote.

Every one should study it carefully, and prepare to vote accurately and intelligently for their choice of the different candidates. The ticket must not in any way be torn or mutilated, and there must not be but one name left unmarked for a given office, and if there is more than one name left neither will be counted. So read and study if you will vote right.

ACCIDENT FATAL TO AGED MINISTER

E. S. Tucker, of Merkel, 75, Confederate veteran, pioneer West Texan, and for a number of years a minister of the Presbyterian church, U.S.A., was almost instantly killed here Monday afternoon when struck by a Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Company truck as he was crossing Chestnut street between South Second and south Third streets. Mr. Tucker died within a very few minutes after the accident.

Mr. Tucker had started across Chestnut street, about fifty feet south of the South Second street intersection, from the east side. Bystanders said he was walking hurriedly. The front end of the truck, which was driven by Paul Gordon, had passed Mr. Tucker. The front end of the truck bed, which extends out several inches from the rear of the seat, struck him, knocking him to the pavement.

A fracture in the crown of the skull resulted in death, according to City and County Health Officer W.A.V. Cash. Mr. Tucker also received bruises on the left shoulder, the left hand and a cut on the right knee. No bones were broken.

Here 35 Years.

Mr. Tucker has resided in West Texas for the past thirty-five years. He moved to Tye in 1912 moving from there to Merkel last fall. He is survived by three sons, H. H. Tucker, employed by the J. M. Radford Grocery Company here; E. C. Tucker of Merkel, Boyd Tucker of Boston, Mass., who is in the U. S. navy; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Miller who is at Merkel at present, Mrs. Effie Parker and his wife.

Mr. Tucker was born in Tennessee. He served in Company A, Twentieth Tennessee Calvary, under Colonel Nixon of Buford's brigade of Forrest's Calvary. The late Rev. L. G. Grimes, father of L. A. and Frank Grimes, was a member of the same company.

Mr. Tucker had been a Presbyterian minister for the past forty years, and was a man of extraordinary gentleness and nobility of character.—Abilene Reporter.

The above accident was not only a great shock to the good wife and other members of the aged minister's family, but to his hundreds of friends in this city and throughout the west, over which part of the state he had spent his life in the interest of Christianity and the uplift of man.

The remains were brought to the family residence in this city Monday evening, and funeral services conducted at the Grace Presbyterian church by the pastor, assisted by the pastors of various local churches, with interment in Rose Hill Cemetery following immediately after.

This paper joins the friends of the bereaved in extending to them heartfelt sympathy during this their sad hour of bereavement.

Celebrates Birthday

Sunday, July 20th, a surprise was given to Mr. B. C. Hodges by his children and friends, to celebrate his 62nd birthday.

Those present to enjoy the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wortham and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mattingly and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hodges and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hodges. Miss Grace Austin, of Cross Plains, Mr. Truman Carey and Rev. Walter Sullivan were also present.

Twin Assets the State Bank's Customers Enjoy

One is the financial reserve which they are building---or have acquired and have entrusted to us for safe keeping.

The other is alert, close personal interest which this institution extends to every client. Of times through this corporation and the exceptional service we can render under our State charter, we have proved the second asset the means of increasing the first materially.

Our acquaintance with local conditions, the leeway which we have under our charter, the safety and strength of this bank; all can be of benefit to you.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rainbolt, of Dallas, were here last week, the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Cashier R. L. Grimes, of the Farmers State Bank, spent last Sunday with friends in Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Partridge, splendid and capable managers of the local telephone system, returned first of the week from a pleasant visit to Mr. Partridge's parents at Talpa, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Talley Holloway and children accompanied by Miss Mildred Holloway, returned last week from a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Dallas and Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. "Shorty" Holloway returned last week from a visit with friends and relatives at Midlothian, Texas.

Miss Mabel Smith of Colorado, Texas was the guest of Miss Willie Swann Monday of this week.

VOTE FOR
Jessie R. Smith
Of Breckenridge for
State Senator
A High Class Clean Business Man, not a Politician.
A plain man who wants to serve West Texas in the Senate.

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY

I am a Democrat and pledge myself to support the nominee of this primary.

For United States Senator: MORRIS SHEPPARD of Bowie County. FRED W. DAVIS of Travis County. JOHN F. MADDOX of Harris County.

For Governor: T. W. (WHIT) DAVIDSON of Harrison County. THOMAS D. BARTON of Potter County. GEORGE W. DIXON of Harris County. JOE BURKETT of Eastland County. W. E. POPE of Nueces County. V. A. COLLINS of Dallas County. MIRIAM A. FERGUSON of Bell County. FELIX D. ROBERTSON of Dallas County. LYNCH DAVIDSON of Harris County.

For Lieutenant Governor: WILL C. EDWARDS of Denton County. WALLACE MALONE of Tarrant County. BARRY MILLER of Dallas County. JOHN D. McCALL of Jefferson County.

For Attorney General: EDWARD B. WARD of Nueces County. DAN MOODY of Williamson County. J. M. MELSON of Hopkins County. JOHN C. WALL of Grayson County.

For Comptroller: O. D. BAKER of Milam County. A. J. SMITH of Haskell Co. TOM BELL of Bowie County. PAT MOULDEN of Collin Co. DON F. SMITH of Galveston County. S. H. TERRELL of McLennan County.

For State Treasurer: C. V. TERRELL of Wise Co. For State Superintendent of Public Instruction: S. M. N. MARRS of Travis County.

For Commissioner of Agriculture: ROBERT E. SPARKMAN of Ellis County. GEORGE B. TERRELL of Cherokee County.

For Land Commissioner: WILL L. SARGENT of Tarrant County. J. T. ROBINSON of Morris County. J. E. BINKLEY of Young County.

For Railroad Commissioner: (Regular 6-year Term) CLARENCE E. GILMORE of Van Zandt County. ED. E. WEAVER of Bowie County. J. C. MASON of Taylor County.

For Railroad Commissioner: (4-Year Unexpired Term) ROBERT E. SPEER of Tarrant County. LON A. SMITH of Travis County. J. M. WEST of Harris County. W. A. NABORS of Wood Co.

For Railroad Commissioner: (2-Year Unexpired Term) WALTER M. W. SPLAWN of Bell County.

For Chief of Justice Supreme Court: C. M. CURETON of Bosque County. WILLIAM CLAYTON WEAR of Hill County. R. H. BUCK of Tarrant Co.

For Associate Justice Court of Criminal Appeals: O. S. LATTIMORE of Travis County.

For Associate Justice Court of Civil Appeals Second Supreme Judicial District: IRBY DUNKLIN of Tarrant County.

For Congress 17th Congressional District: THOMAS L. BLANTON of Taylor County.

For Senator 24th Senatorial District: HARRY TOM KING of Taylor County.

BEN L. RUSSELL of Callahan County. JESSE R. SMITH of Stephens County. For Representative 116th District: JOHN N. HODGE of Taylor County. E. S. CUMMINGS of Taylor County.

For Judge 42nd Judicial District: W. R. ELY of Taylor County. For Attorney 42nd Judicial District: MILBURN S. LONG of Taylor County.

For District Clerk: LAURA COOK MITCHELL. J. K. FULLER. J. E. McPHERSON. For Sheriff: JOHN BOND. H. T. O'BAR. R. G. ANDERSON.

For County Judge: CARLOS D. SPECK. J. M. STEVENSON. For County Attorney: THOMAS M. WILLIS. ROY L. DUKE. FRANK E. SMITH.

For County Clerk: W. E. BEASLEY. For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS. For Tax Assessor: JOE T. PERRY. J. T. HOWARD. MRS. FLORENCE VANCE.

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

For County Superintendent of Public Instruction: M. A. WILLIAMS. For County Surveyor: For County Commissioner Precinct No. 1: H. E. MEYER. DAVE BOOTH.

For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1: Place No. 1. M. C. LAMBETH. Place No. 2. P. B. FORD. For Constable Precinct No. 1: R. D. (BOB) ALLEN. J. P. DARDEN.

For Public Weigher Precinct No. 1: R. L. YOUNG. For County Commissioner Precinct No. 2: CHAS. P. STEVENS. T. R. LASSITER. HENRY R. HICKS. JOHN S. HUGHES. PHILLIP A. DILTZ.

For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 2: For Constable Precinct No. 2: For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 3: For Constable Precinct No. 3: For County Commissioner Precinct No. 3: G. W. HAWKINS. W. B. WADE. W. G. PATTERSON. J. R. TRAMMELL.

For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 4: For Constable Precinct No. 4: For County Commissioner Precinct No. 4: S. H. McADAMS. HENRY NEWBY. J. H. MOODY. W. M. LITTLE.

For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5: For Constable Precinct No. 5: For Public Weigher Precinct No. 5: C. L. TUCKER.

For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 6: For Constable Precinct No. 6: For Public Weigher Tuscola: CHAS. WEBB. OLIVER F. O'CONNELL. M. W. GREGG.

For Public Weigher Bradshaw: HENRY STEEN. For Public Weigher Ovalo: G. W. BURTON.

For Public Weigher Lawn: S. D. WILLIAMS. R. M. PEARSON. HERBERT R. POOL. ANDREW M. SANDERS.

For County Chairman: JAMES P. STINSON.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sheppard of Dallas are the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard.

Miss Frances McMurray of Colorado, Texas, was the guest of Mrs. M. Armstrong Monday.

The Farmers and Merchants Natl. Bank of Merkel

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We have provided for the use of our customers three Nests of the Latest Model Two-Lock Safety Deposit Boxes in which to keep Deeds, Abstracts, Wills and other important papers.

We have ordered, and shortly expect to receive a large MOSLER, screw door, burglar proof-safe the last word in safe construction.

We buy and sell Liberty Bonds. Purchase Government or other Securities for our customers.

J. T. WARREN, President.
Geo. F. WEST, Vice President.
HENRY JAMES, Vice President.



L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier.
BOOTH WARREN, Ass't Cashier.
OWE NELLIS, Ass't Cashier.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

Mrs. A. C. Rose and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cranston and daughter, Miss Grace Lee, and Miss Hattie Proctor left last Friday for a camping trip to Lampasas for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Abernathy returned this week from a trip to Fort Worth and points east. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stevens of Fort Worth returned for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. T. Morgan, of Dallas, are here this week for a visit with relatives and many friends. They are fine folks and are always accorded a welcome when visiting in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mossley of Roscoe, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. John Pate of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell, Mrs. J. C. Calvert, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney Sunday.

Miss Ruth Jones returned from a visit of about two months to friends at Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Moore of Fort Worth returned to their home Sunday after a visit with Mrs. Moore's father, Mr. J. S. Hutson.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Kimbrough of Oil City are here visiting Mrs. Kimbrough's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald. Mrs. Kimbrough will be remembered as Miss Bell McDonald before her marriage.

Miss Christene Collins leaves this week for Teaff, Texas, where she will visit for some time with her sister, Mrs. Easterwood.

Mr. Geo. Woodrum and family, Mr. Clyde Sears and family of Abilene left last week for a two weeks trip to Corpus Christi San Antonio and other places of interest.

Will Chiropractic "Cure" Me?

No-NO!

Chiropractic does not cure. Nature that something within us that makes us an adaptable creature, is the something that restores one to health when he is sick.

The Chiropractor says that an innate intelligence within each of us can restore one to a condition of health IF the part of the body that is diseased enjoys a normal flow of nerve energy.

Pain is simply a warning sent to our consciousness that something is wrong some place. What is the real cause of pain?

When a segment of the spine becomes out of line it presses upon a nerve. The normal flow of nerve energy is reduced. We may experience pain. Soon we say we are sick. The Chiropractor adjusts this subluxated segment of the spine, the pressure is done away with, and the person begins to get well—and gets well. You will take adjustments some day, absolutely.



O. E. STARR

Mrs. Obriant's Residence
Merkel, Texas



IT IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR DUTY TO MAKE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES EASILY AVAILABLE

The fact that a home is wired for electricity does not mean that it has the full benefits of electric service.

Full advantage of electricity is to be had only when the home is equipped with those appliances which enable electricity to give you complete service.

Therefore—as a part of the service we owe to our customers—we test all electrical appliances that are placed on the market. We offer reliable appliances for sale to our customers at prices and on terms that make them available.

Sufficient house wiring and plenty of places to connect appliances and lights aid in getting complete electrical service. The advice and suggestions of this company are available in this field, also.

West Texas Utilities Co.
Electrical Service our Motto

DUKE ANNOUNCES KU KLUX POSITION

TO THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY:

In answering the letters that have been mailed to voters all over the county by the Ku Klux Klan giving the ticket that Klansmen are requested to vote, I will say:

"That I am running on the Democratic Ticket and no other. Though I am not a Klansman or never have been, I have at no time expressed myself in favor or against the Klan, either publicly or privately. I have not considered it an issue and have attempted to make the race entirely on my qualifications for the office.

By my name not being on the list it says that I am opposed to the Klan because the letter states "We have patiently and diligently investigated the entire field and absolutely know our friends and enemies." Later the letter states "We are enclosing with this letter a ticket containing the names of Klansmen and those known to be friendly to the order." By my name being left off the list and the names of both my opponents appearing on the Klan list the Klan must consider that I am opposed to its workings. I emphatically state

that membership in the Klan is a man's personal business and not an issue in this campaign. With me it has been no more an issue than any other secret fraternal or benevolent organization.

I believe that public servant is placed in office for the purpose of serving the people and not a select few, and if you elect me I will serve every citizen of Taylor County in every section alike.

In the recent world war I tried hard to do "my bit" with the American Expeditionary Forces and as a patriotic citizen I resent any select few handing me this injustice for the services I tried to render them, since I have given them absolutely no grounds for such. If you voters resent this unfair treatment, I ask that you stay with me and vote for the man you think will best serve all sections and all people alike.

Let me repeat that I have no animosity to any organization and will not, if elected, but let me serve warning that if elected any organization or individual who violates the law will meet with full punishment as far as I can honorably accomplish, with justice to all and special privileges to none.

All that I ask is that you give a young man a square deal until he has at least given you room to doubt that he will not treat you fair. Yours for fair

AT THE COZY

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 25th & 26th

TOM MIX with Tony
The Wonder Horse

In Zane Grey's Greatest Story

"THE LONE STAR RANGER"

It deals with the stirring adventure of the daring TEXAS RANGERS in the days when Texas was infested with cattle thieves.

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A ROARING 2 REEL FOX COMEDY

Admission only 10c 20c 30c

treatment, ROY L. DUKE, Candidate for County Attorney.— (Political Advertising) 1t

Miss Fannie Moore after an extended visit with her parents and friends, left first of the week for her home at Groesbeck, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown and family returned first of the week from a pleasant fishing and outing trip to Menard.

Mrs. J. D. Morrow of Wichita Falls, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams this week.

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FOR SALE—Good Wood. \$2.00 per cord while on ground. W.W. Haynes, French Pasture. 1t

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candidate for County Judge of Jones County solicits your vote and support.

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Miss Willie Swann leaves Friday for a vacation trip to Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas.

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TO THE VOTERS OF JONES COUNTY, PRECINCT NO. 4

In my announcement for County Commissioner last March, I did so with the expressed purpose, if elected, to administer justice to all parts of the Precinct alike, and to extend our good roads on to the county line, giving our citizens better access to the county site and to the markets.

I am a life long Democrat and farmer. I have lived in the county more than twenty years, and have always been a believer in good roads, markets and schools. If I am elected, I will be saving with the County funds Punctuality and honest work will be my motto. I will appreciate your votes and support on July 26. Respectfully,

SAM L. GRAYSON. 1t.
(Political Advertising)

Lee Acuff and family left Sunday morning for Wichita Falls for a few days visit.

Floyd L. Grayson and wife of Burleson, Texas, are visiting his parents, Sam L. Grayson and family of Shiloh, accompanied by Mr. Ernest Hill, also of Burleson.

Miss Mary Anna Mayfield, who is an employee of the Bragg Dry Goods Company, is spending her vacation on a ranch near Midland, Texas, visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann leave Friday for Tulia, Texas, for a visit with relatives.

Miss Katie Sue Read of Hillsboro, Texas left Tuesday for her home after a pleasant visit with Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

Mr. Noel G. Grubbs and Mr. D. C. Aiken of Weatherford visited Misses Edna and Ruth Watts last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holland of Wingate spent Friday in Merkel visiting relatives.

Misses Peg and Lena Swann of Alvarado, Texas, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell this week.

Miss Ruth Baze of Denver, Colorado, is here for a two weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze, before leaving for Los Angeles, California, where she will make her home in the future.

Mrs. R. L. Grimes is spending the week with her parents in Mangum, Oklahoma.

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THREE FAMILIES IN REUNION TUESDAY

On Tuesday July 22nd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Osborn a reunion was given for all the Subletts, Starkeys and Osborns.

Many plans were made for the day and all were well carried out.

The crowd began gathering at Mr. Osborn's home on Monday evening and continued coming until 11 o'clock Tuesday.

Picnic dinner was served under one of the largest Oak trees in this country. Barbecue was furnished for the dinner by Mr. Osborn, which required the work of three men all night Monday night.

Eighty-five in number were present and one and all agreed that the barbecue was the best they had ever eaten.

Basket lunches were carried by each family which consisted of Bread, cakes, pies, sandwiches, salads, pickles, fried chicken, olives and various other good things with a barrel of ice water near the table.

Dinner was called at five minutes till twelve. Thanks was offered by Mr. H. R. Hicks and every one present succeeded in getting all they wanted to eat once in life. When every one had finished there were eleven cakes hardly touched, pies too numerous to mention and each lady was informed there was still lots of barbecue left and the baskets were most as full on the return trip as they were going. The dinner was indeed a success; we could have easily fed 85 more.

Violin solos were furnished throughout the evening by one of the most accomplished violinists in this country, Mrs. Mollie Starkey, who is 76 years of age and can still play beautifully.

Roll after roll of pictures were made of the whole group, individual families, and various ways.

Plans were made for another reunion similar to this to be held at Sweetwater, June 30, 1925. Mr. G. M. Sublett and Mr. Scott of Sweetwater to be in charge.

We, one and all, again thank Mr. and Mrs. Osborn for the good time and the barbecue.

Those present were: W. T. Scott, wife and son, Sweetwater; Mrs. S. A. Scott and three children, Sweetwater, J. T. Osborn, wife and daughter, Knox City; Mrs. Mollie Dodd and nephew, Weatherford; G.M. Sublett, wife and four children, Sweetwater; L. G. Hedrick, wife and five children, Sweetwater; J. C. De Busk, wife and two children, of Sweetwater; Wallace Sublett, wife and two children, Alpine; Herman Scott and wife, Sweetwater; Herman Phelps, Clovis, N.M.; Jessie Walker, Copperas Cove; A. H. Hutchins, wife and two children, Bitter Creek; Mrs. Roy Tucker and baby, Big Spring; Mrs. J. P. Sublett, Mrs. Mollie Starkey, W. J. Hayes, wife and five children, S. E. Gilmore, Euna Lee Gilmore, Mrs. Lula Fortenberry and four children, B. T. Sublett, wife and two children, V. B. Sublett, wife and daughter, A. E. Brown, wife and three sons, L. C. Sublett and wife, V. F. Hicks and wife, H. R. Hicks and wife of Merkel, and Mr. E. J. Osborn, wife and six children of Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson returned first of the week from Dallas, where they had been to consult a specialist for Mr. Hutcheson, who had been quite sick for several days. This paper joins their many friends in reporting Mr. Hutcheson returning this week completely cured and feeling fine.

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YOUNG DR. ARMSTRONG HERE FROM NEW ORLEANS

Dr. Frank Armstrong, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, returned first of the week from New Orleans, where for four years the young man has been in the study and practice of medicine.

Young Dr. Armstrong is not only a graduate from Tulane University, one of the greatest medical schools in the nation, but for the past two years he has been an intern in one of the largest hospitals in the city of New Orleans, and has received two years of actual practice. He is now prepared and ready to go out into the world and enter upon the practice of his chosen profession, and this paper joins his host of friends in wishing for him that unbounded success to which he richly deserves. Young Dr. Armstrong has recently returned from an extended ocean cruise of three weeks, which he states he enjoyed very much.

Methodist Womans Missionary Society Notes

On next Monday afternoon the missionary society will have a program from the Voice. We are expecting a good attendance. If you are a member of the Society, come and bring a visitor with you. The time of the meeting is four o'clock and you will find the church building as cool as most any other place to which you might go. Following is the program for the afternoon:

1. Song "He Leadeth Me."
2. Bible Lesson, The Resources opened by prayer. John 15:7-16, Matt. 15:28, by Mrs. C. B. Smith
3. Prayer, Mrs. Sandifer.
4. Missionary news from Bulletin
5. Missionary topic, The Illuminated task in the Rural Communities, Mrs. Sanders.
6. The Gospel Ford in Rural communities, Mrs. Tom Largent.
7. Are our children getting missionary training? Mrs. Richardson.

R. L. McLéan and family and B. H. Riney and family returned first of the week from an extended trip upon the Plains, where they visited relatives. Mr. McLéan, one of our best farmers reports better crops in the Merkel community than any they saw on their trip.

Baptist Church

The revival campaign closed Sunday night. The meeting was a great blessing and inspiration to the church. Many made new resolutions for a closer walk with the Lord. Last Sunday morning was an unusually high hour. The result in numbers was 66 additions. 37 were baptized Wednesday evening. \$840.00 was raised for the expense of the meeting.

We are anxious for every member who was received during the meeting to be at church next Sunday morning. The right hand of fellowship will be extended to the sixty-six who came in during the recent meeting. This will be a very impressive service. Don't miss it.

The past three Sundays the Sunday school attendance has run as follows: 412, 402, 479. Let us have 300 next Sunday and we will plan the picnic right away.

S. S. 10:00 a.m.
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.s meet at 7:15.
W. H. Albertson, pastor.

Carvel Tucker, who has been attending the State University at Austin since last September, came in-home first of the week for a few days vacation before going to Goosecreek, Texas, where he will have a position in the Grammar Schools of that city the coming term. Carvel is one of our finest and best young men, one who is making good in his efforts to prepare himself for future.

Mr. Eli Case of the Hamilton and Case Grocery Co. was among the good citizens of this city and community serving on the Petit Jury in District Court this week.

Dr. G. W. Howard, of Dallas, arrived Wednesday, and will remain over until after the primary, visiting his father, Mr. J. T. Howard and other relatives and friends.

J. W. Moore and family returned last week from a visit with friends and relatives at Waco and Fort Worth.

Miss Mary Campbell spent the week end at Valley Creek, returning home Sunday.

Mrs. L. A. Watts visited with her husband at Cisco, Texas, last week end. Mr. Watts is at Cisco for medical treatment.

Mrs. H. E. Petty of Dallas, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tipton, this week.

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