

ALL ENJOY THE TRIP TO SHILOH

Never, was a trade trip more enjoyed than was the one to Shiloh last Friday night. The business citizenship of Merkel was well represented. The Trade Trippers were given a royal welcome upon reaching Shiloh by the splendid citizens of that community.

The meeting was held in an open tabernacle, with the president of the Luncheon Club, Mr. L. R. Thompson making an introductory talk and introducing the different ones on the program for the evening.

The Merkel Orchestra furnished some excellent music throughout the evening, making the occasion one of much enjoyment.

Judge E. S. Cummings and Dr. M. Armstrong made inspiring talks about the need of good roads and the kind of roads to have and how to get them. Much enthusiasm was manifested by the Shiloh people along the good road line.

Miss Lynn Thompson pleased the attentive audience with a violin solo. Misses Lola Dennis and Lucille Guitart gave interesting readings.

At the close of the program, the evening was turned over to the Shiloh people, who served the most delicious ice cold lemonade and home made cakes one ever had the privilege of eating. And as is usual with our liberal citizens and friends who live in the country, there was an abundance of both cakes and lemonade.

Mrs. C. W. Seago has the special appreciation from those attending for the delicious cake, baked by her, on top of which was written, "Welcome Merkel Luncheon Club". Just before every one started for home, Mrs. Seago cut this cake and passed it to every Merkel booster present.

In behalf of the Luncheon club and the citizens of Merkel, we wish the Shiloh people to know of our appreciation for the splendid hospitality shown us on our visit to their community. We ask you to visit with us when in Merkel.

35 HOUSTON MINISTERS INDORSE FELIX ROBERTSON

Houston, Texas, Aug. 5—The campaign favoring Felix Robertson for Governor was put under way here Tuesday when thirty five Protestant ministers met at the First Baptist Church and drew up resolutions indorsing Robertson's candidacy. The Rev. R. W. McCann of Tabernacle Baptist Church presided and David Lyons of Magnolia Park Christian Church acted as secretary.

A committee of three ministers was appointed to arrange plans for a Robertson mass meeting in the City auditorium Saturday night. A publicity committee also was named.

The above is from the Dallas News, of August 6. And to the above we would say: "It is only natural that the protestant ministers, as well as laymen, should align themselves squarely behind candidacy of Judge Robertson, for Governor in this state, for to do otherwise would be equal to throwing up their hands and turning over to the enemy everything for which they stand."

A. M. Wimberly who owns some fine farms in the Stith community but resides in Abilene, was here this week looking over his farm. He reported crops only fair and needing rain.

BUYS INTEREST IN BARBER SHOP

Last week the Mail stated that Mr. Oscar Buford had returned from California, and would be associated with the Chas. West Barber Shop. In that statement we were in error, as we learn that M. Buford has purchased a half interest with Byers Petty in the later shop, and will be actively associated with same.

They are both fine young men, good barbers and will no doubt enjoy a fair share of the trade in their line.

Sterling Sheppard returned this week from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Jones of Sierra Blanca, Texas.

REV. PENDER AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Announcement is made that Dr. R. C. Pender, of Abilene field Secretary for the Buckner Orphans Home will be in Merkel next Sunday and preach at the Baptist church both at the morning and evening hours.

Dr. Pender is one of the pioneer and great preachers of the Baptist denomination, and no doubt the membership of the local church will all be present to hear him on both the above occasions.

Dr. Pender was the pastor of the writers parents, at Wolfe City, Texas, more than 35 years ago, and was known as one of the most able and zealous ministers of that day and time.

BIG EXCURSION TO ELPASO

This afternoon at five o'clock the Special Excursion Train will leave Merkel for the big excursion trip to El Paso, where all making the trip will have an opportunity for two days of seeing the wonders to be found in that border city, as well as a visit to the city of Juarez, Mexico.

A very low rate for the round trip is being charged by the Texas & Pacific; only \$12.00 for the round trip, and no doubt many all along the line will take advantage of the opportunity.

Dr. M. Armstrong accompanied by his son, Dr. Frank Armstrong returned last Thursday evening from a trip to Lubbock Plainview, Amarillo, and Clovis New Mexico. Dr. Armstrong, who for many years has been a good road enthusiast, but who of late has become so enthusiastic, that some of his good friends dub him, "A Good Roads Crank", reports that they traveled over 700 miles, and most of the time over well graded, common dirt roads, such as is being built in this community by our worthy commissioner, Mr. W. H. Frazier, and that invariably he found them to be the smoothest, easiest and best to travel over, with less wear and tear on his machine. And with this experience, the good doctor returned home even stronger for good roads.

In this issue of the Mail will be found an advertisement from Messrs. Wilson and Stanton, Lubbock Division Agents for the sale of the Spade Ranch lands in the western part of the state, with Mr. L. D. Matlock, of Merkel, as agent for this and adjoining counties. Mr. Matlock has some real bargains for you or any one wanting to buy homes, and you will do well to see him about this land and the attractive prices and terms he has to offer.

Mrs. Bob McDonald is in Dallas visiting a sister.

NEW TRACTOR READY FOR WORK

The new five-ton Catapillar Tractor, recently purchased by the Merkel Luncheon Club, farmers of the Noodle community and others, arrived first of the week, and was unloaded by Commissioner W. H. Frazier and drove over into Jones county where it will be used in the building of good dirt roads leading to Merkel.

This makes two tractors that have recently been purchased through the efforts of the Luncheon Club to be used in building of good roads in this vicinity during the last few months, and which will prove of great benefit to the farmers of this community, as well as prove of much benefit to the business interest of Merkel.

This paper commends the members of the Luncheon Club as well as other citizens who have taken an interest in the buying of same, and especially is the road committee due much credit for their efficient and untiring efforts in securing the donations with which to purchase the machinery. Since the purchase of the first tractor there has been more than 30 miles of good roads constructed in the Merkel territory and now with the second many times this will soon be built. Let's have more good roads.

BIG IMPLEMENT DEMONSTRATION

Attention of the readers of this paper is called to the advertisement of the well known Hardware firm, West Company in which they announce that on Tuesday, August 19, they will stage a big McCormick-Deering Tractor Demonstration, and to which the general public is cordially invited.

The Demonstration is planned to take place at the S. G. Russell farm one-half mile west of Merkel, during the entire day, August 19. And at two-thirty in the afternoon there will be a contest to see how long it takes to plow one acre of land. The West Company will give three cash prizes; first second and third, for those guessing nearest to how long it takes to plow the acre of land. Read the advertisement for particulars.

WHITE CHURCH CEMETERY

With all due respect to all concerned I take this method to inform those who have been misled by an unauthorized announcement during the meeting at the Butman tabernacle, that the date set for our cemetery meeting was Friday, Aug. 8th and to prevent disappointment to those from other communities who have always been loyal to the cemetery association, it is impractical to change the date of the meeting on so short a notice.

The board of trustees has tried to serve you with out prejudices and with no selfish motive in doing what we have done. We see evidence that other rural communities are following our example so if there is any confusion caused by the steps we are forced to take in this instant let us drop the confusion and carry on. Let us pursue a straight course and work together as a unit in the preservation of our cemetery. Dillard R. Snow.

KU KLUX MAKE DONATION HERE

To the members of the Ku Klux Klan of Merkel:

Dear Friends:—Allow me to express to you my appreciation for your visit and the gift you made me recently. The gift itself is greatly appreciated, but I shall ever treasure in my memory the motive that I feel prompted it and the esteem and friendship which abides in the hearts of the donors. Such tokens of love and esteem keep the heart-fires burning and strengthens the determination to be of some service to the world. May your lives be spared long that you may scatter sunshine along the pathway of many and help to make the world a better place in which to live. J. S. Bickley.

Mr. Bickley, though getting quite old and feeble, has for many years been employed and had charge of the keeping up of the local cemetery. Being employed by the local cemetery association, and by his constant efforts and hard work, he has year in and year out kept the cemetery in a clean and beautiful condition. According to a letter given him with a splendid donation, the local Ku Klux Klan, as a token of their appreciation of the good work done by Mr. Bickley, and with the desire to aid in such good work.

NEXT TRADE TRIP TO MT. PLEASANT 15TH

This paper is requested to announce that the next Trade trip by the business men and citizens of Merkel, will be made to Mt. Pleasant, on Friday night, August 15.

That these trade trips to the various communities are of much value and help in creating that cooperative and friendly spirit so badly needed not only in this community, but throughout the world, and which will in time prove of much benefit from a business standpoint, every one who has studied the question will readily see. Hence, it is urged that every business firm, and individual who possibly can prepare to go to Mt. Pleasant next time. In going you will travel over one of the new roads just built. Go out and see how you like it.

TWO LOCAL CITIZENS ELECTED DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

The County Democratic Convention was held in Abilene last Saturday afternoon, with Judge Dallas Scarborough acting as chairman. It was a very tame affair, only the regular routine business of electing delegates to the state and various conventions being elected, with the passing of a resolution offered by Rev. L. N. Stuckey, condemning the issuance of drug store prescriptions and one offered by Judge W. R. Ely endorsing the Democratic Nominees for President and Vice-President.

Among the delegates elected to the State convention by the County Convention, we noticed the names of Hon. E. S. Cummings recently nominated by this county as state Representative, and Mrs. L. R. Thompson.

Mr. Enry Adkins and family of Fannin county, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Campbell, the former being a brother of Mrs. Campbell.

GEM THEATRE MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

The Gem Theatre, under the able management of Mr. Lee Acuff has been making quite a bit of improvements recently. The stage has been enlarged and neat dressing rooms on either side and at the rear of the stage have been built in. This will make it much more convenient for the using of the stage for plays, and other stage uses that may come about. Also the sign out in front of the Theatre has been re-painted and electric lighted, which adds to the appearance of the treatre. Mr. Acuff is a genial manager and shows clean pictures. Visit his theatre.

PRESBYTERIANS ENJOY CHURCH NITE

Last Wednesday night was a very enjoyable time for the Presbyterians, when they gathered on the church lawn for their mid-summer church night. The lawn was brilliantly lighted, a barbecue pit was the chief center of attraction. Mr. R. L. Grimes gracefully cared for the three dozen chickens which was to serve the guests.

In the midst of the preparation a cloud gathered and a tent was stretched over the chicken and the barbecuing went merrily on, but many of those who were expected were kept away.

The men of the church served the meal and when supper was announced sixty one persons responded.

Much of the success of the occasion must be attributed to Mr. R. L. Grimes, who spent several hours in faithful work. Also much credit must be given to the committee which provided the chicken. Mr. W. D. Butler, Frank McElroy, W. A. Campbell, Will Euing, Tom Douglas, and H. C. West. No questions were asked as to the source of the supply, but every one will be glad when church night comes again.

MORE DRY GOODS FOLKS TO MARKET

Mr. A. C. Rose and Miss Evorie Clark, representing the A. C. Rose Dry Goods establishment, left first of the week for St. Louis and other eastern markets where they will select and purchase for this firm it's fall and winter stock of merchandise, including millinery, which department Miss Clark is in charge of.

Also Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg of the Bragg Dry Goods Company, left last Sunday for Dallas, accompanied by Mrs. Dee Grimes and Miss Lucy Tracy, where they spent a few days, before Mr. and Mrs. Bragg left for the big Eastern markets, accompanied by Miss Willie Swann, who has charge of the millinery department in this store, and where they expect to personally select and buy the large and complete stock of merchandise for their firm for fall and winter trade.

Mr. Max Mellinger has been in the East for the past month selecting his fall and winter stock, and is expected home this week.

You will have to hurry if you have not visited the big sale at Brown's which closes Saturday night.

W. E. Davis and family of Ranger and Boney Church and family of Oklahoma and Estel Church and family of White-right, were here this week for a visit with relatives.

LADIES ATTEND LUNCHEON CLUB

Having written it so many times, "Last Luncheon Biggest Success", that we feel that to some, who have never attended a meeting of the Merkel Luncheon Club, might consider the declaration as getting stale. But that is just because you have not been attending. And we can truthfully say that the last meeting was the biggest and best success of any previous meeting, and then cast no reflection on any other meeting, for they have all been a success. But on this last occasion the members of the club had as guests their wives, daughters, and sweethearts, and that is why it can easily be called the biggest success.

Mr. R. L. Grimes, splendid cashier of the Farmers State Bank and who is the able secretary of the Luncheon Club, was in charge as toastmaster, and to say that he presided ably and brought forth an interesting and inspiring program, would be putting it mildly indeed.

The first speaker of the evening was Hon. E. S. Cummings, who had been assigned the subject of "Good Will" and his remarks along this line were indeed timely, to the point and highly appreciated by the more than 100 guests present. Next came a reading by Miss Tommie Durham, which was also appreciated.

Mayor H. C. West was then called on, and he gave an interesting and able talk on "Our competitors." He always has something good to say, and this occasion was no exception to the rule.

A piano solo by Miss Lorena Frazier, was the next number on the evening's program, and this was indeed highly appreciated by everyone.

Then the Rev. Fred S. Rogers was called on to address those present on "Good Citizenship". This was indeed a fine subject and Rev. Rogers made good use of it; giving to his hearers much thought and many reasons why we should be better citizens, and which as he stated "good citizenship, makes for a better town and community. All appreciated this fine talk.

Next, a Vocal Duett by Mesdames H. C. West and Fred S. Rogers was a real treat to all. And Mr. Sam Butman, a guest of the Club, from the Butman community spoke interestingly on the subject of building a good road from Merkel through his community on to the Divide showing by facts and figures that same would prove a good business venture for Merkel.

Next those present were royally entertained by the "All Star Quartet", composed of Messrs. Chas. H. Jones, Warren Smith, L. B. Scott and E. Yates Brown.

Mr. Thos. A. Johnson, formerly in the banking business here for many years, was called on and made a few very appreciated remarks.

The meeting was then turned over to the hustling and energetic president, Mr. L. R. Thompson, who conducted the business session of the meeting.

After a report of the different committees, including the report of the road committee by Dr. M. Armstrong, who gave a brief but interesting report of the fine work done along this line, the meeting adjourned after the chairman announced that the next meeting would be presided over as Toastmaster, by Mr. Dee Grimes.

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The Farmers State Bank offers you the sure protection of the Depositors' Guaranty Law of Texas.

This law requires, first, that a bank, to come under its protection, must pass a rigid examination to show that it is lawfully operated, has ample resources, sound policies and experienced management.

The Farmers State Bank has met all these requirements. Its operation under this law is a guaranty to depositors of the safety of every dollar deposited with us.

AND IF IT'S SERVICE

We offer that, too—the liberal service permitted by our state charter.

Farmers State Bank
MERKEL, TEXAS

TEXAS AGRICULTURE WILL COME INTO ITS OWN AT STATE FAIR

Coliseum at Dallas, Transformed into Magnificent Agricultural Building Many Exhibits

For the 1924 State Fair of Texas, at Dallas, Oct. 11-26 next, the former Coliseum, right at the entrance of the grounds, will become the new Agricultural Building.

This structure is 150 x 250 feet in dimensions, and the whole interior has been made over. More than 30,000 square feet of cement floor has already been laid, and the erection of handsome, attractive booths has been started. There will be booths for at least fifty county exhibits alone, with provisions for agricultural displays of every description, as well as space for numerous educational demonstrations, including that of A. & M. of Texas and other prominent universities.

One big feature is to be miniature reproductions of the buildings of various universities, an idea suggested and being worked out by Pres. R. L. Marquis of the Teacher's College at Denton. Most of the models, it is proposed, will be built by students in the manual training departments of the several institutions.

EXHIBIT JERSEYS AT STATE FAIR



"Mere men," or "grown men" are not the only exhibitors of Jersey cattle at the State Fair of Texas—far from it. Here's a lady exhibitor, and likewise a small boy exhibitor—Mrs. W. M. Waller and young Stanley Berry, respectively.

Mrs. Waller presides over the destinies of the Waller Farm near Handley, Stanley, with his brother, owns three head of fine Jerseys and lives near Grapevine. The picture was made at the annual picnic of the Texas Jersey Cattle Club, on the farm of Waite Trimble, near Grapevine June 28, when Mrs. Waller and Stanley won in the judging contest. Each showed an intimate knowledge of the fine points of fine cows. Each will have entries at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 11-26.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rae of Brackenridge, Texas, are expected to arrive here Friday and will be guests of Mrs. N. E. Sandlin for a few days while here.

Mr. B. A. Garrett of Waco stopped off here for a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett. The former Mr. Garrett was en route to Colorado.

Dr. M. Armstrong accompanied by his son, Dr. W. F. Armstrong returned last Friday from a short trip to Clovis, New Mexico and Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jones and girls of Roswell, New Mexico are the guests of J. W. Teaff and family and other relatives the past week.

Mrs. Susie Harris of Elmo, Texas is the guest of her mother, Mrs. N. E. Sandlin this week.

Mrs. Helman Davis and Miss Friedman, of Houston, who have been guests of their sister, Mrs. Max Mellinger for some weeks, departed for their homes last week.

Mrs. J. B. Davenport and children of Duncan, Okla. returned to their homes last week after a visit in the O. B. Boden home for some time.

Mrs. J. F. Hodo recently sold her home, located near the Garrett Feed Store to Mr. A. A. McGehee, and bought the H. M. Rose home in West Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sheppard of Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McFarland, have just returned from a few days fishing trip to the Concho.

Mr. A. C. Rose, accompanied by Miss Evorie Clark, milliner for the Rose Dry Goods store, left Monday for St. Louis where they will make purchases for the Rose store.

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell of Chillicothe, Texas returned via Merkel Tuesday from a visit with friends at Sierra Blanca. They left immediately for Abilene for a short visit with friends before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones and family, and John Woodard and Wade Darsey left Monday for a ten days fishing trip and outing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago attended the Merkel Luncheon Club Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Seago are from the Shiloh community.

LAUNDRY SERVICE

Send to the Laundry and be convinced. Regular family washing. Everything included except stiff collars, silk and woolen goods at ten pounds for one dollar. Phne 218. Alfred H. Ligon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg left Sunday morning for Dallas and from there they will go on to St. Louis to purchase new goods for their store. They will be accompanied on their trip to St. Louis by Miss Willie Swann, milliner for the Bragg Company.

Mrs. S. O. Owens is here for a brief visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Holloway. Mrs. Owens will be remembered as Miss Ruth Holloway before her marriage.

In our rush last week, in some way we overlooked to mention the fact that Mrs. Seth Hamilton, who for some time has been in very poor health, had been carried over to Carlsbad, near San Angelo, where she will remain for some time in the Sanitarium in the hopes of regaining her former good health, and in which this paper joins many good friends in trusting will be accomplished.

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E. H. Thompson and family returned the 4th from Lockney Southland and Lamesa, where they visited friends and relatives.

Go After Business

in a business way—the advertising way. An ad in this paper offers the maximum service at the minimum cost. It reaches the people of the town and vicinity you want to reach.

Try It—It Pays

The Old Reliable FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

Wants to Purchase for its own Use \$50,000 in Government Bonds.

And to Say—

That nothing is more important to a business or profession than a good banking connection.

If you have not already established a satisfactory home we invite you to enroll as a customer.

We offer you an Unexcelled Banking Service.

We point to a Stability that has enabled us never to have missed a dividend and to never have assessed a share holder.



J. T. WARREN, President.
Geo. F. WEST, Vice President.
L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier.
BOOTH WARREN, Ass't Cashier.
OWE NELLIS, Ass't Cashier.

WITH THE CHURCHES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August is the month of preparation in the Presbyterian church for our fall and winter work. We prepare for Rally month during September, for Loyalty month during October; and Win One month during the month of November.

Sunday, August 10 at the morning service the young people will have charge. They will compose the choir, take the offering, and have entire charge of the service. The Pastor will preach a special sermon to the young people. Everybody come, and help make it a great service.

The Christian Endeavor plans many things for the Fall and winter. Miss Eunice Russell is superintendent of the Seniors, Fred S. Rogers of the Intermediates and Miss Melba West of the Juniors.

Our Sunday school is a vital and live part of our church work under the leadership of Mr. H. C. West. Come and find your place in the Sunday school, it will lead you into a larger service. Pastor, Fred S. Rogers.

B. Y. P. U. Program

- Leader: Nell Swann
1. Jesus the giver of peace, by Flossie Campbell.
 2. Knowledge of the heavenly home, by W. B. Stevens.
 3. The question of Thomas, by Floyd Dowell.
 4. Need of a knowledge of God by Alva Wheeler.
 5. The promise of power, by Mrs. Warren Smith.
 6. The coming of the comforter, by Gylrie Howard.
 7. The plain way, Ruth Boden

Mrs. R. I. Grimes and two children, Mary Elizabeth and Robert Jr. left last Sunday via car for a visit to San Antonio and other places for ten days or more.

Meeting Continues Next Week

Our meeting that is being held at Butman under the new arbor will be continued throughout this week. Bro. Rea, pastor of Merkel Methodist Church is bringing us some wonderful gospel messages. You will find a place to work and work hard for our Lord if you will get in these services.

M. R. Pike.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m.

All B. Y. P. U.'s at 7 p. m. Rev. R. C. Pender of Abilene representative of Buckner Orphans Home of Dallas, Texas will speak Sunday morning and evening. He needs no introduction to a Merkel audience. Come. W. H. Albertson, pastor.

Senior Epworth League

Subject—Jesus' Parables of Nature.
Hymn.
Scripture, Matt. 6:26-34
Hymn
Leader: Mabel Toombs
Reading: A Ballad of Trees and the master—Rosie Laney.

The parable of the Sower, (Matt. 13:3-23), by Leonard Wills.

The Parable of the Tares, Mat 13:24-30 by Lorena Frazier.

The Parable of the Mustard seed, (Matt. 13:31-32, by Adrian Rea.

Reading, "The Trees" Erma Lee Rea.

The parable of the Fig Tree, (Luke 13-6-10) Castle Ellis.

(Mark 4:26:29) Myrtle Daniels.

The Parable of the Vineyard—(Matt. 20:1:16) Tom All-day.

Reading, "Silver Populars"—Lola Dennis.

The Place of Nature in our Lives—Murphy Thomas.

Hymn.
Announcements; Benediction.

Mrs. Wm. O'Briant left last Friday for Los Angeles, California, where she will visit her daughter and two sons for a time.

Dr. W. F. Armstrong left Sunday for a short business trip to Eastland, Dallas, Fort Worth and Corsicana.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes and baby daughter returned last Friday from a visit with relatives at Martha, Okla.

YOU TELL 'EM



"A baby may not be very smart, but father cant put on mother's nightgown and fool it"

Don't be "fooled" into buying cheap grade flour. Get a sack of

American Beauty Flour

from us for your next baking, and we guarantee that you will never use any other kind.

We sell this excellent flour at the low price of \$1.90 per sack, and we know it will give better results, because it is better. You get quality groceries at this store for less money.

J. N. CARSON
GROCERIES

PERSONALS

Mr. H. M. Rose of Sweetwater was here Tuesday looking after business interests.

Miss Gladys Mayfield is visiting with relatives at Lamesa this week.

Misses Johnnie and Boog Sears and Miss Dorris Durham were in Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. Jack Durham has been quite ill this week. But is gradually improving at present.

Mrs. Hattie Inman and family of Midland are here visiting J. B. Bell and family.

T. W. Clark and wife and brother left this week for a visit with relatives in Fannin county.

W. R. Bigham of Cisco, was here this week for a day or so shaking hands with old friends.

Mrs. Ernest Mims, of Abilene is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson this week.

Mrs. W. E. Moss of Los Angeles, California is here to visit her mother, Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

J. S. Thomas and family spent last Sunday with relatives at Tuscola.

Your last chance will soon be gone to attend the big sale at Browns.

Mrs. John Bond and daughter, Miss Lena were guests of Mrs. J. R. Lamar last week.

Walter McKee and wife and J. A. McKee and wife, of Dallas and Haskell, were here this week of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford.

Miss Hillis Aline Snoodly of Weatherford, Texas is visiting Mrs. Warren C. Smith this week.

WHY DO IT?

Why go to other towns to get wagons when your home merchant has them. We have a new car of wagons at the right price. Come around and investigate the quality and price before you go to another town. Your merchant helps you, then why not show him your appreciation by giving him a chance to serve you.

WAGONS! WAGONS! WAGONS!

WE HAVE THEM

Also a Nice Line of Wagon Accessories

Hardware Galore, if you want hardware think of the Liberty then head this way.

Liberty Hardware Co.

The Best for the Price

L. A. Watts and family left this week for an extended trip to Denver and other "Kool Colorado" points.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingham, and Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Pemberton of Midland are guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arrington this week. Mr. and Mrs. Ingham are parents of Mrs. Arrington.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen is spending a few days in Nachedoches, Texas visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan of Dallas returned to their home Tuesday after a visit with Mrs. J. C. Calvert, Mrs. Chas Russell, Mrs. Fred Latham, and Mrs. Bob Martin.

"EYES OF THE FOREST"

Shows Tom Mix In Thrilling Role of Aviator

Deep in the big timber country of California, Tom Mix, a company of actors and a mechanical force lived for two months during the making of "Eyes of the Forest", which comes to the Cozy Theatre Friday and Saturday. According to advance reports of this William Fox Production, the sacrifice, if such it was, was worth the effort. Having pioneered in almost every field of daring, Mix will now make his bow as a full fledged aviator.

Once before, in "Sky High", Mix defied fate and drove one of the big flying machines below the rim of the Grand Canyon crater, a hitherto unattempted feat.

In his latest picture, Mix will be seen as a forest ranger, an officer in the military service whose duty it is to guard the forests from fire and lumber thieves. The girl in the case is Pauline Stark. Mix encounters her in a lonely forest shack, with her uncle, a back woods doctor. He learns she is wanted on a charge of killing her stepfather. A band of lumber thieves is involved and the complications of the plot, evolved by Shannon Fife, make the picture one tingling with action and suspense throughout.

Mix can usually be depended upon to pull an original stunt. In this picture he leaps from a racing horse, his own Tony, to an airplane, clutching the axle bar of the wheels below the wings and rising thousands of feet in the air.

Mrs. Sam Mellinger of Memphis, stopped off here last Sunday for a visit with Max Mellinger and family, while enroute to Lockhart, Texas.

Have you forgotten that the big sale at Browns' will close Saturday night?

NOTICE TO VOTERS

I wish to sincerely thank the good people of this precinct for their most loyal support in the recent primary.

Since I must go into the second primary I must cordially ask a continuation of your support and as many of those who did not vote for me in the primary as can conscientiously do so now. It will be impossible to see each of you personally, but I ask you to consider my claims just as though I had ask you personally.

I pledge my self if elected to this office to devote my time to it.

P. A. DILTZ,
Candidate for Commissioner
Precinct Number 2
Adv 1t.

COMMISSIONER BAKER IN JONES COUNTY RUN OFF

To the voters of Precinct No. 4, Jones County, Texas. It has been rumored that I am not in the run-off Primary for Commissioner of Precinct No. 4 of this County. I desire to correct any statement that may have been made in regard to the matter by saying that I am still in the race for Commissioner and respectfully solicit the vote of every citizen of the precinct and thank you for the vote I received at the July Primary.

If elected, I will give you the same careful conscientious service that I have heretofore given. Kindly give my candidacy careful consideration when you cast your vote on August 23rd. Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Baker.
Adv. 8t2p.

W. R. Black and family from Sargosa and Mrs. P. A. Hobert from Pecos were visitors at W. D. Butler's home the past few days.

Mrs. Will Smith and son Billie Lloyd left Monday for a visit to relatives at Venus, Texas.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Farm in Gains county. Will trade for town or farm property in or near Merkel. Dan Ridenbauch. 8t3p

FOR SALE—Two small farms near Merkel. Would take house and lot in Merkel in on either of the farms. See J. A. Janes. 1tpd

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good 133 acre farm in Comanche county; 110 in cultivation; also house and lot in Comanche, to trade for western property, or would sell cheap for cash. See J. A. Janes. 1tp

FOR SALE—Guaranteed Hemstitching and Picoting attachment. Fits any sewing machine. \$2.50 prepaid or C. O. D. Circulars free. La Flesh Hemstitching Co., Dept. 2, Sedalia, Mo. 1tp

FOR SALE—Stationery for both men and women, boys and girls. 200 sheets paper with 100 envelopes to match for \$1.15 and \$2.00. Comes in white, pearl gray, buff, pink and blue. Your name and address or monogram on each envelope and each sheet or folder of paper FREE. Call for Blanche Durham at the Merkel Mail office to show you samples. tf

FOR SALE—Rat Dogs—Pure bred Fox Terrier pups. Your choice \$5.00. E. Yates Brown 1t

FOR SALE—Some good hogs and March and April pigs at my ranch. Sam Butman, Sr. 1tpd

LOST

LOST—At the beginning of the Baptist meeting, at the tabernacle, or on the street north, a scarf pin with Eastern Star

attached. Return to Merkel Mail and receive reward. 1tp

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished house-keeping rooms second door north of Christian Church. Mrs. B. L. Bradshaw. 1 pd

FOR RENT—A three-room residence, well located. See E. B. Barnes, the Rawleigh Man. 1t3

WANTED

WANTED—Stock to pasture. Good pasture, ever lasting water. Six miles north of Trent. Lee D. Williams. tf.

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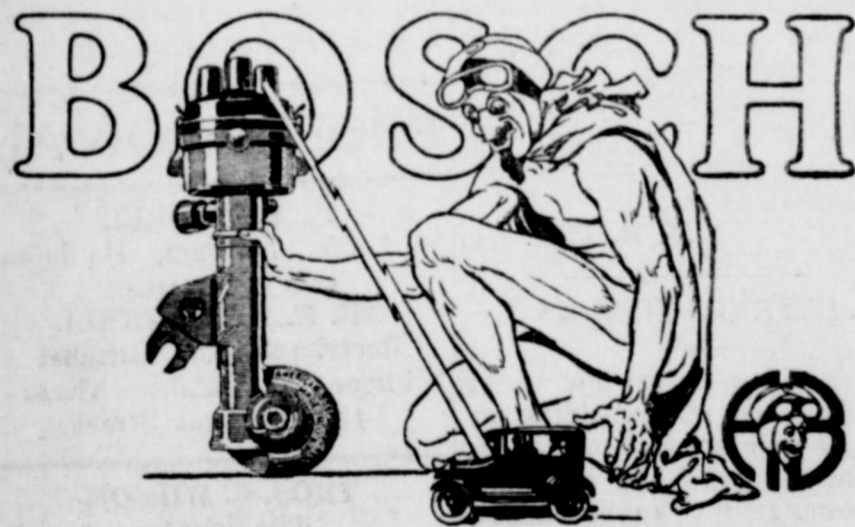
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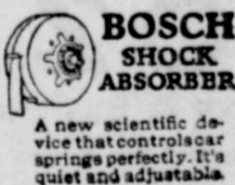


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kel, Texas as second class mail.

Women with pretty feet rarely
oppose a tendency to shorter
skirts.

The politicians usually take a
bold and fearless stand on the
questions where every one is
agreed.

While many farms have had
to close for lack of help, the
garages are full of men who are
repairing pleasure cars.

Some folks claim that the
newspapers are "controlled"
while others cuss the editor for
printing anything he wants to.

According to the present out-
look, it won't cost President
Coolidge much to get the White
House lawn mowed this sum-
mer.

The motorist who get into
trouble by doing some reckless
thing were of course only going
to do it just once.

THANKS FROM LASSITER

To the voters of commission-
ers precinct number 2:

I take this method of thank-
ing you for the very liberal sup-
port, given me in the late pri-
mary election and would appre-
ciate very much in the coming
run-off your most hearty sup-
port and I will promise the very
best service to the entire pre-
cinct that is possible for me to
give.

Very respectfully,
T. R. Lassiter

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

**THE BACKGROUND OF
OF INTELLIGENCE**

A young woman who has
made some little success in a
small business of her own, was
speaking the other day of the
relation of intelligence on cur-
rent affairs to her business. It
was noted that in her little of-
fice was a table with many
newspapers and magazines on
it. A caller asked her when she
got any time to read those
things. "O", she said, "I con-
sider reading these a part of
my work. A good many people
drop in here who are interested
in what is going on in the world.
They frequently like to stop
and gossip a little about the
news. If they found I knew
nothing about those things,
they would lose interest in me
and in my work. But if it ap-
pears that I am interested in the
things that interest them, and
if I can make some comment of
my own in reply to their obser-
vations on modern life, they en-
joy dropping in here better, and
they have more respect for my
intelligence."

This young woman had had
to make her own way in the
world, so that she had had lit-
tle school education. Yet, by
reading and keeping her eyes
open, she has developed an at-
tractive and intelligent person-
ality and could hold her own in
any society. She is a very wise
young person.

In many cities there is com-
plaint that it is difficult to find
intelligent and cultivated young
people to fill such positions as
teachers or store clerks, and
that many who apply for such
work seem very superficial in
their interests and information,
and lack good manners and refine-
ment. If they would only follow
the example of the young wo-
man first mentioned, they could
go a long distance to make up
the lacks that interfere with
their advancement.

The person who knows what
is going on in the world has the
coin of conversation that passes
in any good society.

Your West Texas Utilities Co.

Your West Texas Utilities
Company never moves on to an-
other town. This company is a
part of the industrial and social
life of this community. The prop-
erties of this company are im-
bedded in the earth and fasten-
ed to the soil. They are here to
stay. Their usefulness is confin-
ed to this community. The ser-
vice of the West Texas Utilities
Company will be here tomorrow
and next year and always.

Some business concerns stay
in a town while business is good
and then move to another town.
They are not tied into the life
and fate of the community like
the West Texas Utilities Com-
pany. Their service is not the
same essential service that the
service of this company is.

Being an essential part of the
community it is naturally the
desire and purpose of this com-
pany to promote the commu-
nity and the welfare of its in-
dividual members through the
best possible service.

West Texas Utilities Co.

**NOTICE TO LUNCHEON CLUB
ATTENDANTS**

The Mail is asked to announce
to one and all, who may in the
future wish to attend a Luncheon
Club meeting, that it will
be necessary for ONE AND
ALL attending to present at the
door a Luncheon Club Ticket,
in order to gain admission.
This is done in order that con-
fusion and misunderstandings
may be avoided. If you should
invite one or more persons to be
your guest at a meeting you
must present them with the
necessary ticket.

The club is running mighty
smooth and doing good work
in behalf of the city, and
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME.
NO ONE BARRED, but it is
hoped that ALL will be provided
with a ticket from this date on.

L. M. Walsh and family and
Carl Thomas left first of the
week for a trip to Arkansas.

Special Special!

At
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Close out Prices on the Following Summer Goods

- Two Refrigerators \$7.50 each.
- Two Porch Rockers [all oak]
\$4.50 each.
- One Porch Swing (four feet) \$2.50
- One slightly used Davenport
good as new \$22.50
- One 2nd hand dresser 38 inch
base with 20x24 mirror \$7.50

If you need any of the above articles
it will pay you to see them.
They are real Bargains.

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IT IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR DUTY TO MAKE ELECTRICAL AP- PLIANCES 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

**TEXAS & PACIFIC MAKING
PERFECT TIME**

Since the ballasting and gen-
eral improvement of the road
bed, together with the addition
of much new and improved roll-
ing stock, one often hears re-
marks concerning the fine ser-
vice that is being maintained
and given by the Texas & Pac-
ific Railroad.

And through the courtesy of
Mr. J. C. Childress, the ever
courteous and capable station
agent in Merkel, for this rail-
road, we are enabled to give the
following facts, and compar-
isons of time made during the
month of July for the Sunshine
Special into Dallas and St. Louis
as compared to the Texas Spe-
cial of the M. K. & T. During
July the Sunshine Special to St.
Louis was on time 31 times,
whereas the Texas Special only
made it on time 16 times. To
Dallas the Sunshine Special
was on time 28 times and the
Texas Special 25 times.

Yes, the old Texas and Pacific
is becoming one of the best rail-
roads in the nation; traversing
through the very heart of the
great southwest, and the time
will soon be at hand when one
residing in this section, will be
glad that they live along this
great railway, especially if the
other towns along the road are
blessed with having such men
as agents as the town of Merkel
has in the person of Mr. Child-
ress.

Married Saturday Night

E. E. Bumpas of Dallas, and
Miss Lena Mitchell of San An-
gelo were married at 8 o'clock
Saturday night by Rev. J. T.
McKissick at the Christian par-
sonage and left immediately for
a short trip before returning to
San Angelo, where they will
make their home. Mr. Bumpas
is with a San Angelo implement
company. Besides members of
the McKissick family, Mr. and
Mrs. W. O. Miller of Sweetwater
were present for the wedding—
Sweetwater Reporter.

REVIVAL MEETING

Our revival begins at Union
Ridge Methodist Church Sunday,
August 10. Rev. R. L. Stutts
of Merkel will do our preaching
for us. Our new church will
be ready for use at that time.
Let us begin planning for a
great revival of religion in this
community. Our prayers shall
be that first we get on the line
for God ourselves, and then
with our armors brandished
bright we join the host to fight
the forces of sin and the devil.
May we be instrumental in lead-
ing souls to Christ.

M. R. Pike.

EXTENDS THANKS

It is with pleasure that I take
this method of extending my
thanks and appreciation to the
people of Merkel and surround-
ing country for buying tickets
from me for the Odd Fellow pic-
nic in order to help bear expen-
ses of the orphan children.

Most respectfully,
Mrs. F. A. Polly.

REMEMBER the big sale
closes at Brown's Saturday
night.

**AT THE
COZY**

Friday & Saturday
August 8th & 9th

Tom Mix

With Tony the Wonder Horse
IN

"Eyes of the Forrest"

You'll be thrilled as Mix has
never thrilled you before.

—ALSO—

**A Roaring 2 Reel Fox
Comedy**

Admission 10-20-30c

Claude Smith and family and
Tom Henderson and family left
this week for a visit with fri-
ends and relatives at Alba, Tex-
as.

Miss Enola Weed of Post City
is spending the week with her
cousin, Miss Ella Murlen Weed.

Miss Sarah Pendleton of Ty-
ler, Texas is a guest of Miss
Hattie Proctor this week.

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PERSONALS

Miss Fae Griffith of Abilene was the guest of Miss Lois Higgins last week.

Be sure and take advantage of the big sale that closes at Brown's Saturday night. It

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee of Lawn, Texas were here last week visiting relatives.

Miss Edith Brown spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Cox of Abilene.

Miss Estell Tennyson of Haskell is a guest of Miss Lillian Watts this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Berhens of Abilene were here visiting with friends last Friday.

Miss Nell Holloway returned last week from a visit to her sister at Big Spring, Texas.

Miss Fae Mae Fronabarger of Fort Worth, Texas is a guest of Miss Ruth Boden this week.

Mrs. Earl Busbee and children of Wichita Falls, Texas are here to visit relatives.

Mr. Robert McBean of Dallas was a week end visitor of Miss Edith Brown last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins announce the birth of a baby girl on Sunday, August 3.

Mr. Jud Sheppard and family of Brownsfield, Texas are here for a brief visit with relatives.

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum, Mrs. Ed Heeter, and daughter, and Miss Missie Dye were in Abilene Tuesday visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Brittain of Abilene visited Mrs. Brittain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt last week.

Mrs. W. M. Browning and daughter, Miss Mary of Waruika, Oklahoma are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

Mrs. Dee Grimes and Miss Lucy Tracy returned Wednesday from a short trip to Dallas, where they visited a few days.

Miss Bettye Rogers left Monday for Dallas, where she will make new purchases for her millinery store.

Eld. W. G. Cypert returned first of the week from McGregor, where he conducted a very successful revival.

Mrs. H. F. Magnus and two daughters, Dorothy and Thelma of Dallas are guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble this week.

Miss Madeline Hunt of Haskell, Texas is here for a visit with her aunt Mrs. R. O. Anderson and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson and son Pagie of McKinney, Texas have been here for several days visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Service, and daughter, Mis Ruby Lee and little son, S. V. stopped off here for a short stay Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Robinson and children of Wellington, Texas are visiting, Mrs. Robinson's sister, Mrs. Thos. Durham this week.

Messrs. Bill and Roy Nalley of Trent, Texas left for Breckenridge Saturday morning to play several engagements with Harrison's Red Devils Dance Orchestra.

WE ARE IN THAT BUSINESS
If it is cleaning and pressing you want, that is one of our specialties. Phone 218. Ligon, the Laundryman. tf

Elder W. G. Cypert in his usual appropriate and impressive way pronounced the words on Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock at the tabernacle, which bound in holy wedlock, Mr. G. V. Vanlaningham and Miss Avada Hartman, both of the Mt. Pleasant community.

Rev. C. A. Bickley, presiding elder of the Corsicana district stopped off here first of the week enroute to El Paso and spent the night with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley. Rev. Bickley is expected to return here next week for a more extended visit.

J. A. Ellison was in the city one day this week and has our thanks for a nice lot of fine wild plums. Mr. Ellison recently returned from a trip to Stephens county, where he stated he found crops looking well.

Just received fresh shipment cakes and cookies from the Thousand Window Bakeries. "Every meal, Every day." A variety for every occasion at a price you can afford to pay. J. N. Carson, groceries. tf.

GOLAN NEWS

Crops are needing rain very badly at the present. The health of our community is improving nicely.

Mr. W. M. West had the pleasure of a family reunion a few days ago. Eleven brothers and two sisters of Mr. West's were there with their families.

Miss Lennie Garner spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mary Lou Brown.

A. J. and Elsie Hill took lunch with Gertrude Byrom Sunday.

Miss Audra Dell Hudspeth, Vera and Lena Jones spent Sunday with Eula Cook. A crowd of young folks met at Pearl Wests Sunday afternoon. Among them were A. J. and Elsie Hill, Otis Davis, Mary Lou Brown, Johnnie Hill, Gertrude Byrom, Linnie Garner, Palmer Lawlis, Edward Lawlis and George Davis.

Louis Lawlis and family spent Sunday with his parent, Mr. P. W. Lawlis.

Bettye Byrom is now in Oklahoma on a visit.

Mr. J. D. Northcut and family left Sunday on a visit to East Texas.

Floyd Williams and family from East Texas have been visiting relatives here.

Hugh Jeffrey, wife and son, Floyd Williams and family and Uncle Tom Williams visited Mrs. G. M. Byrom Sunday afternoon.

Quite a few from Golan attended preaching at Newman Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dean and

family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill and family.

Mr. Rowan and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vestal and family and Mrs. Jim Brown and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jno. T. Garner.

Mr. Jim Brown was called away to the bedside of a sick sister at Del Rio, Texas.

Our meeting will start Friday night, August 8. Everybody is invited. —Dandelion.

See uptodate stationery at Merkel Mail office.

SHILOH NEWS

Health of the community is good at present.

The Baptist meeting at Shiloh began Saturday night. Good attendance is being had and we are looking forward to a good meeting.

Bro. and Sister, Humphries spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hail.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vessel of Trent were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Vada Naron visited friends near Compere last week and attended the meeting at that place.

Mrs. B. L. James returned from Hill County Saturday night where she went to visit her daughter, Mrs. Fred Beal.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Rutledge visited M. L. Rutledge's family Sunday.

Mr. G. C. Tiner of Abilene is visiting his brother, J. W. Tiner.

Mr. Hardy Rutledge had the misfortune of losing some clothing and groceries Saturday night by some one entering his house and helping themselves while they were attending church.

Mrs. H. R. Grayson from Lamesa is here with her mother Mrs. Grayson's health is bad, but we hope it will be improving soon. Mr. H. R. Grayson says crops in that country are far ahead of these.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson returned Sunday from a two weeks visit with relatives on the Plains. They report lots of rain.

Mrs. Dan Butler who is sick is improving nicely.

The Merkel Luncheon Club came out Friday night and rendered a fine program for the Shiloh people. And to say the people appreciated and enjoyed it would be putting it mild.

The music, readings and fine talks were all any one could wish for.

We sure thank the good people of Merkel and extend an invitation for them to come back in the near future.

Brownie's sister came again with your letters. You don't know how we appreciate them. some one so far away are constantly thinking of us folk down here.

Everybody come to the meeting and tell everybody you see.

Brownie.

Mrs. Grace Cozart and children of Phoenix, Arizona, accompanied by niece, Miss Sayra Stuckey of Los Cruces, N. M., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Frederickson, parents of Mrs. Cozart. Mrs. Cozart and two sons will go on to Oklahoma City for a short visit before returning to Phoenix. Miss Christina Cozart and Miss Sayra Stuckey will remain in Merkel for a few weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Frederickson.

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Remember
If It's Not **Thedford's**, It's Not
BLACK-DRAUGHT
Vegetable Liver Medicines



**Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston
Give a Dinner Party**

Monday at one o'clock Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston were the entertaining host and hostess to a few friends to a dinner party. A real chicken dinner was served with everything in the way of delicious food to go along with it. Besides the well prepared food and the abundance of the good things, the genuine southern hospitality was shown the guests by Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston, which made the hours spent in their home ones of real pleasure.

Those enjoying this congenial occasion were: Mr and Mrs. T. A. Johnson, and son Pagie of Mc Kinney, who have been here visiting, Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell also visiting here from Chillicothe, and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson, and daughter, Miss Lynniss.

Swimming Party

Tuesday morning, before breakfast time, a swimming party was given complimenting Mrs. T. A. Johnson, of Mc Kinney, Texas, who is the guest of friends here. Those enjoying the affair were: Mesdames Amy Sears, T. A. Johnson, Harkrider J. T. Warren, Booth Warren, E. N. Brown, John Sears, E. M. McDonald, L. R. Thompson, D. O. Huddleston, Misses Mary Eula Boog and Johnnie Sears.

Seven O'Clock Dinner

Mrs. J. E. Richardson entertained last Friday evening with a seven o'clock dinner, honoring her little son and daughter, Drayton, who was ten years old July 31 and Mildred, who was eight August 1st.

A lovely chicken dinner with all the good things to eat that go with it was served family style.

Games were greatly enjoyed after the dinner hour. Then the little guests and the honorees were taken driving for about an hour.

Those enjoying this pleasant occasion were: Nell Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Harold Boney, Neil Durham, and Mildred and Drayton Richardson.

Intermediate Department Picnic

Last Friday afternoon at five thirty o'clock the members of the Intermediate Sunday school department of the Methodist church gathered at the church to go on a picnic.

A swim at Shannon's Pool was immensely enjoyed for some time. Supper was spread on the grass at the Shannon place, and consisted of sandwiches, cakes, fruit, olives and watermelon.

The teachers who enjoyed this outing with the intermediates were Mesdames W. F. Golladay and W. S. J. Brown. The members attending were: Inice Brown, Tommie Durham, Ruby Fae Golladay, Fred Guitar, Dorothy Daniels, Ruby Walton, Elizabeth Harkrider, Nadine Tippet and Victor Smith.

Kings Daughters Meet

Tuesday afternoon, eleven members of the Kings Daughters Class, and several visitors enjoyed a most interesting meeting at the Methodist church.

An hour of business and social was mingled together. Such business as was necessary was discussed and attended to.

Interesting talks were heard from Mesdames L. R. Thompson and T. J. Rea concerning the class work.

Mrs. Thos. A. Johnson of Mc Kinney, a former member of the class was a welcome visitor at this meeting.

Delicious punch was served near the close of the meeting.

Let the Merkel Mail do your printing.

Your Chance To Own a Cotton Farm Near Lubbock, Texas

"The Hub of the Plains"

We now have on the market the first division of the Spade Ranch, sub-divided into 177.1 acre tracts. This land lies about 15 miles due west of Lubbock and is 5.2 miles square, with a good school located near the center, and close enough to the Great Technological College at Lubbock, so that your boys and girls can stay at home at night and attend this great school which will be in operation in the fall of 1925.

This is your chance to buy a home where the citizenship is the best, where the schools are good and where you can attend church and Sunday School every Sunday. Where health and happiness prevails.

Where your granery and smoke house will always be filled, where your worries of the boll weevil will soon be forgotten.

This land is located within 12 miles of the Tech. Site, which lies due west of Lubbock. The soil is a dark chocolate loam with a clay sub-soil and the surface is about 95 per cent level. An inexhaustible supply of water can be had in wells running from 100 to 125 feet in depth.

These one hundred tracts of land are now being placed on the market at \$35.00 per acre on the following basis:

All notes are on or before.
Interest starts from the date of signing contract at 6 per cent.

First years interest will be from date of signing contract until January 1st, 1925.

Cash payment on signing of the contract... \$885.50

	Principal	Interest	Total
Jan. 1, 1926—	\$ 300.00	\$318.78	\$ 618.78
Jan. 1, 1927—	300.00	300.78	600.00
Jan. 1, 1928 —	300.00	282.78	582.78
Jan. 1, 1929—	300.00	264.78	564.78
Jan. 1, 1930—	300.00	246.78	546.78
Jan. 1, 1931—	300.00	228.78	528.78
Jan. 1, 1932—	300.00	210.78	510.78
Jan. 1, 1933—	213.00	192.78	415.78
Jan. 1, 1934—	3000.00	168.78	3168.78
TOTAL COST—	\$6198.50		

A farmer in this country can cultivate twice as much land with the same amount of farming implements and work as he can in many parts of the state. The average elevation of the South Plains country is over 3,200 feet, which makes it impossible for the boll weevils and other insects in this country.

In the event that you are further interested in this matter, we will be more than glad for you to communicate with us, or our agent in our town, at once and we will give you any additional information that you may want regarding this proposition. It is our suggestion that you make arrangements to come to Lubbock and look at this land in order that you may select a tract for your home.

Trusting that you will give this matter your most careful consideration and let us assist you in any way possible, we are,

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Celebrates 7th Birthday

Thursday afternoon, July 31, Neil Durham celebrated his seventh birthday by inviting a few friends to his home for an afternoon of fun.

About five o'clock the little friends began to arrive, each bringing gifts for the honoree. The gifts consisted of checkers, shot for air gun, handkerchiefs, knives, a story booklet, a harp and a toy gun.

Various games were played in the house and out on the lawn. Refreshments of ice cream cones and cake was served. The color scheme of pink and white was carried out in the refreshments.

Those attending this birthday celebration were: Drayton Richardson, Myer Mellinger, Robert Jr. Grimes, Itse Mellinger, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Mildred Richardson, J. W. Cole and Alton Davis.

Trent Ladies Missionary Society

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Trent Methodist church meets every Monday at three o'clock. There is a regular attendance of about half the membership. The Ladies are interested in the Bible study of Christ's life. The class is conducted by Mrs. E. L. Mangum. The program for Monday, August 11th will be:—

Subject—Mountain Communities to day and yesterday.

Hymn; Business.

1. Getting on the honor roll, Mrs. Scott.

2. Missionary news, Mrs. Winn Bible lesson—The outlook of Prayer, Mrs. McRee.

3. A new Gospel track, "Over the Hills." Mrs. Mangum.

4. Our mountain schools opening God's Highway, Mrs. Reid.

The Keepers Class

The Keepers Class of the Presbyterian church, met on Friday afternoon with Mrs. Marvin Smith as the delightful hostess. After a short business session presided over by the president, the meeting was turned over to the hostess for a social hour. An interesting flower contest was passed for which Mrs. Charles Jones was awarded a pretty towel. Then each guest was asked to draw a picture to represent a song. Mrs. John West was voted the best artist, and a dainty drinking cup was presented her for her efforts. Miss Mildred Smith assisted her mother in serving a delicious plate of sandwiches, iced tea, and wafers to the class members and several visitors.

Get your stationary at the Merkel Mail office.

The Weekly Prayermeeting

The Prayer meeting will meet at the home of Mrs. Chas. West on Wednesday, August 13 at 4 o'clock. Prayer, Mrs. Jim Meek Song, No. 60; Prayer, Mrs. J. L. Harris; Lesson, Jesus cleanses the Temple, John 2:13-22, Mrs. Fannie King; Timothy 3:14-16 Mrs. G. W. Elliott; Ephesians 1:15-23, Mrs. Allday; Ephesians 5:22-30, Mrs. Estes; 1st. Cor 6: 8-11, Mrs. J. L. Harris; 1st Cor. 3:16-23, Mrs. W. W. Campbell; Psalm 15, Mrs. Mack Bubbee, Joshua 6 and 7, Mrs. Jim Meek, Song 190; Prayer, Mrs. Busbee, Minutes and roll call, Prayer, Mrs. Estes, Song 175; Prayer, Mrs. Fannie King.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson and daughter, Miss Lynniss left Thursday in their car for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Jones at Sierra Blanca, Texas.

MRS. MITCHELL THANKS VOTERS

Mrs. Mitchell says that the weather is hot for personal campaigning, and that she is thankful for the press by which to thank the good friends who voted strong enough to put her in the run-off for the office of District Clerk. She regrets having to ask them for further effort in her behalf but begs that they will try to change some of the "wise men's minds" and ask that they look further into the situation and use an added realization of justice and democracy. Mr. Fuller has had this good job four years but does not possess one superior qualification for the execution of its duties, as the bulk of the work is done by a woman clerk, it is his privilege to hire. He has been given the opportunity to serve you and be your friend, given the same, Mrs. Mitchell will prove herself to do as much.

As head of the family, doing duty as both man and woman for fifteen years Mrs. Mitchell says she has not yet met one man who thought she should be exempt from meeting any legitimate obligation such as paying all bills, meeting church or club dues, paying all taxes, educating her child, etc., etc., but lately has met many men who would bar her from one of the few opportunities by which to earn more than the usual salary paid to women, and which is rarely enough for one who is head of a family.

Don't forget that there are still lots of big bargains at Brown's sale which will close Saturday night. It

Mrs. Harry Barnett and children left Monday for a visit to relatives at Dallas.

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Battle of Palo Duro Canyon

A Decisive Battle by U. S. Troops, Under Gen. McKenzie, Against Various Indian Tribes.

By SERGEANT JOHN B. CHARLTON.

During the summer of 1874, while General McKenzie's command was in quarters at Fort Clark, Texas, rumors became rife of unrest among certain tribes of Indians on the government reservations. These rumors were soon verified by a threatened outbreak. Shortly after this news reached the post I was sent by General McKenzie with dispatches to Fort Sill, and my orders were to travel by night only, as the country at that time was infested by numerous small bands of Indians; so by traveling at night much delay was avoided and many dangers evaded. By changing horses at each army post on the route I was able to make the ride, a distance of about 580 miles, in six nights. Upon my return I found the General's command at Fort Concho, Texas, and there learned that the threatened outbreak had occurred—that Lone Wolf's band, strengthened by warriors from other tribes, had left the reservations and with their families had established themselves in winter quarters somewhere well within the border of Northwest Texas, and that General McKenzie had been ordered out with his command, consisting of seven troops of cavalry, to intercept them and break up their camp.

Indians Attack Scouting Party.

I reported to the General and was placed with the scouting party then being formed. This party consisted of six white men, thirteen Seminoles and twelve Tonkawa Indians; Lieutenant Williams Thompson was made chief of the scouts.

The command left Fort Concho immediately, moving in the direction of what was then called Blanco Canyon, but is now known as Yellow House Canyon. The supply trains, accompanied by four companies of infantry from Fort Concho, followed. After several days marching, we reached this canyon where a supply camp was established. Rain fell in torrents that night, and a "norther" blew up, which added greatly to the discomfort of the troops. The next morning, September 26th, 1874, with fifteen days' rations for each man, the troops were on the march again, this time the objective point being Tule Canyon, about a day's march ahead of us. After reaching the level of the plains the scouts were ordered out on duty, as we were nearing that part of the country where, it was hoped, reliable information might be gathered as to the location of the main body of Indians. Lieutenant Thompson had orders to travel in a direction deviating somewhat from that taken by the command. We rode all morning without any sign of Indians, but about noon came to a slight break in the plains where we drew rein to make a survey of the landscape. Some distance away I noticed what appeared to be a herd of about a hundred buffalo. I called Lieutenant Thompson's attention to them. Looking through his field glasses for a moment he exclaimed: "They are Indians, sergeant, and they are going to attack us. Get your men ready for action."

I dismounted the men, placed six of them in charge of the horses, and the remainder was formed in line of battle around the horses. Lieutenant Thompson watched the approaching savages intently until they were near enough to make sure of their approximate number, then he rode over to us and gave orders to fall back toward the command, as we were outnumbered four to one. "Hold steady, men, and reserve your fire until they are within easy reach," said the Lieutenant.

Called His Bluff.

They were approaching rapidly, about one hundred and twenty of them, and yelling like demons. The scouts num-

bered thirty-one men, all told. When the Indians reached a point about sixty yards from our defense line, they suddenly turned to the right and began circling us. Then we opened fire. Step by step our scouts fell back, fighting every inch of the way, and hoping meanwhile that we were traveling in the direction of the command. One Indian buck, mounted on a white horse, kept riding toward us, firing and yelling, then riding back into line. Each trip he grew bolder and approached nearer to our men. Just how many of the scouts decided to stop his bluff I cannot say but this Comanche soon went down with several bullet holes in his carcass. The Indians continued to harass us until about sundown, when luckily we reached the trail of the command. Our foes, realizing from the size of the trail, the presence of a large body of troops in that vicinity, disappeared as if by magic. We then mounted our horses, took up the trail and reached camp about 10 o'clock that night. Several Indians were killed by our men, but by good luck we had no casualties to report.

When General McKenzie heard of our skirmish with the Indians, he ordered about one-third of the company, including the scouts, placed on guard

about this time. As the Indians disappeared, the attention of the troops was attracted by the sight of a solitary Comanche riding a brown pony. He was on a little rise out of range of our rifles, and appeared nonplussed as to the direction taken by his companions, from whom he had evidently been cut off. He scanned the horizon for a moment, then attempted a short cut in the direction taken by the other Indians. This brought him in range of our rifles, when Henry, a Tonkawa, shot his horse dead and the horse in falling, threw the rider. Henry then rode forth against his fallen foe. Now in those days an Indian wore his blanket in this fashion: Taking the blanket lengthwise he wrapped it around his body. His cartridge belt, with pistol in holster, was buckled around his waist, and the top part of the blanket then turned down over the belt.

The Comanche had risen to his feet, but was somewhat dazed from the fall, when Henry arrived upon the scene. Henry's rifle was strapped to his saddle, and he was so sure of victory that he had neglected to draw it until it was too late. He fumbled desperately for his pistol which still remained entangled in the folds of his blanket. In the meantime the Comanche, fully recovered, had made a spring for the Tonkawa,

the Canyon precipice. I felt overawed at the depth of the walls of the Canyon which, at this point had a sheer drop of about 1,500 feet, the distance from wall to wall being about a half mile. A small stream of water was running through the Canyon. Flecks of valley land was visible, intermingled with dark cedar tops which cast darker shadows on the ground. In the open hundred of horses were grazing. Viewed from our immense height, the horses appeared as tiny moving objects. Tepees thickly dotted the banks of the stream as far down the Canyon as I could see. I afterward learned that this Indian camp was three miles long. At any rate, from my vantage point I had gotten a pretty comprehensive view of the whole situation. Time was pressing and there was a ride of twenty-five miles back to the main command. "Heap Injun!" grunted Johnson, close to my ear. "You bet your life, old scout, and some canyon, too," whispered I, as we backed off cautiously and made a run for our horses.

General McKenzie Attacks Indian Stronghold.

I lost no time in reporting to General McKenzie what I had seen. In a short time the troops were again in the saddle, marching against Lone Wolf's strong-



"And then we went down into that inferno of howling red skins."

that night as he, with the rest of us, strongly suspected that we would be attacked before daylight. His suspicion proved correct, for at "moon up" they were upon us, this time several hundred strong. That portion of the men not on guard rested on their guns, so at the first alarm from vidette we were up and ready for them. At the first fire from our men the Indians withdrew, no doubt somewhat surprised at the number of troops. At no time during the night did they approach so closely again, but kept circling the camp skirmishing, presumably, for an opening to stampede our horses. Ten wagons, in charge of Wagonmaster James O'Neal arrived at camp during the night. These wagons were loaded with forage and ammunition and were accompanied by one company of infantry, the other three companies having been left to guard the supplies at Yellow House Canyon. It is a mystery why this train of ten wagons was not attacked, for, owing no doubt to some atmospheric condition peculiar to the plains, the drivers heard none of the firing and came noisily into camp cracking their whips and yelling at their mules, which were floundering in the mud.

Comanche Whips Tonkawa.

At dawn the following day the Indians left us. A laughable incident oc-

dragged him from his horse and, drawing his bow, began to give him the trouncing of his life. At every cut of the bow Henry leaped about three feet in the air, making frantic gestures toward the troops and yelling, "Why you no shoot? Why you no shoot?" The whole command was laughing, but we had enjoyed the fun long enough, so somebody shot the Comanche and Henry took his scalp with great satisfaction, but he nursed a grudge against the whole bunch of us for several days.

Indian Camp Three Miles Long.

After the troops had breakfasted, General McKenzie sent for me and told me to take two Indians and follow the trail of those who had attacked the command the night before. So, accompanied by two Tonkawas, "Johnson" and "Job," I took up the trail at once, and we rode rapidly for several miles before I began to notice numerous other trails, all converging, and fresh. The country over which we rode appeared level as far as the eye could see, and was covered with undulating waves of rich grass.

Suddenly and unexpectedly, we came in view of Palo Duro Canyon, a colossal crevice which breaks the plains of Northwest Texas for a distance of sixty miles. I dismounted at once, left Job in charge of the horses and, with Johnson, crept on hands and knees to the edge of

hold, in the depths of Palo Duro Canyon, and its defense of 1,500 warriors. The general left one troop of cavalry with the remaining company of infantry to guard the wagons at Tule Canyon. This reduced the strength of the main command to less than six hundred men. After an all night march, the command reached the Palo Duro Canyon at sun up on the morning of September 28th, 1874. The scouts, as was their duty, were slightly in advance of the main column. As the rear of the column swung into line, General McKenzie rode over to us and said:

"Mr. Thompson, take your men down and open the fight." "Very well, sir," said the Lieutenant.

Now the only means of ingress to the Canyon available was a rocky and precipitous buffalo trail, down which the men were forced to go in single file. Lieutenant Thompson led us down here, and as we went over the brink, McCabe, an Irishman and one of the scouts, murmured dolefully: "And not even a cup of coffee to sthaye me stummick."

When we had reached a point about two-thirds of the way down an Indian sentinel to our left leaped to his feet from behind a rock and uttered a war-whoop that awoke the echoes far and near. That yell, with the shot that finished his earthly career, aroused the multitude of Indians below. The din became terrific.

Desperate Fighting.

And then we went down into that inferno of howling redskins. Kiowas, Comanches, Arapahoes and Cheyennes attacked us from every quarter, first by dozens, later by hundreds, as the warriors gathered from the lower part of the camp. Many were concealed behind rocks, while others were ambushed in the foliage of the cedars. We were being reinforced as rapidly as the troops could make the descent of the tortuous and precipitous trail. The smoke from our rifles settled down, adding further obscurity to the darkness of the Canyon. But I could hear General McKenzie's voice giving orders somewhere in the thickest of the fray.

The Indian warriors held their ground for a time, fighting desperately to cover the exit of their squaws and pack animals, but under the persistent fire of the troops they soon began falling back, slowly at first, toward the head of the Canyon.

The herd of Indian ponies, frightened by the roar, fled first to one pass and then to another, only to have their leader shot down by a trooper, thereby blocking the trail. The main body of Indians retreated in the open along the banks of the stream. Here the troops suffered their greatest casualties, being subjected to a cross fire from numerous snipers hidden in the timber on both sides. It was about five miles to the pass where the squaws left the Canyon, and it was well toward sunset when the warriors, now in full retreat, reached that point. The command followed closely the going out of the Indians, but long ere the rear troops had reached the level of the plains Lone Wolf's magnificent band of warriors had fled. We followed them for a short distance; but as the men had been twenty-four hours without food, and as our dead and wounded were in need of attention, General McKenzie thought it best to turn back.

Dead Indians Everywhere.

Upon re-entering the Canyon we passed over dead Indians everywhere. Their wounded they took with them. After a careful search we found our casualties to be two dead and quite a number wounded. One man was shot through the bowels, but he got well. His recovery, the doctor said, was due to the fact that he had been without food so long.

The Indians, although no doubt apprised of the approach of the troops, after the attack at Tule Canyon, were evidently not looking for a pitched battle so soon, otherwise they would have gathered their ponies and packed their tepees, all of which were left behind. General McKenzie ordered the tepees and everything of value to the Indians burned. This was done, after which the horses, numbering about 2,200 in all, were rounded up and driven out of the Canyon, when the main command started on the return trip to Tule Canyon. Everybody was tired and hungry, but the scouts, who had done extra hard duty the preceding forty-eight hours, were utterly worn out; so try as I would, I could not keep awake. Several times during the night as I slept in the saddle, I felt General McKenzie's hand on my shoulder shaking me, "Wake up, sergeant," he would say. "Wake up your men and look after your horses." This I did, rousing the other weary scouts and rounding up the straggling ponies, only to fall asleep again immediately myself.

The command reached Tule Canyon in the early morning, when the General ordered the captured horses shot. Some questioned the wisdom of this act, but it was the only thing to be done, as there were too many horses in this herd to be taken care of by the limited number of men in the command.

Holds Record for Service as County Official

By HORACE C. WALKER.

Capt. Walton Terry Saxon, Confederate veteran and one of the oldest men living in Central Texas, probably holds the State record for length of service as a public official. He has held the office of county surveyor of Hamilton county for the last forty-four years, and claims the distinction of being the only regularly elected surveyor the county ever had.

Capt. Saxon is six months older than the State of Texas, and is one of its most prominent patriars. He was a State-wide figure in pioneer days as a surveyor of most of Central and West Texas. Capt. Saxon was born in Autauga, Falls county, Alabama, April 20, 1836—the day before the battle of San Jacinto—and expects to round out his eighty-ninth year next April.

"I laid off the boundary lines of Hamilton county in 1878, and I have surveyed every line in the county. I know every corner in this part of the State," said Capt. Saxon. He has never had put one opponent in the entire forty-four years of his service as county surveyor of Hamilton county.

his age. Much of his time is spent in reading, but he has never yet worn a pair of glasses. His hearing is equally acute; and but for his stooped figure and white hair, Capt. Saxon would appear to be a much younger man than he is.

Hamilton's aged surveyor writes a plain, legible hand, little affected by the palsy of age; and his speech and writings are the best of English. Capt. Saxon is a typical representative of the "old-time" southern gentleman.

Unless ill, the old surveyor is always down at his office in the courthouse by ten o'clock, six mornings of the week; and Capt. Saxon seldom experiences a day's illness.

After serving during the four years of the Civil War as captain of a Florida company of 121 men, W. T. Saxon joined the surveying staff of the Iron Mountain railroad. As surveyor for the Iron Mountain, he laid off a large part of this company's lines as they are today.

"Three saloons, a blacksmith shop, and a grocery store made up the entire town of Hamilton when I came here in 1874. I taught school during my first



CAPT. WALTON T. SAXON.

four years in Hamilton in a little double log cabin, on the Rice headright, near Pecan Creek. It was in 1879 that I became county surveyor," said Capt. Saxon.

Young Saxon received one of the best educations the South afforded at the Military Institute of Alabama. His military training led to the commission as captain during the war between the States. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Saxon was a young man of twenty-five, living in Brooksville county, Florida.

On his own initiative, he organized a company of 121 men in July, 1861. The body which he commanded was known as Roll Company C, or the Hernando Guards.

Capt. Saxon's company was in the thickest of the fighting in the lower South and the West, and but a handful of the 121 men was left to return to Brooksville county at the close of hostilities. W. T. Saxon and his men served with Bragg, Hood and Joseph E. Johnston, surrendering with Johnston at Greenville, North Carolina, in 1865. Capt. Saxon wears the Confederate cross of honor for his record during the

Civil War. He was mustered out of the service April 26, 1865.

Returning to Florida, Capt. Saxon was elected to the State Legislature from Brooksville county. He served two successive terms as a representative in 1866 and 1867, before joining the surveying staff of the Iron Mountain railroad.

Capt. Saxon has recently been made a lieutenant colonel on the staff of Sul Ross and Van Zandt in the United Confederate Veteran organization. The aged war veteran is still "Cap'n," however, to his many friends. He has been a prominent figure at all meetings of the United Confederate Veterans.

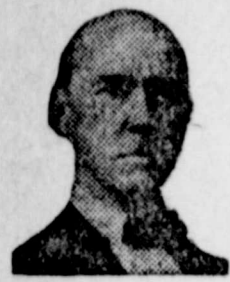
This patriarch of Hamilton county dresses in the Confederate gray, as he has always dressed since the Civil War. He refuses to wear anything else. On special occasions "Cap'n" wears more military decorations than any other veteran in this section of the country.

First shipment of Elberta peaches from East Texas arrived on the Dallas and Fort Worth markets July 3 and sold for \$1.50 per crate.

CURRENT COMMENT

By J. H. LOWRY

THE TWO-THIRDS RULE.



Way back in the dim and musty past, when patriotism was in full flower, when all people were supposed to be without gall or guile, and political trickery was known to few, old Andy Jackson, the hero of New Orleans, a Tennessean who proudly carried a saber cut on his arm, given because he refused to clean a British officer's boots, and later a Democratic politician who was accustomed to having things his own way, found himself confronted by a political obstacle that he could not move with the party machinery then in use. There was a candidate he was determined to beat, and a candidate he had sworn should be nominated. The candidate whose scalp Old Hickory was after was far in the lead of his opponents; in fact he had a majority of the convention votes dangling at his belt, while the candidate the foxy Tennessean had determined to elect was trailing far in the rear, ticketed for passage up Salt river, the stream which has witnessed the destruction of so many political barques and the shattering of so many human hopes. It looked like a clean defeat for Andy and a triumph for one who had won Andy's hatred in a previous political contest. The sweet vengeance he had hoped for seemed out of his grasp, and onlookers said there was nothing for Mr. Jackson to do except show himself a good sport and congratulate the political enemy who had outgeneraled him.

But Andrew Jackson was not a timid man, neither was he that type of a politician that hangs his harp on the willows when the noisy brass bands of an opponent approaches beating the tomtom and sawing the fuzzy-guzzy, or that hangs the hoe on the wall when the crab grass appears to have a strangle hold on the cotton. He was a follower of precedents, when precedents led in the direction he wished to go; but a maker of precedents, both a pioneer blazing his own trail, and an iconoclast wiping out well-beaten paths, when precedent stood in his way. And so in the fertile, determined brain of Andrew Jackson a new rule for Democracy was hatched out. Andrew thought within himself, then he talked with his henchmen, who swallowed without suspicion anything he offered, even as the young mocking bird swallows whatever may be placed in its mouth by its mother. Said Andrew: "It will not do to make nominees for our party by a mere majority vote. Such a procedure is always a menace to party success, and frequently causes the proud old Democratic banner to trail in the dust of de-

feat. If a very large minority in the party opposes the nomination of a certain man, it is dangerous, even suicidal, to clothe that man with the party nomination. In such a case many who so bitterly opposed the nomination of the candidate will either sulk in their tents during the campaign or go, bag and baggage, into the camp of the enemy, and Democracy loses the election and the postoffices."

Like Joe Bagstock, one of Mr. Dickens' favorite characters, old Andy was "devilish sly." He knew whom to talk to first, the follow-up methods, and all the tricks of those who play at the cold, clammy, snaky game called politics; and soon he had hundreds of henchmen shouting, "down with the wicked majority rule! We must assure party success by returning a two-thirds majority for party nominations." The reason why Mr. Jackson did not have his henchmen shout for a three-fourths majority, or a five-sixths majority was that he had counted noses and found that his hated political enemy couldn't get a two-thirds majority, and so a two-thirds majority rule would be sufficient. If it had required a three-fourths, or a five-sixths majority to defeat Mr. Jackson's friend, we would doubtless be making our nominations today by three-fourths or five-sixths majorities. Seeing how well he had wrought, Old Andy like Marc Antony, after delivering the funeral oration over the body of Caesar, retired to the shade and said, "Now let it work; mischief thou art afoot." It did work. Andy's enemy went to the convention with a majority of the votes, and his loved ones and friends gathered there to hear his speech accepting the nomination. But there was a new rule, there was tie-up, there was crimination and recrimination, and finally the shattered barque of Mr. Jackson's enemy went up Salt creek, while Andy's friend retired from the field twirling the scalp of his competitors on his lance, and with victory written upon his brow in letters that glittered and glowed.

We can't blame Andrew Jackson very much. All's fair in love, war and politics, and there is no cordial so sweet in this vale of tears as seeing a hated political enemy go down in defeat, to accomplish which we hold our breath, shut our eyes and stifle our conscience in trying anything, once. But the evil men do lives long after their bodies have mouldered in the tomb. Andrew Jackson had set a precedent, and at the next convention no man dared to speak against the two-thirds majority rule or attempt to set it aside, for there were dozens of mighty orators there ready to rake the hide, with ink of vitriol and pens of fire, any man who dared say what Andrew Jackson had done was not patriotic, just and true. To have slapped Andy then would have called upon

the slapper's head the wrath of every man Andy had appointed to office, and in fact of all the great army of Democrats who had followed Andy to glorious victory. And so the two-thirds majority rule functioned again, and by the time the next convention rolled around it had become "time-honored." When a policy or custom becomes "time-honored," it goes into a fortress stronger than Verdun or Gibraltar—yea, it is a safe from successful attack as a big rattlesnake in a hole twenty-five feet deep. Make as strong an argument against something that is time-honored as you will, expose its evil ways and picture all the trouble it has wrought, pound it with irresistible logic until it is thin as the lean edge of an attenuated wafer, and then will arise an eloquent orator who with silver tongue will beg you not to lay the iconoclastic hand upon a "time-honored" custom, and so pleading will be his pathos that you will be moved to tears, and you will say with your vote, "touch not the rule of the fathers."

This writer has seen many precinct and county conventions vote for the abrogation of the two-thirds rule and for the enthronement of the will of the majority. Most of the counties of Texas, in conventions assembled, have voted to set aside the two-thirds rule, and frequently a big majority of the voters of the State have so voted, but somehow, when the committees meet to make rules for nominations, the "big uns" persuade them to retain the two-thirds majority rule, brought forth by Andrew Jackson in the long ago to encompass the defeat of his political enemy and make sure the nomination of Martin Van Buren. So long has the two-thirds majority rule held sway that some of us have even dreamed that it is a part of Democracy—that when the grand and glorious old party was brought forth as an infant and sanctified to the good of the country by the people's prayers, hopes and tears, that the two-thirds rule was pinned to its swaddling clothes; that in its babyhood our great and untortured party was rocked in a two-thirds rule cradle and soothed by two-thirds rule lullabies. But the truth is that Jefferson, and those who assisted him in carving out a system of principles that would enable the highest and the humblest to pursue life, liberty and happiness, to work out their destiny unhampered, and to make a people and a nation great, knew nothing of a two-thirds majority rule for nominations, and had such a thing been suggested to them they would have denounced it as the work of King George's hordes, or of the devil himself. To them the initial meaning of Democracy was the rule of the majority, and had they attempted to write, for the guidance of those then living, and for the generations unborn, a scheme for the

thwarting of the will of the majority by wiry politicians, their hands would have palsied before the task. In Texas we know the two-thirds rule no more. The people arose in their wrath and smote it, and with it the entire convention system, in which the people had very poor opportunity to register their choice. In its stead we have the primary, with provisions for majority nominations, when necessary, through a second primary, but nationally the old two-thirds rule employed by Andrew Jackson to defeat an enemy and reward a friend still functions.

But the leaven is now working, and soon the Democratic party will know the two-thirds rule no more forever. The New York convention added power to the leaven, and in Texas, as throughout the nation, wise leaders, as well as the rank and file of the party, are demanding that the party be true to its name and its teachings by providing for the rule of the majority within party councils.

Glad, indeed, was I to read in one of our best scientific journals the other day the statement of one of the world's leading scientists regarding the virtue of lightning rods. Some years ago sport was made of lightning rods by half-baked scientists, and the lightning rods were ridiculed out of the country. It has been a long, long time since a bright red lightning rod wagon was seen on our roads; the last one I saw was rotting in a barn yard "unwept, unhonored and unsung." But the great scientist of whom I speak comes forward and declares that lightning rods do protect buildings against destruction by lightning, and that there is little danger of the subtle fluid injuring any structure that is properly rodged, or harming those who may be housed in a rodged structure when the lightning's keen rapier is streaking the clouds with ribbons of gold. This defense of the lightning rod and its power to save rejoices my soul. I remember well how the prayers and tears of my mother and her children induced my poor father to give up the little pile of money he had, and sell two cows he wished to keep, in order to place lightning rods on his humble home. When half-baked scientists declared the rods were worthless and ridiculed them out of the country, I felt very mean over assisting, with my pleadings and my tears, a slick-tongued lightning rod agent to bunco my poverty-stricken father out of his hard earnings and his cows. Up to recently the only consolation I found, the only balm I could give my conscience over the part I played, was that my cry was the cry of real fright. After hearing the lightning rod agent picture the fury of the storm, and read the statistics telling how many souls were swept into eternity every year by lightning, it

would have been impossible for me to have found sleep in an unrodged house when the thunder was muttering or the lightning was plunging its saber into the walls of night. After hearing the agent's learned lecture on lightning, and after seeing him demonstrate how the fluid, attracted by the platinum tipped rods, followed the grooves of the twisting rods and finally went into the ground without harming building or occupants, I slept soundly, even while the thunders bombarded the heavens, and lightning's red glare painted terror on the sky. And now, since this noted scientist has spoken, and the people are assured that lightning rods do all that the slick-tongued agent of the long ago claimed for them, I find surcease from sorrow over helping bunco an indulgent but poverty-stricken father, and a guilty conscience beats me no more when I think of the trade in which my fears played an important part.

HORSE-SHOE PITCHERS TRUE DEMOCRATS.

The Horse-Shoe Pitchers Union is made up of Democrats of far better material than is found in many of the organizations I know of. It has been printed in some of the daily papers that members of certain labor organizations will not give united, enthusiastic support to our Democratic nominee for President because he has been the attorney for a corporation. And the shocking news has just been printed that Senator Wheeler, a Democratic senator from Montana, who has waged a big fight against wickedness in high places, creating consternation in the ranks of those who couldn't tell government property from their own, has flown the coop and will leave the party because our nominee for President has not affiliated with the farm bloc. Weak-kneed Democrats these fellows are—or were. The Democracy of the Horse-Shoe Pitchers Union is of a far better brand—a brand that hopeth all things and endureth all things for the party's sake. We have far greater cause to desert our nominee and quit the party than those mentioned, but we are in the band wagon and singing in the Democratic choir. We contend that pitching horse shoes is the greatest sport known to man—we who wear galluses and slouched hats, and pants that cover our shins. We despise short breeches, belts, jockey caps and cockney airs, yet we have been told that John W. Davis, our Democratic nominee, actually plays golf! Moreover, we have it upon reliable authority that our standard-bearer wears knickerbockers and a jaunty cap when he plays this hifalutin game; yet in spite of all this, not a horse-shoe pitcher has bolted. We despise our nominee's idea of sport, and his paraphernalia, but we'll shut our eyes to these faults and vote the ticket straight.

Beauty, Efficiency and the Farm Home

By DAVID J. MORRIS.

Neighbors and travelers are somewhat inclined to be critical and to express their opinions freely regarding farm homes they pass in their daily routine. They see much to criticize of other homes, while they fail to notice their own homes and farms. Remarks such as these are often made: "Oh, what a lovely place that is! I know they must appreciate and enjoy their home a great deal," or, "What a worn down and dilapidated place that one is, over there. Why don't they fix it up a little?" These and other similar remarks are being made daily, about almost every home and farm. What are the passers-by saying about your home?

Uncle Bob Becomes Critical.

Uncle Bob Jackson delights in telling how he came to improve his farm. His attention was directed to his own home, some twenty years ago, before the "horseless carriage" was in common use. He went to see a neighbor on business and was preparing to start home, when he found something wrong with the harness. While he was repairing it, a young man and his wife passed him in a buggy. The young lady exclaimed in a voice loud enough for Uncle Bob to hear:

"O! George, these people have such a nice, pretty place. I want us to make our place beautiful also."

While Uncle Bob finished the repairing he began to cogitate on this matter of beautifying the farm home. He studied the home of his neighbor and decided that it was really beautiful and showed that it had received much attention from its owner.

On his way home Uncle Bob noticed every home that he passed and made comments to himself favorable and unfavorable. Here and there he gave a neighbor condemnation for having such a bad looking home, and then, he would praise another. In fact, he became so interested that had his horse not been faithful, some accident might have happened, for Uncle Bob forgot that he had any lines in his hands. All uncon-

scious of everything but his own thoughts, he exclaimed: "What a terrible place that one is. My, the owner must be awful lazy and backward. Now, if that place were mine I would—"

But that was as far as he went, for the old horse turned in at the gate and Uncle Bob woke up to the fact that he was HOME. Yes, and he now began to critically judge his home. He studied it several moments in silence; it was truly unimproved, and he then and there made up his mind that he would fix up the "old place"—fix it up a little and make it look some better.

So Uncle Bob got out of his buggy and began to open the gate; at which he succeeded after tugging and pulling and lifting this way and that. Here he thought, would be a good place to begin his improvements—that of making new gates. Then he would straighten out the wire fences, especially along the road, where he would put on four wires about twelve inches apart. He then drove on to the buggy shed and unhitched and turned the horse to graze.

No Time Like the Present.

Aunt Nell then informed him that the pigs were in the corn field. Uncle Bob went to the field at once and finally, after hard work, rounded them up and into the pen again. While getting them in he had recalled the fact that a board was off the pig-pen fence, in fact, had been for several days, which allowed the pigs to get out. Also, he recalled that every day he had vowed he would nail the board back, but had al-

ways forgotten. No time was like the present, he decided, so he went to the little box house, which he called his "shop" to get the hammer and some nails. He searched and hunted for some time before he found them as everything was in a "topsy turvy" condition. Tools were scattered here and there and everything was in disorder. This was, however, the first time Uncle Bob had noticed them in this condition, as it was the first time he had really been thinking about improvements.



Rosehill Farm, Weir, Williamson County, Texas, owned by Mr. David J. Morris.

After finding the hammer and nails, he fixed the pig-pen fence together with several other little jobs of like nature, which he had been putting off. He then returned to the shop, having decided to straighten it up, also, as here would be found all the tools, etc., that would be needed in his plans of improvement. He put up a nail for each tool, either on the wall or in the tool box; then he made places for every size nail and otherwise arranged things so that he could put his hand on any tool that he desired. Several holes in the roof of the shop were mended in order

to keep out the rain. The dampness which would come through such places had already rusted several of his valuable tools, therefore, he took time and "fixed up," so that this could not happen again.

"Fixes" the Back Step.

After finishing this job on the shop roof, Uncle Bob's wife called to him that dinner was ready. He hurriedly entered the yard and stepped upon the back step; which turned on its uneven foundation and Uncle Bob lost his balance and fell. He arose very angry, but remembered that his wife had been telling him for a long time to fix the back step, so he quieted down and got the hoe and smoothed the ground under the step, placed it back and found it to be solid without further danger of tipping a person. Uncle Bob had found out that no time was like the present to do a thing.

And so the work of improvement went on—on Uncle Bob's farm. He soon had the entire family interested, and a year later, when a passer-by chanced a remark regarding it, it was much he said in praise, and this swelled Uncle Bob's pride to an extent that the work of improvement is still going on.

Improvements are never completed, as there is something that can always be made a little better, if the farm owner gets the spirit of improvement and endeavors to make his farm home up to date, and working to its full efficiency. Improvements, especially the first ones, are not so expensive and will soon repay their cost many fold. If

not in cash, then in efficiency, comfort and pride to the owner in his every day life and work.

The farm home, by all means, should be painted. It is not necessary to have things fine and costly, to be pretty. A simple house, painted a clean bright color, with a well made yard fence, a yard full of flowers and shrubbery, with all the weeds kept down will do a miraculous amount toward beautifying. The farmer's housewife finds it inexpensive to buy some pretty curtain material for the windows and also the making of small table covers will lend charm to her housework. She will find that keeping everything in order and in its proper place will lighten her work a great deal, and make it more pleasant to carry on each day.

Flowers Help in Beautifying.

A yard with flowers is one of the main factors in "home beautiful." One of the prettiest and usually best to grow in the yard is the rose, the queen of all flowers. Other simple flowers, cultivated or wild, will aid in untold ways to the charm of the home, for the owner as well as the passing public.

The farmer will find no end of ways to improve around his farm, such as removing the old wire fence lots and putting board fences in their place, thus eliminating the danger of stock being hurt or cut. He may find that by rearranging the barn lots, the cow lots, the pig pens, the gates, etc., that they will be more convenient and will save many unnecessary steps. There is much in saving steps on the outside work of the farm as well as on the inside work.

After first and most necessary improvements have been made, a fund may be allowed to accumulate to put in better improvements of a different nature, as: running water, fish ponds, electricity, gas and electric machinery, hot water systems and the like. All coming in to a great advantage to the farmer and his farm. However, the use of electricity and like improvements are

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WOMAN'S PAGE
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HOME PROBLEMS.

SUMMER COOLERS.

This time of year the thought uppermost in every one's mind is, "How can I keep cool?" The answer is a proper diet.

Rich heavy foods are to be avoided and we should eat plenty of the fresh, cooling vegetables and fruits. Drink plenty of water, as through perspiration the body loses so much fluid, and it is necessary to replace it. Water is the most cooling and refreshing drink in the world. When soda water is resorted to, there is one very important thing to remember, that is, do not drink out of the bottle if you can help it. The cap when removed so often leaves a corrosion that if taken into the stomach is liable to cause very serious illnesses. If forced to drink from the bottle, first wipe the neck of the bottle carefully and then do not put the neck in the mouth, but hold against the lips to drink.

Baths are another refuge in the sultry summer weather. If taken at home in a tub a tepid bath is much more refreshing than a cold one. A cold bath increases the circulation and this makes us all the warmer afterward. A tepid bath even the temperature of the body and the after effect is more pleasant than a cold bath. When young and old join hands and go to the "old swimming hole" for a plunge, be sure that the water is clean and free from harmful disease. Stagnant water contains many bacteria that cause ear, eye, nose and throat troubles, also painful skin infections. Running water that is generally exposed to the sunshine during the day is the most to be preferred. It is not wise for any one to go in swimming during the heat of the day. The rays of the sun on the water will blister even the thickest of skins. This is very dangerous, as the blisters make an easy entry for harmful bacteria. Also a bad sunburn is liable to terminate into fever. In the early morning, before eight o'clock, or in the evening after six o'clock, is the best time to go for your plunge. Let me add a word of warning here, DO NOT GO SWIMMING ON A FULL STOMACH! There is nothing so hard on the digestive apparatus as swimming. Both require a great deal of blood to function properly. If the stomach is benefited, then the muscles must suffer and cramps and other dangerous things are liable to happen. If the muscles draw the blood supply, then the digestion must suffer. So it is best to swim and then eat.

Babies are the greatest sufferers in summertime, because the little things cannot tell you what is the matter. On hot days it is best to let them go barefoot during the heat of the day, but in the early morning and late evening, it is best for them to wear some loose comfortable shoes, as the soles of the feet are tender and full of pores that make them susceptible to colds. Give the babies plenty of water to drink. A diaper and a thin dress is all that is necessary during the hot summer days. Inside the house is usually the coolest place during the heat of the day, but give children the benefit of the early morning and late evening air out-of-doors.

Ices and ice cream are delicious dishes to serve and they can be made much more delicious and much more healthful at home. Also the expense is less. For people who are living in the country or in town, for that matter, and have a cow the biggest expense is settled. There are many delicious recipes. Under tested recipes is a very fine one. But a word of warning is well merited here. Do not let the younger children eat very much ice cream at a time, as it is apt to cause bowel disturbances. Some older people are subjected to bowel infections from ice cream as well as children. A small dish after meals is the most reasonable for any one. Never indulge just before meals, as it is liable to kill the appetite for the more substantial foods.

In case a person is overcome with heat, they must receive attention at once. Put them in a cool, shady place where they can get plenty of fresh air. Apply an ice cap to the head. Put the person in a cold bath adding ice freely. Rub the body vigorously with the ice or rags dipped in the water. If this is not possible, bathe as much of the body as you can with cold water. To reduce the high fever is the thing that must be accomplished. To act quickly is of the most importance.

If you have any pet ideas on how to keep cool send them to me and I will pass them on to the readers of this page. In Texas this is a very important subject, and several pages could be devoted to its discussion, if we only had the space.

Address, Mrs. Margaret Stute, 405 Reynolds Building, Fort Worth, Texas.

LATE FASHIONS.



This dainty baby dress is very attractive and easy to launder. It is best to make babies first clothes about 24 inches long, then the little ones will grow into them as they get older and this will save shortening them. For the first dress, one yard of 36-inch material is all that is necessary. Dainty lace around the edge of the collar and the cuffs is very attractive. The embroidery pearl down the front gives a distinctive appearance.

Very short or no sleeves at all still hold sway for the summer frocks.

Scarfs made of alternate shades of material are very pretty and can be made to go with one or more costumes.

Keep baby cool these hot summer days. Nothing is so draining on their strength.

FIRST AID TREATMENT and QUESTION BOX.

I must pause at this time to say a word in the general treatment of wounds, and the serious view that we should take of even the slightest injury.

The recent death of the son of our President is a warning to all parents not to place too high credit in "being a good sport." While a good fighting spirit is necessary, which Calvin Coolidge also displayed, but it is best to take any abrasions of the skin in time and give them the proper treatment. Children should be taught from infancy how to care for a wound and to attend to it at once and not wait until it is sore and inflamed before treatment is commenced. It is always advisable to let any wound bleed freely as the blood will help to wash out the germs. Never wash out with water unless it has first been boiled twenty minutes. Otherwise it is liable to do more harm than good, as water harbors so many germs. The safest and best remedy is the application of iodine. Wrap a piece of cotton or soft rag around a toothpick or clean stick, carefully pour the iodine on the cotton or rag, hold over a newspaper, in case any is spilled, apply carefully to the wound, except an eye injury. Do not bandage as it is liable to blister. Apply the iodine two or three times, until the wound starts to heal. Then apply vaseline. If the injury is where it is liable to get very dirty, it is all right to bandage an hour after applying the iodine. Do not remove the scab until it comes off of its own accord. Keep moist with vaseline and it will not be annoying.

Little as a scratch may seem, it is always wise to follow the "safest plan," and take care of it before it is too late. Tetanus, or lock jaw germs, and the germs which cause blood poisoning are present everywhere and are so tiny that they are invisible to the naked eye. They enter the blood circulation through abrasions of the skin and often get in their deadly work before we realize they are at work.

LATE FASHIONS.



This little girl's dress is very pretty if made up in one of the pretty dotted voiles. Size 12 years requires 2 1/2 yards 40-inch material. The bindings of the yolk and sleeves should be of white. A cluster of artificial fruit or flowers in the front is very pretty. This dress is very pretty made up in gingham and bound in a contrasting color.

Unless you are positive that baby's milk has been properly handled it is best to boil for ten minutes in a double boiler and then cool rapidly. Milk can carry many deadly germs and is not to be trusted in the hot weather when they multiply rapidly.

The mesh vest worn with sport clothes is very good this season and give a very smart appearance to the costume.

CARE OF PERENNIALS IN SUMMER

It is often an erroneous idea that perennials are more difficult to winter than to take through the summer. In the greater part of Texas the winters are very mild and we experience very little "killing" weather. The summer months are the hardest that we have to face. Especially when there is a long dry summer with little or no rainfall. How best to care for the perennials is our greatest care of an attractive yard.

Watering is the first and foremost question. This is very necessary if your plants are to be carried through the long dry spells. One good watering is worth two poor ones. To water properly, first take a portion of the dirt away from the roots and make a ring around the roots so as to hold about six to eight inches of water. Fill this full of water and let settle. Do this three or four times, so as to be sure that the water has soaked down to the ends of the roots. Pull the dirt back up around the roots, banking closely so as to prevent the evaporation of the water. It is well to spray the leaves with a little water so as to wash off the dust, as the plants "breathe" through them. Watering ever twelve to fourteen days is sufficient.

Keep all dead flowers trimmed off because not only do they mar the beauty of the bush but drain the strength as well.

After a rain, as soon as the ground is dry on top, hoe around the rose bush and draw the dirt up around the roots well. Rake the bed after all the weeds have been cut out. This will help hold the moisture in the ground and make the bed look more attractive.

Mold can be met by sprinkling with wood ashes. About other parasites and diseases, your dealer will be glad to help you solve the problem. Water and trim only in the late evening.

TESTED RECIPES.

Frozen Fruit.
Shake a can of peaches, apricots or any of your favorite kinds, so as to mix the juice with the fruit. Pack in ice and ice cream salt for four hours, cut the can around the middle so the frozen fruit will come out nicely. Serve with whipped cream, to which two or more tablespoons of sugar has been added and a little flavoring, have ice cold.

Delicious Ham.
Boil part or a whole ham from one to three hours, according to the size. Remove from pot and put in roasting pan. Remove part of the skin, rub this part with brown sugar and stick a few cloves about an inch apart. Pour one cup of vinegar and one and a half cups of water to which has been added one teaspoon of mustard over the ham. Bake in a moderate oven until tender. Baste frequently. This is delicious either hot or cold. Lovely for picnic sandwiches.

Ham Sandwiches Supreme.
Use the ham as cooked above. Slice bread very thin and butter evenly with butter. Put a slice of ham, one of pickle, tomatoe, and a layer of very thinly sliced lettuce. Salt the lettuce slightly and finish with a little mayonnaise. This is very lovely for picnics. Some people like mustard and some like chopped pickle in place of the mayonnaise. Wrap each sandwich in oiled paper and they will keep much nicer. For Sunday night luncheon it is nice to add thin slices of crisp bacon. A variety can be made by making some of ham and some of cold sliced chicken. Use of the imagination is a great asset in making palatable sandwiches.

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