

NO TRADE TRIP
The Trade Trip to Mt. Pleasant for Tonight has been Postponed.

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Big Taylor County Robertson Rally

AT ABILENE NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

Supporters of Judge Felix D. Robertson of Dallas for governor of Texas will have their innings next Tuesday night in Abilene at a Robertson rally to be held on the Federal Lawn, a call for which has been issued over the signatures of seven Abilene attorneys.

Asserting that "Judge Robertson is an outstanding character representing best in good citizenship and for high ideals in government," the call scores the political history of James E. Ferguson and asserts that Mrs. Ferguson is not running for governor, but her husband is.

The call is signed by Dallas Scarborough, J. W. Moffett, R. W. Haynie, L. R. York, Thos. E. Hayden, Ben L. Cox and W. J. Cunningham, all of Abilene.

The rally will be a counter-attraction to that which was held at the same place on Monday night of this week when the supporters of the Fergusons got together.

The text of the call is as follows:

Text of Call TO THE DEMOCRACY OF TAYLOR COUNTY:

We, the undersigned, request the people to meet with us on the Federal Lawn Tuesday night August 19th, at 8 p.m. at which time we will advocate the election of Felix D. Robertson for Governor of Texas.

Judge Robertson is an outstanding character representing best in good citizenship and for high ideals in government. For 25 years he has served in an official capacity, and no man has ever raised his voice against the integrity of this good man. He has never been impeached for misapplication of public funds. He stands for honest government justly administered to all with special privileges to none.

We do not object to women holding office, that is their right. We would not object to a good woman being Governor of this state. Mrs. Ferguson is, however, not running for Governor. The Supreme Court of this state held that he was not eligible to have his name placed on the ticket in the Democratic Primary. Mrs. Ferguson did not then announce for governor, but Jim Ferguson then said he would file his wife's application for Governor, and if he could not run as Jim Ferguson, he would run as Mrs. Ferguson, and said if Mrs. Ferguson is elected that he would be governor all right.

As to Vindication.

Jim Ferguson has stood for every thing that we consider bad. He howls about vindication. We were taught that when we committed a sin, we should ask for forgiveness, not for vindication. Vindication means to justify. Should the people of Texas justify his conduct of misapplying public funds? Jim Ferguson has violated every principle of ethics in politics. In addition to that, he has denounced the Democratic Party and organized his so called American Party. He said, "The Texas Politicians, all democrats, have not got the pride of a jackass or the decency of a skunk; they stand for nothing, are nothing."

These politicians, we would like for them to advise the people whether or not Ferguson was telling the truth. If he was tell-

ing the truth, to what class do they belong.

Ferguson complains that Robertson is parading the State under the Ku Klux Robe. Ferguson is parading the State under a mother-hubbard. It is not a question of klan or Anti-Klan, but it is a question of honest government.

Ferguson has written the darkest page in Texas history ever written by a chief executive. Will the people of Texas approve the darkest page in Texas history in re-electing to office Jim Ferguson?

DALLAS SCARBOROUGH
J. W. MOFFETT
R. W. HAYNIE
L. R. YORK
THOS. E. HAYDEN, JR.
BEN L. COX
W. J. CUNNINGHAM.

JOHN WHEELER HURT WHEN HORSE FALLS

We regret to learn that young John Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wheeler, was painfully if not seriously hurt Wednesday afternoon while working with cattle on his father's ranch. The horse he was riding fell, throwing him violently against the ground. However, on Thursday morning he was reported to be getting better, and his immediate recovery is anticipated.

Big Speaking Tonight For Felix D. Robertson

Many Out of Town Speakers Will be Present and a Large Attendance Expected

TO THE PUBLIC

For the protection of my good name and my business and my friends, I wish to state that never at any time or place has the Ku Klux Klan visited me or any of my people, or have I ever received any message either in words or writing from them. The person or persons who have helped to agitate this malicious falsehood in Merkel and vicinity are very little better than those who started it. I am not a K.K. but know some of the principals they stand for, and wish to state that I have no fear of them but I do fear the person or ones that started this malicious lie, for they are dangerous and should be shunned as a rattlesnake. Signed,
Hallie D. Simpson. 1tp

Mr. R. L. Adcock and family left first of the week for Menard where the family will visit relatives for some time, while Mr. Adcock drove on to Brownwood to attend the annual meeting of the state Rural Carriers Association.

Mrs. Kirby Beckett and little daughter, Bettie Booth, of El Paso, Texas, came in Monday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Jerome Hutcherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcherson, took sick suddenly last Sunday with Bright's disease, and was carried to an Abilene sanitarium on Monday afternoon for treatment.

WILL SPEAK HERE FOR ROBERTSON

The Mail has been requested to announce that Dr. Geo. W. Wilburn of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will speak in Merkel on Friday evening, August 22nd, at eight o'clock at the tabernacle, in the interest of Hon. Felix D. Robertson for governor of Texas.

It is said that Dr. Wilburn is a fluent speaker, well posted on the issues involved in the present race for governor, and all who hear him will have no cause of regret.

Don't forget the date, Friday evening, August 22nd, at the tabernacle, Merkel, Texas.

FARMERS' SHORT COURSE FOR McMURRY COLLEGE

Special to The Mail.

Abilene, Texas, Aug. 14.—A farmers' short course will be given by McMurry College of Abilene, in cooperation with Texas A. & M. College, beginning August 18 and lasting through August 21. Specialists in animal husbandry, cotton growing, poultry raising, dairying and other branches of farm work will be here to give instruction. Women who are experts in every line of household work will be on the faculty. The staff will be furnished entirely by A. & M.

Local organizations will lend their aid in making the first annual short course a success. All farmers in this territory are urged to attend the daily session.

WEST TEXAS I. O. O. F. REBEKAHS MEETING

The West Texas Odd Fellow and Rebekah Association closed a two-days meeting here this afternoon, which was attended by many delegates from towns throughout the Western part of the state.

At the opening session Wednesday, Judge E. S. Cummings, in behalf of the city, made the welcome address, Mayor West being unable to be present. In behalf of the Odd Fellows, Mr. D. I. Shelton bade the visitors welcome, and Miss Dota Garrouette ably responded in behalf of the Rebekah Lodge.

After the preliminary opening, the general routine of business and set program was carried out, during the two days session.

As a part of the social entertainment feature, a big chicken barbecue was served Wednesday evening to each and all present, and for which some 75 chickens were splendidly barbecued.

Many of the visiting delegates state that the meeting is one of the best ever held in the West, and that they are indeed well pleased with the splendid hospitality and entertainment meted out to them by the local citizenship participating in the affair.

At the close of the business session Thursday, Mr. T. D. Compton, of Merkel, who is one of the best known members of the Odd Fellow Lodge throughout West Texas, was elected President of the Association for the ensuing year. Mrs. McDaniels, of Sweetwater, was elected First Vice-president, and G. C. Hampton, of Clyde, Second Vice-president, and Mrs. DeLaney, of Colorado, Secretary.

MR. LATHAM IMPROVES TOURIST CAMP ON HWY

Mr. Fred Latham continues to add to and make needed improvements at his Tourist Camp one mile west of the city on the highway, and reports his business growing daily, there being from ten to thirty cars stopping every night.

Mr. O. J. Adcock, splendid carrier on route five left first of the week for Brownwood, where he went to attend the Rural Carriers Convention. Mr. C. C. Campbell is ably substituting for him during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Costephens of Roscoe are here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Y. Shaw and daughter, Annie of Uvalde, Texas, visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders last week-end.

Mr. T. C. Walker of Madill, Oklahoma, made a very pleasant visit in the home of Miss Ella Murlene Weed this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cox and daughter, Mary Clovis of Sweetwater, were guests of Mrs. J. T. Dennis Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Gaither of San Antonio is here on a visit with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Cranford.

Mrs. Ernest Mims returned to her home at Abilene after visiting for a few days with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson, of this city.

G. J. Jones and family, T. L. Grimes and family, A. R. Booth and family returned last week from a fishing trip to San Angelo.

Ferguson Speaking Here Monday Night

TRADE TRIP TO MT. PLEASANT POSTPONED

On account of the political speaking in Merkel tonight, it was decided to call off the trip to Mt. Pleasant, as had been planned by the business men, for the reason that some would like to attend the speaking. The trip to Mt. Pleasant will be made later, it was announced.

CATHOLICISM'S TRAIL OF BLOOD THRU TIME

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s at 7 p.m.

Sermon subjects for Sunday: Morning, "Grace and Faith Exclude Boasting." Evening, "Roman Catholicism and its Trail of Blood Down Through the Ages and its influence on the Present Governor's Race." There is a remedy for all this confusion. Don't pass judgment on the "Political Preacher" until the evidence is all in. If you want to hear something red hot, fresh from the bat, come Sunday night.

Let's make Sunday a good day. Don't leave what you should do to the other fellow.

The meeting at View closed Sunday night. The two meetings that the pastor has been in the past two and a half weeks have been exceptionally good.

W. H. Albertson, pastor.

AT TABERNACLE AT 8:00 O'CLOCK

Friends and supporters of Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, candidate for Governor in the runoff Primary against Felix D. Robertson, have authorized the Merkel Mail to announce that on next Monday night, August 18, at the Tabernacle, at eight o'clock, there will be held in this city a big Ferguson rally and speaking.

The general public is cordially invited to attend. And, according to the Abilene Daily Reporter of August 14, Judge J. M. Wagstaff, Harry Tom King, Mrs. Dallas Scarborough and Mrs. J. M. Stevenson, all of Abilene, will be here to speak for the woman candidate for governor.

FIRE DEPT. HAVE DRILL SO DON'T GET EXCITED

Fire chief O. R. Dye announces that the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will have drill practice regularly each Monday afternoon at 6:30, beginning this coming Monday. The siren will be sounded as if an alarm had been received, and a run made. This notice is given in order that people will not mistake the practice for an alarm and therefore miss their supper, said fire chief Dye.

Dr. Knickerbocker Is For Robertson

Says "Mrs. Ferguson is Only Dummy and Jim to be Governor if She is Elected"

Putting Gin in Fine Shape

The writer had occasion one day this week to visit the Sam Swann gin, having gone there to talk with him regarding some printing he desired the Mail to do for him, and we found him and his splendid gin man, Mr. M. H. Izard, hard at work getting their big plant all set and in fine trim for the fall ginning season.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. West, Mr. and Mrs. John R. West and Weston West left first of the week for a trip to the Davis Mountains, where they will spend a few days vacation. And attend the great Union Revival in progress there.

E. S. Booth and family of Terrell, Texas, are here for a visit in the homes of Messrs T. E. Reagan and O. B. Tatum. Mrs. Booth being a sister of Messdames Reagan and Tatum.

W. U. Shannon, now with the Railway Mail Service out of Memphis, Tennessee, and formerly regular carrier from the Merkel Post office, arrived Wednesday for a short visit with home folks and friends.

Miss Alynne Riley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell, returned last week from Denton where she attended the summer school at the state normal for the first term.

Declaring that "no reasoning voter will forget that Mrs. Ferguson is only a dummy representative of Jim," Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker, presiding elder of the Dallas district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who is in Seattle, Wash., has wired the following telegram to Felix D. Robertson, candidate for Governor:

"I am for you. You have a righteous platform and I believe you are able and willing to carry it out. Ferguson has a rotten platform and a rotten record. If the klan were twice as bad as its worst enemies charge, it could not be half as bad as Ferguson. No reasoning voter will forget that Mrs. Ferguson is only a dummy representative of Jim and is running on his platform. Starting flatfooted on her own merits, she wouldn't poll 1,000 votes. Let no friend of righteousness be misled by the angry and prejudiced partisanship of some otherwise good men.

"Invisible government, if there is any such thing, may be subject to criticism, but any Government that has Jim Ferguson as its visible incarnation would be fit only for the hallow of darkness and discord. If I were in Texas I would gladly take the stump in your behalf and against Fergusonism that has in the past so atrociously shamed our great State and deserves not one moment of future trust. I hope you will give this telegram wide publicity. Cordially yours." —From Dallas News of Aug. 13.

If It Is Safety You Want

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

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Anderson of Breckenridge, Texas, returned home Wednesday after spending a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Weed.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hampton of Clyde were here several days this week visiting Mr. J. S. Burns and family, and attending the Odd Fellows meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arrington visited with relatives in Midland last week.



VACUUM CUP TIRES

WHEN you put a Vacuum Cup Tire on your car, you are mounting the greatest amount of potential mileage it is possible to buy in an automobile tire. After months of hard wear, you will be surprised at the way these super tires continue to deliver mile after mile of service.

West Company ACCESSORIES

DUSTIN FARNUM'S LATEST ROLE IS RUGGED GAMBLER OF OLD WEST

Dustin Farnum, as a fearless, gun-toting gambler, who goes "West" in a blaze of glory after making his last and most spiritual bet, will be seen at the Cozy Theatre Friday and Saturday in his latest William Fox production "The Man Who Won."

The story is intensely dramatic and Dustin Farnum portrays the chief character as if he were actually re-enacting a portion of his life's history.

Humor, in addition to the drama, and making itself more pronounced by reason of the latter's stern presence, is ushered in in the form of two delicious children—The Twins, poverty-stricken, but happy withal. They are portrayed by Muriel McCormack and Mickey McBan.

Suffering Creek is the name of the locality in which the story is laid. Appropriately named, this place of Old West echoes and re-echoes with the sound of strife, deep suffering. Jessie, the wife of a poor, unsuccessful miner, longs for the luxuries and fineries of life which her husband cannot give her. She craves the attention which he has no time to give. Therefore, she accepts seduction at the hands of a wealthy neighbor, Lord James, the terror of the surrounding country. Lord James employs unscrupulous men to carry out his nefarious schemes. His thefts are conducted on such a large scale that even government law protectors cannot cope with him.

When his wife Jessie deserts him, leaving two small children in his care, Peter, the good miner, determines to revenge himself. He fails. In the Town is Wild Bill, an inveterate, though kind-hearted gambler. Wild Bill brings back the wife, but dies in the attempt, making the climax of the production one of physical and spiritual crisis.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

EPWORTH LEAGUE HAS ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Senior Epworth League of the Methodist Church gave an ice cream social on the lawn of the church Tuesday evening from the hours of 8:30 to 10:30.

The lawn was well lighted and tables and chairs were neatly arranged here and there. During the evening a program was enjoyed by those attending. The program included a reading by Misses Lola Dennis and Lucille Guitar, a solo by Mr. Cyrus Pee, piano selections by Lorena Frazier, and several other interesting numbers.

The amount of money taken in during the evening was about \$14.00. This will go to the League treasury.

FARMS AND RANCHES FOR SALE

I now have the largest list of lands I have ever had on by book. Have farms listed from \$12.40 per acre to \$100.00 per acre, owing to quality and location. And I have 1,280 acres of good land just over the state line in New Mexico, to trade for Merkel property, or farm land here. I also have a contract to sell land in several West Texas counties on small payments and long time. I have been over these lands and can tell you about them.

So, if you want a home in Merkel, a farm here or out West, it will pay you to see me, as I make it my business to get the best bargains to be found, and can save you both time and money by showing you what I have. Have over 10,000 acres on my book. See or write E. D. COATS, Merkel Texas, over West Company store. 15t2

NAZERINE REVIVAL

The Mail is requested to announce that the Nazarine Revival will begin at the Tabernacle in Merkel, on August 22nd, to be conducted by Evangelist J. A. Puett and wife, of Roby.

It is expected that a competent pianist and choir director will be present to help in the meeting. Every body is cordially invited to attend and take part in the meeting.

MR. HOWARD THANKS PEOPLE FOR SUPPORT

I take this method of extending to one and all who were so kind as to support me during the first primary in my race for Tax Assessor. I assure you that I appreciate same very much, and trust that on August 23rd you will be just as kind and loyal and vote for me again. I may not get around to see you before that date, but will appreciate your vote and influence just the same, and if elected will make you a Tax Assessor of which you will have no cause to complain or regret. Again I thank you one and all. It

J. T. HOWARD.
(Political Advertisement)

Miss Ruth Boden returned Sunday night from a visit with friends at Fort Worth, Texas.

In order that we may prepare for the coming school year, we are offering our beauty parlor for sale. If you are interested, in the least, come and talk with us.

Hair Bobbed the way you want it.
We specialize in marcel waving.
YE BEAUTY SALON
MARY EULA SEARS LOYCE DRY

\$5.00 LEARN MILLINERY \$5.00

I have opened a Millinery Class in the Bettye Bonnet Box, teaching trimming, making, designing and remodeling. Two hours a day, three days a week. Learn to make your own hats. Charges reasonable, see me at once.

Miss Bettye Rogers
Located in the Bettye Bonnet Box

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent were the delightful host and hostess to the members of the Gleaners Class Tuesday evening at their pretty home a short distance north of town.

The class members gathered at the Methodist Church about seven-thirty o'clock and drove to the Largent home.

The pretty grass covered lawn was made more attractive with lights, chairs and floor pillows.

Games were played at times during the evening, and merry conversation was carried on throughout the evening.

Near the hour of ten, Mrs. Largent, assisted by her sister, Miss Jess Sutphen, served iced watermelon to the guests.

The guest list included: Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn, and Mesdames Roy Harrell, W. M. Gambill, Fred Latham, Miss Jess Sutphen and Mr. Choc Jones.

Mrs. S. W. Johnson Hostess To The Thursday Club

Mrs. S. W. Johnson was charming hostess to the Thursday Club on last Thursday afternoon, honoring her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Mims, of Abilene.

The guests were seated in spacious rooms attractive with shasta daisies and pot plants. An added charm was that of the prettily dressed women seated at the different tables arranged for progressive.

Mrs. Johnson was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Sandefer, in the serving of an attractive refreshment plate of orange ice and dainty sandwiches with orange mints. The color scheme being very closely carried out.

Those enjoying this afternoon were: Mesdames Frank Hamm, Jinks Winter, E. Y. Gaither, Henry West, James West, John West, Burl Scott, Dee Grimes, Stuart Grimes, Booth Warren, G. A. Rister, Chas. Jones, Fred Rogers, Robt. Hicks, Warren Smith, William Brown, L. A. Arrington, M. Armstrong, R. O. Anderson, Frank McFarland, L. B. Howard, C. M. Largent, W. J. Largent, Tom Largent, Misses Sutphen, Hillis Snoddy of Weatherford, Saffie of Plainview, Mrs. W. B. Brown of Anson and Mrs. Dr. Pemberton of Midland.

J. K. FULLER THANKS VOTERS OF TAYLOR CO.

I sincerely thank the good people of Taylor County for their most loyal support in the recent primary. Since I must go into the second primary, I most cordially ask a continuation of your support, and earnestly request the support of just as many of those who did not vote for me in the last primary as can conscientiously do so now. It will be impossible to see each of you personally, but I will appreciate your support just the same. Yours for service,
J. K. FULLER.
(Political Advertising) 1tc

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.

THE IDEALS OF BUSINESS (Number Six.)

The claim is frequently made that it costs too much to distribute goods from producer to consumer.

There is some truth in this claim, yet it is not easy to show how these costs can be reduced. Modern retail business is doing its best to get them down. The home merchant feels that he is essentially the buying agent for his customers, that he succeeds or fails according to whether he performs this function efficiently. He spends most of his waking hours studying how he can reduce the cost which he charges to the public.

The most efficient method he devises for such reduction is through advertising. In that way he stimulates his trade, increases its volume, which reduces the cost of distribution per article. When the public patronizes an advertised store, it helps support an agency that is functioning efficiently to bring its goods to the people at a minimum of cost.

LOOK OUT—FOR SALE

All my store fixtures, consisting of Show Cases, Shelving, Scales, Counters—All in lump or any part you want. Come at once. A. L. Jobe. 15t2c

107 POSITIONS

Yes, 107 graduates have been placed with one big wholesale concern—a world's record; 41 with local banks alone; hundreds of others holding good positions throughout the Southwest. Positions guaranteed or tuition refunded. Write for Position Contract and Special Offer. Draughton's College Drawer B, Abilene or Wichita Falls, Texas. 8t2

If you are wanting to buy a good farm close to town, see W. S. J. Brown at Brown Dry Goods Co. Terms if desired. 1t

Miss Willie Swann returned Friday from St Louis where she went to make purchases of fall and winter hats for the Bragg Dry Goods Company.

YOU TELL 'EM



Every week is clean up week for the average highwayman.

—but every day in the week is "Bargain Day" here for our large number of Satisfied Customers.

If you are not a regular customer why not become one NOW? Our Line of—

Staple and Fancy Groceries

is of the very standard of quality and you never take a chance when you make purchases here. Some of our leaders for this week are listed below:—

- Spuds 60c pk
- 11 lbs. Sugar \$1.00
- 8 lb. Bucket Lard \$1.40
- 5 lbs. Comb Honey \$1.05
- 10 lbs. Comb Honey \$1.95

"If it's not right—we'll make it right."
J. N. CARSON
GROCERIES

Visit Our Exchange -and Bring the Family

You as a subscriber, should know how telephone calls are handled. We, therefore invite you to visit our exchange. There are few more interesting sights than "behind the scenes" in a telephone operating room. You will be fascinated by the intricate mechanism of the switch board and by the swiftly moving fingers of the operators.



Visiting hours from 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., Sundays and holidays excepted.

**SOUTHWESTERN BELL
TELEPHONE COMPANY**

You will want to see these intelligent and courteous young ladies who are handling your telephone calls.

Mr. J. L. Banner has been quite sick this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred S. Rogers were in Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Jones and baby are the guests of Mr. Jones' parents this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Abernathy last week-end.

Mrs. J. S. Swann left last Friday for a visit with relatives at Tyler, Texas, for a few days.

Don't ride in an old run down car when its so easy to get a new one, we got 'em. Merkel Motor Co., authorized Ford dealers.

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum and Miss Missie Dye and little Frank Dye were in Abilene Monday.

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

WANTED—Second hand Fords. Merkel Motor Company, Authorized Ford Dealers. It

Miss Rosie Laney will leave Friday night for Dallas, where she will visit for a while.

Miss Gladys Miller of Clyde, Texas, is the guest of Miss Lena Stutts.

Mr. J. C. Mason is visiting at his old home town, Deport, Texas.

PERSONALS

Miss Zala Drake of Trent was a guest of Miss Mary Cleo Booth the first of the week.

Mr. B. M. Black has been confined to his bed on account of sickness, but is improved now.

Mrs. D. A. Ross and Mrs. O. E. Powell of Abilene were guests of Mrs. W. F. Golliday Tuesday.

Big Goodrich Casing Sale on at Woodrum Filling Station. It

Mr. G. A. Johnson of Breckenridge visited with his wife and daughter last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jobe of Scranton, Texas, visited Mrs. J. T. Dennis Tuesday.

We have some Bargains in second hand closed cars. Merkel Motor Co. authorized Ford dealers. It

Mr. B. A. Garden, of Jackson, Tennessee, was a guest this week in the home of Mrs. Orr.

Mr. R. S. Heyser, of Wichita Falls, was a visitor in the home of Mrs. Orr this week.

Mr. O. R. Dye returned Monday from a trip to El Paso for a few days business trip.

Mr. Sam Swann was among those going from here to El Paso on a sight seeing trip last week.

Mr. Ed. Leslie is improving his neat place by building a new garage.

Mrs. L. B. Scott is visiting with her mother at Arlington this week.

We can give you a better price for that second-hand car now as we will have time to get it in shape for fall trade. Merkel Motor Co., authorized Ford dealers. It

Messrs. C. T. Beckman and J. H. Bright of Trent were in Merkel Tuesday on business.

Mr. C. M. Largent shipped a car of cattle last Friday night. Mr. W. J. Largent accompanied the car.

Mr. John West and wife and Mr. and Mrs. George West left Tuesday for a camping and outing trip to the Davis Mountains.

Mr. L. B. Scott returned Tuesday from a trip to Dallas, where he attended to business for a few days.

Miss Renna Burns returned Sunday from Sweetwater, where she visited friends for a few days.

Mr. H. D. Simpson has recently had added to his home a new sleeping porch and a new coat of paint.

Miss Enola Weed of Post City, Texas, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Ella Murlene Weed of this city, left Monday, accompanied by the latter to spend a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Simmons of Abilene.

At the Latham Tourist Camp you will find good sheds, camp stoves, electric lights, shower baths, in fact a clean and pleasant place to stop. It

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In passing stop at Latham's Tourist Camp and Filling Station and buy your gas. We also handle tires, tubes and other accessories. It

CLOSING OUT SALE

I am closing out my stock at Cost. Come in and select what you want and save money. A. L. JOBE. It

It is not prudent to try to rough it in camp nowadays without spring beds, phonographs, and an automobile.

It is too hot now to work in the hayfield, but not to play seven sets of tennis in the sun.

If the merchants want a nice quiet time this summer, they should not advertise specially attractive bargains at their stores.

Many women folks celebrate their outing at camps by working harder than usual under difficult conditions.

It costs money to build good roads, and it costs more to drive away visitors and trade by rough highways.

The hand that used to rock the cradle is now seen wielding the golf club and tennis racket with great skill.

New Fall Hats

—arriving each day; the newest styles and colors in new Fall Millinery. Small, close fitting hats made up in bright colors are taking the lead in style for the fall season.

Also a pretty line of childrens and Misses hats in snappy shapes and bright colors.

Now is the time to pick your
New Fall Hats.

BETTYE BONNET BOX

Mrs. Dry's Racket Store

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Mrs. Nat Anderson and baby of Sweetwater are here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs.

Mr. Floyd Hutcheson returned Monday from El Paso, where he went for a short trip over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt Jr. of Abilene, visited Mr. Rainbolt's parents last week-end.

Mr. I. L. Jackson was here Sunday from Abilene visiting with friends.

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Mr. Jim Eoff and son Dexter, of Winters, were up this week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

Mr. R. W. Condor and daughter, Thelma, returned last week from a visit with relatives in east Texas.

Mr. Max Mellinger returned last Sunday from a trip to New York and other eastern cities.

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Some of these active young
people are reminded that there
is a difference between a dance
and a wrestling contest.

It is suggested that brides
be presented with cookbooks,
but there might be husbands
who would object.

If you want to know the ex-
act prospects of your fruit trees,
your neighbor's boys will be able
to tell you.

Last summer's clothes may be
O. K., but the style makers have
probably seen to it that they
don't look so.

Many of our leading thinkers
are now engaged in comparing
the merits of the principal base-
ball teams.

In spite of the size of the in-
come taxes, it is not yet report-
ed that many people have given
up their property to save tax-
ation.

Formerly students used to
walk five or ten miles to get an
education, and now they run a-
bout the same amount to get on
the track team.

The fact that the boys can
cook an elegant picnic lunch
when the girls are along, does
not prove they could build a fire
in the home cookstove.

Betting on baseball is not a
desirable practice, but some folks
would never go to the games un-
less they had a chance to lose
some money.

The people who deplore rail-
road wrecks are sometimes the
same ones who want the trains
to run on faster schedules.

You can't expect the hired
girl to work any longer in fam-
ilies where the mistress declines
to turn the ice cream freezer.

If the kids had on that coat
of tan that many of the girls are
carrying around this summer,
Mother would call it dirt.

Another reform that ought to
be put over in this country is to
have a decent amount of butter
put into the ham sandwiches.

The same people who are
shocked when women's skirts
grow shorter, are usually shock-
ed when they grow longer.

The summer girl is allowed a
certain quota of engagements,
but not more than three or four
diamond rings should be worn
on a certain finger at one time.

Some of the farmers are us-
ing vacuum cleaners on their
cows, but the boys will take the
dust out of Dobbin with the
whip.

Many of the motorists of Tex-
as feel it is unwise to look a-
round much, as they might see
danger signals.

The American people are urg-
ed to use self restraint and they
are trying their best not to work
too hard.

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Mrs. W. A. Thornton, who is
visiting her daughter at Fort
Worth, is expected home soon.

THE REWARD FOR BRAINS

It is being pointed out that
men and women who have train-
ed their brains and intelligence
to do high class work in profes-
sional lines, often get much less
pay than mechanics in many of
the manual labor trades.

The average minister and
teacher, for instance, may earn
less than the average bricklayer
or carpenter. Yet brains and in-
telligence must be adequately
rewarded, or the country will
show the lack of intelligent lead-
ership and training.

The country will pay a high
price for certain forms of brains.
The man who has the mental
power to organize efficiently
any kind of work can almost
name his own price.

But if a person merely has the
gift of clear and intelligent vis-
ion, he may or may not have
any generous reward. If such a
person can put his thought in
certain attractive forms, if he
can write plays or novels or de-
liver lectures that catch the
popular taste, he may be very
handsomely rewarded. But if he
has no special knack for winning
the public attention, people are
apt to undervalue his services.

A failure to reward intelli-
gence is bound to cause losses
that everybody will appreciate.
The towns that have failed to
advance the pay of school teach-
ers adequately have usually
found it extremely difficult to
get competent ones, and their
schools have suffered. The
churches that pay a clergyman
less than a living wage, suffer
for poor appreciation of ability.
The communities that have not
been willing to support well con-
ducted newspapers adequately,
have injured themselves by the
lack of a suitable journalistic
expression of their life. No com-
munity can get along without
paying a fair price for intelli-
gence and training.

The liniment makers ought
not to object to those picnics
where elderly men take hold and
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SHILOH NEWS

The Shiloh meeting closed Sunday night. Had lots of good preaching, but no interest was shown. Only one conversion and no additions to the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene have returned from their trip to Dickens, and Kent county. They report a most enjoyable trip and that crops in that section are fine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett of Gilpin visited their sister, Mrs. J. H. Grayson the last part of the week. Rev. Bennett did the preaching from Wednesday until Sunday for the meeting. Also Judge Hagins and wife of Jayton visited Mrs. Grayson, who is a niece of Mr. Hagin.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkett are the proud parents of a tiny girl.

Mr. S. L. Grayson and family Mrs. Nola Walser and sons, Eschol, Hoyo and Callie, and Miss Mollie Hardy spent Tuesday on Castle peak. Mrs. Walser is a niece of Mr. Grayson and is here visiting her uncles, H. R., J. H., and S. L. Grayson.

Mr. Simon Hall and family of Jayton visited C. W. Seago Tuesday.

Quite a crowd of friends and relatives took dinner with Mr. H. R. Grayson Sunday. To say they enjoyed the day would be too mild. They all report a fine time, those present are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Bristow of Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett of Gilpin, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson, E. H. Grayson and family, W. R. Grayson and family, Mrs. Tom Walser and three sons of Chillicothe, and Miss Mollie Hardy.

H. E. Seago, wife and children of Eastland visited C. W. Seago Sunday.

Quite a crowd of friends took dinner with Mrs. Cade Saturday.

Mr. Lovel Rutledge lost quite a lot of chickens and canned fruit last week. Also Mr. Frank Hail and Marion Winter lost some chickens, sugar and victrola records.

There will be preaching next Sunday at Shiloh. Every body come.

Rev. G. C. Tiner of Abilene visited friends and relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vessel of Trent visited relatives Sunday. Brownie.

GOLAN NEWS

Everyone is looking blue at the present on account of the dry weather.

Golan's Methodist meeting started Friday night the eighth of August, and will continue until Sunday night.

Mr. W. M. West and family also Gertrude Byrom spent Sunday with Milton Montgomery and wife.

C. A. Duncan, wife and child spent Sunday with Mr. and

Mrs. G. M. Byrom.

Mr. George Lawlis and wife took lunch with Val and Dixie Byrom and in the afternoon visited Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byrom.

Merrel Dean spent Sunday with Sarah Lawlis.

W. R. Hudspeth and family have returned home from the association in Runnels County.

Mrs. Alfred Lawlis has some relatives visiting her at present.

Frank Lawlis and A. J. Hill spent Sunday with George Byrom. Mr. Jim Brown has return-

ed home from his sister's bedside, reporting her improving. C. C. Stribbling and family have come back from their visit on the plains.

Mary Lou Brown spent the week-end with Ernest Douglas and family.

Linnie Garner spent Sunday afternoon with Thelma Brown. Beryl Brown spent Sunday with Jewel Cox. Johnnie Hill is visiting his sister near White Church.

Every one enjoyed the party at Mr. Jim Jeffrey's Thursday night.

Several people from Newman have been attending our meeting.

Mrs. Nola Jones is the proud mother of a baby girl. Dandelion.

NOTICE!

Let us do your job work, odd carpenter work, painting, install and repair electric bells and buzzers. What have you? See Hines Brothers, 410 S. Orange Street, Merkel. 1tpd

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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.

If you are wanting to buy a good farm close to town, see W. S. J. Brown at Brown Dry Goods Co. Terms if desired. tf

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We are delighted with our church attendance, for the time of year, and wish to say to the public that we would be glad to have you come and worship with us. Amid the hurly, burly of politics and other things we should not forget our religious needs. The house of God is a place, or should be a place, where you can go and forget the worries of the week and seek communion with the Father of all. Our Sunday School is well above three hundred in attendance and the fine spirit of our officers and teachers is something to be proud of. If you are not a member of some Sunday School, we extend a cordial welcome to you to come to ours.

Preaching Sunday morning at eleven and eight-fifteen by the pastor. "Come Thou with us, we will do thee good."

T. J. Rea, pastor.

Revival at Cross Roads

I wish to announce that the date for our Methodist Revival to be held at Cross Roads (Noodle) will not begin until Thursday night, August 21, instead of Thursday night, August 14. Change in date necessary because of conflict in closing of meeting at Union Ridge.

M. R. Pike, pastor Merkel circuit.

Junior League Program

Leader: Edna Wilson. Song "Onward Christian Soldiers Responsive Reading, Psalm 67. Prayer. Story of "Onward Christian Soldiers", T. J. Rea, Jr. Lang Chong; Short Chong, Sterling Sheppard. Second chapter from "Chinese Lanterns," Supt. Benediction.

Senior League Program

Subject: How Selfishness shows itself: How to Overcome it. Leader: Ethel Wilson. Hymn 165. Scripture (Gen. 13:1-18; Phil. 2:1-11.) Hymn 196. Piano Solo, Lillian Cole. Prayer. Self Denial, Agnes Rister. Not puffed up; The Love life, Lena Stutts. Reading: Others, by Alma Patterson. Wrong Center, Julia Martin. Round-table discussion. Hymn 197. Benediction.

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Cramping Spells

"FOR MORE THAN A YEAR I had been in a very bad condition," says Mrs. R. E. Kimbrell, of Route 1, Dorchester, Texas. "I suffered with cramping spells which gave me bad pains in my back and sides. Sometimes I would have to catch at something, I would get so suddenly dizzy. . . I had to quit doing my work. I tried many remedies, but none of them seemed to do me any good.

"In April I went up to Arkansas to visit my sister. . . She said to me, 'Willie, if you are going to take anything, take Cardui. It will really help you.' I came home and told my doctor what she had said and he said I could not take any better tonic, so my husband immediately got me a bottle and I began it. . . My case was a pretty tough one, I know, so I kept on faithfully. After the fourth bottle, I began to feel very much better, so much so that I was surprised at myself. I have taken six bottles now and I can truly say I feel like a different woman. . . I feel fine and I owe it all to Cardui, which I took faithfully."

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Common Sense Government and Felix D. Robertson Wins

Felix D. Robertson, who led in the primary by around 50,000 votes, was endorsed at the polls by approximately one-third of the voters of the State of Texas.

His platform of better law enforcement, lower taxation, better educational facilities from the primary department to the State Universities, struck a responsive note in the hearts of Texas voters. Common sense and common honesty are the two paramount issues demanded by the people of Texas. Felix D. Robertson has been for common sense and common honesty. Naturally it followed that he was high man in the first primary and that he will lead "Proxy Jim" Ferguson in the run-off.

"TO HELL WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY." —JAS. E. FERGUSON

Jim Ferguson, impeached while Governor of the State of Texas, convicted on six counts of misappropriation of the State funds, recognized tool of the liquor traffic, is seeking "vindication" at the hands of the voters of Texas. God-fearing people are willing and anxious to accept the apology of those who have erred and forgive them; but intelligent, sensible minded, thinking business men are not willing to turn over the reins of management of their business (and the State is their business) to one who has been convicted of misappropriation of the funds of the corporation over which he had jurisdiction. Would you, Mr. Business Man, be willing to turn over your business to Jim Ferguson? Would you, Mr. Stock Holder in a corporation be willing to turn over to Jim Ferguson, the Presidency or Management of the Corporation in which your money is invested? The State of Texas is a corporation. You, as a citizen of Texas, are a stockholder in this corporation. Are you willing to turn your corporation over to Jim Ferguson?—the man who was impeached for misappropriation of funds on six counts and who threw Texas into disgrace?

A vote for Mrs. Ferguson is a vote for Jim Ferguson. "Proxy Jim" is hiding behind his wife's skirts. If Mrs. Ferguson is elected Governor, Proxy Jim will in reality be the power behind the throne and the directing head of the executive office of this State.

WHY SHOULD ANY TEXAN VOTE THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET?

(Ferguson's Forum, October 7, 1920.)
There is no longer any reason, logical or sentimental, why any Texan should vote the Democratic ticket. The Democratic party has left the cardinal principle of individual liberty and has set up more domination and invasion of rights of the people than was ever inflicted by the czar of Russia or the kaiser of Germany. The infernal Democratic party can't run the schools. The infernal Democratic party can't build roads without graft. The infernal Democratic party can't run the State government without vicious extravagance. The infernal Democratic party is already condemned and beaten in the national campaign. Whether you are a farmer in the country or laboring man in the city; whether you are a stockman on the ranch or a business man in town; ask yourself, with your conscience to answer: Why should any Texan vote the Democratic ticket?—Jas. E. Ferguson.

TEXAS DEMOCRATS, JACKASSES AND SKUNKS

(Ferguson's Forum, October 21, 1920.)
The Texas politicians, all Democrats, have not got the pride of a jackass or the decency of a skunk. They stand for nothing and they are nothing.—Jas. E. Ferguson.

STAY OUT OF THE PRIMARY

Ferguson's Forum, July 29, 1920.)
Who wants to be a Democrat? Stay out of the primary.—Jas. E. Ferguson.

BEATING THE DEMOCRATS IN TEXAS

(Ferguson's Forum, October 14, 1920.)
If the American party electors win and they cast the electoral vote of Texas for Ferguson, their nominee, then Cox is beat in Texas and Texas is freed from the Democrats and Mr. Harding will not have to overcome those twenty votes in the electoral college. In other words, a Republican vote for the Republican electors in Texas is a vote wasted, because, as I have shown, the Republican ticket can't win in Texas. But a Republican vote in Texas for the American party ticket

is equal to half a vote for Harding. Every Republican voter, who wants his vote to count and be effective, will add his vote to the American party ticket and thereby make a cinch of beating the Democrats in Texas.—Jas. E. Ferguson.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY STANDS FOR NOTHING

(Ferguson's Forum, August 19, 1920.)
As I said in Fort Worth, the Democratic party is nothing, stands for nothing, and there is nobody running it. Stay out and save your ammunition. Don't let anybody lead you in. Then they will have to count your vote for the American party in November.—Jas. E. Ferguson.

TO HELL WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

(Ferguson's Forum, September 9, 1920.)
In other words, the Democratic party in Texas is busted wide open and the Republican party in Texas is also busted wide open, the American party is one united band of brothers, which is bound to win. You see all this is possible when 50,000 people stay at home and say to hell with the Democratic party.—Jas. E. Ferguson.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY A "BLOWED-UP SUCKER"

(Ferguson's Forum, August 26, 1920.)
I tell you the Democratic party is a "blowed up sucker." Everybody sees it. Everybody knows it. It is doubtful whether there will be 300,000 votes in Saturday's run-off. There will not be 200,000 that vote next Saturday like they will in November. I am not merely expressing my opinion. I am telling you something you know as well as I do. The American party is now the dominant factor in Texas politics.—Jas. E. Ferguson.

IS JIM FERGUSON A DEMOCRAT?

Read his own words:
"To hell with the Democratic party.—Jas. E. Ferguson."

Jim Ferguson, hiding behind his wife's skirts, asks vote of Democratic party which he repudiates and condemns by his own words in signed statement published in Ferguson Forum.

Will Texas elect by proxy impeached servant of liquor interests, "\$156,000 Jim?"

"If my wife is elected I will be Governor all right." Jim Ferguson in public speech.

"The Democratic party is nothing; stands for nothing."—Jas. E. Ferguson.
Read Ferguson's own words published in his Forum and signed by Jim Ferguson.

Help take Texas out of Democratic Column.—Ferguson Forum, October 14, 1920.
"I believe I have done as much as anybody could have done to make Democratic defeat in Texas possible.*** The Republicans can make our victory overwhelming. They can help us take Texas out of Democratic column. Republican brethren, let us dwell together."—Jas. E. Ferguson.

Ferguson Forum, February 21, 1924:
"If it is found necessary to elect my wife because they will not let the people elect me, then I promise and pledge that I will give my time and talent, without purchase and without price, the best that it is in me to give this State the best executive administration that is possible. If the State has a Governor Ferguson we need not fall out about who signs on the dotted line. This is why I need the people."—Jas. E. Ferguson.

As late as November 29, 1923, just last fall, Jim Ferguson still was cussing the Democrats, as indicated by his signed statement on page 3 of the Forum, when he said, discussing the national campaign: "Here again the Democrats have a fine chance to help themselves in the running, but frankly I do not think they have sense enough to see it." Also, a little farther along: "I hope for the best, but candor compels me to say that the fanatics in the Democratic party will probably prevent this political strategy****" Also, "the League of Nations will be in next year's campaign. Of course it will not get anywhere, but Woodrow Wilson's ghost will walk around just enough and get enough followers to forever damn the hopes and chances of Democratic success****"

"The Cloven Foot of the Dallas Jews."—Jas. E. Ferguson.

This is Proxy Jim's epithet hurled against the Jewish people of Dallas in his Forum of March 15, 1923.

"Nigger Superior to Damn Greasers."—Jim Ferguson.

Mexican residents of Texas who may be tempted from one cause or another to vote for Proxy Jim for Governor should bear in mind just what Ferguson's opinion is of the Mexican people. In his Forum of Thursday, December 16, 1920, over his signature, Ferguson made these statements:

"When the war came on and we needed the Mexicans to help cultivate the country while our boys were in war nearly every mother's son of them hit the grit for Mexico and left us to help ourselves.

"Now when the war is over here they come back demanding one-third of our cotton for picking and murdering our citizens because somebody objected to the damn greasers riding in a coach with the white people.

"We have a separate coach law to separate white and black and to keep down trouble; the Mexican must be separated too. We are not going to give more privilege to the Mexican than we do to the nigger, who is far superior to the Mexican in every attribute that goes to make a good citizen.

"The Mexican people have not improved one bit in civilization and they are more bloodthirsty than ever.

"The Mexican horder coming into this country must be stopped by law right now.

"If war should arise between this country and any other country, the Mexican would be against us every time that he thought he could put it over."

Jim Ferguson is asking for vindication of his name, after admitting the acceptance of around \$156,000 from the brewers of Texas during the time that legislation was before his administration objectionable to the manufacturers of liquor.

Vindication and forgiveness are one thing. Entrusting of the State's money, your money, and the handling of it, is another thing. No one would object to accepting the apology and forgiving another for a wrong, but certainly this vindication and forgiveness should not include allowing one to again place his hands on the State's money (in your pocket) and his opportunity to do so, if Mrs. Ferguson is elected, is infinitely greater than it was when he was Governor, and without the possibility of impeachment or conviction, since as a paid lobbyist, and also directing through Mrs. Ferguson the executive office, he can filch millions of dollars from the tax payers of Texas, directly and indirectly, and not be subject to charges of bribery because technically he would not be Governor, and would be filling the role of paid lobbyist, against whom there is no law.

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