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# THE MERKEL MAIL

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Are going to Mt. Pleasant next Friday night, June 19. Don't miss this last Trade Trip program.

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## IT WAS A FINE TRIP TO DORA COMMUNITY

The Trade Trip to Dora is now a thing of history. It was a success in every way. This trip was one of the best and perhaps the most interesting, from the fact that the distance to that thriving community was the greatest, and the further fact that many of our citizens had never before been to Dora.

More than thirty cars from Merkel made the trip, and it was estimated that more than one hundred people from the city made the trip. And the Dora people responded very enthusiastically, and together with the Merkel folks filled the Baptist church where the program was rendered to overflowing.

The party made the trip of 25 miles in a little more than one hour, arriving just before sunset in time to get a fine view of the beautiful Dora community, a country rich and fertile, and populated with a high class citizenship of farmers who seem prosperous and contented. After enjoying a fine spread of sandwiches and a bountiful supply of delicious cakes which the good ladies of that community had provided, the visitors were invited into the church where the program of the evening was carried out.

Mr. L. R. Thompson, President of the Luncheon Club, stated in a brief but appropriate and pleasing manner the object of the visit by the Trade Trippers, and the Rev. Mr. Bright, pastor of the Methodist church, delivered the welcome address, and by his wit, oratory and sincere words of welcome made every one not only feel that they were really welcome, but also that they would like to live among a people and in a community where such a hearty welcome was extended.

Besides the splendid music by Merkel's excellent orchestra, the songs by Misses Christene Collins and Melba West, Messrs. Delma Compton and Paul West, readings by Misses Lucy Tracy and Tommie Durham, there were also very interesting and able addresses by Ex-Mayor H. C. West, Rev. W. H. Albertson, and Mr. J. R. Masterson, Taylor County Farm Demonstrator, all of which were well received and highly appreciated by every one. In fact the program rendered was one of the best ever given by the Merkel Boosters, and as one prominent Dora citizen put it "It was a program worth going miles to see and hear."

As this paper believes in giving credit where credit is due, we wish to say that every person appearing on the program did his or her part well, but to Mr. H. C. West, chairman of the program committee for these Trade Trips, is due the credit for the getting together and carrying out of the fine program rendered which was so pleasing.

Yes, the trip to Dora was a good one, and will prove of lasting good to the town of Merkel and to the good people of that community as well.

The next trip will be made to Mt. Pleasant on next Friday night, June 19. Get ready and let's go.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. West returned last Friday from their extended stay in El Paso, where they had been in the interest of the former's health. In this connection we are glad to report to the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. West that Mr. West was much improved in health by their stay in that fine, high and dry climate.

## SEVEN-YEAR OLD GIRL DIES OF BLOOD-POISON

Following one week's illness from blood poisoning, little Miss Lettie May Clark, seven-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clark, died last Tuesday, June 2.

Funeral services were conducted at the family residence by Rev. R. C. Campbell, of Abilene, with interment immediately following in Rose Hill cemetery.

This paper joins the bereaved family's many friends in extending deepest sympathy.

## F. Y. GAITHER GOES TO ANGELO BANK

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither came in last week from Lamesa, where they have been for the past month, he having a position there with a hardware firm. Mr. Gaither has resigned his position at Lamesa and has accepted a position with the San Angelo National Bank at San Angelo, Texas, and left this week for that city to take up his duties with that bank, one of the strongest and best banks in all West Texas.

Mr. Gaither is not only a fine young man of sterling character and excellent ability, but is experienced in the work and management of the banking business having spent a number of years with the Farmers State Bank of this city, and in which capacity he gave most excellent and satisfactory service, making close friends of all with whom he had the pleasure of dealing.

His friends predict that he will make good in his new position, and that as the opportunity presents itself he will continue to climb up the ladder of success.

## Return From Bristol, Va.

Mrs. Amy Sears, accompanied by her daughters, Misses Mary Eula and Boog, and Miss Johnnie Sears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sears, returned last Friday afternoon from Bristol, Virginia, where the young ladies have been students in Sullins College the past term, and where Miss Mary Eula finished her course in art. Their many friends welcome them back to our city.

## THE MAGNETIC CITY

A manufacturer who does business in a well known city, is quoted as saying that he receives many applications from men and women who want to work in his plant, and who say they are so impressed by the advantages of his home city that they want to locate there. That city is noted, among other things, for superior parks and recreational facilities.

This should suggest to the people of Merkel that when money is spent wisely to make a city a better place for residence, there is a general drift of people into that community. They watch their chances to obtain jobs and homes in that place.

But if a city permits itself to become commonplace and fails to do its share toward modern progress, people will take any chances that come along by which they can move elsewhere. It is poor policy to fail to keep up with the times and give people the advantages they demand and can rightly expect.

Mrs. Maude Rogers left Wednesday for DeLeon in response to a message that her mother was very ill. Mrs. Rogers had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jack Durham.

## MAY START ANOTHER TEST FOR OIL HERE

Messrs. E. A. Elliott and Roy Chandler, prominent and well-known oil men from Moran, Texas, have been here for the past ten days working with local parties in an effort to secure oil leases sufficient to warrant them making an effort to give this community a real test well for oil.

We are informed that the gentlemen above mentioned are of themselves amply able to put down a well to a depth of 3,500 feet as is proposed by them, and aside from this fact they have associated with them some prominent Colorado oil men; all of which makes them amply capable from a financial standpoint.

We are also informed that all the large land holders around the proposed site for the new well, which, according to reports, will be near the site of the old Sears well, which is said to have flowed considerable oil at a depth of about 2,850 feet, during the first part of 1920, have already signed up and the signing up of a few smaller but important tracts is all that is needed now to close up a deal for the starting within ninety days of another oil test.

Another well drilled to a depth of 3,500 feet in this section would be a fine thing, and this paper is hopeful that the land owners will cooperate with these gentlemen in an effort to secure this test.

## FINE RAINS FALL IN THIS SECTION

Fine rains fell over this entire section of the country on last Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, amounting from a half inch to as much as two inches in some places. The down pour fell mighty pretty, and was sufficient over all the country to keep all crops growing nicely for some time.

In and about Merkel the fall was possibly the lightest while in the Noodle country there was reported a big rain amounting to around two inches. And in that community there seems to have been more rain fall during the entire spring. The crops there as a result are considerably more advanced, feed being in the boot at this time.

Mr. J. T. Dennis is remodeling his home on Oak street, and when same shall have been finished will be one among the nicest and most convenient in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis are among our pioneer and most substantial citizens, and we are glad to see them making this splendid improvement on their home.

Mrs. M. E. Campbell and little granddaughter, Rachael Patterson, left first of the week for a visit with the former's daughter, Mrs. W. F. Fufat, at Rosebud, Texas.

Mr. C. L. McLeod formerly with the Farmers State Bank, has, we are told, accepted a position with the Central State Bank of Abilene. Mr. McLeod is a very fine and capable young man, and will no doubt make good in his new position.

Miss Inice Brown returned from Abilene Wednesday where she had been spending a few days with friends.

## TO MT. PLEASANT NEXT TRADE TRIP

Another big, rousing Trade Trip. At the urgent invitation of many of the fine citizens of the Mt. Pleasant community that the Merkel Trade Trippers pay that community a visit, it has been decided that on next Friday night, June 19th, the business and professional men of the city headed by our excellent orchestra will make them a visit.

The program committee is already at work and those in charge promise one of the spiciest and most interesting programs that has been given at any place. That is saying much, for at every place the trippers have been, a fine program has been rendered.

We would also state here that the Mt. Pleasant community is among one of the finest farming communities in the surrounding country, and her citizenship is likewise among the best to be found in any land or country, and the business and professional man that fails to avail himself of the opportunity of attending the Mt. Pleasant trip will be sure to regret it, for those folks promise us a real good time and big attendance.

## LOCAL TEACHERS WILL FOLLOW SUPT. BURGESS

It is with regret that this paper learns that Miss Julia Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin, and one of the splendid teachers in the Merkel Public schools last year, has resigned her position in the school here to accept a similar position in the Childress schools. A better salary is likely the cause, but Miss Martin is a very capable teacher and a most excellent young lady, and her action in this matter will be regretted very much by the people of this city.

Miss Elsie Sharp, who has specialized as a teacher in the elementary grade work of the public schools, and who has had several years of successful work in this department, has accepted a position in the Childress schools, in which school our Superintendent Mr. R. A. Burgess, will be in charge. Miss Sharp has for the past few months been the able bookkeeper for the Bragg Dry Goods Company, is a very capable and popular young lady and will no doubt give splendid satisfaction.

## YOUR SPRING SALES

Spring is a mighty good time in which to sell goods, but it takes the push of advertising to make the sales a thorough success. The people are buying steadily, but the seasonal lure is not of itself enough to produce the maximum of sales that can be had by the incitements of publicity.

The people are not merely looking around for spring goods but they are looking in the newspapers to see what concerns are advertising the best inducements. They can not spend all their time making an exhaustive study and comparison of the various stocks of merchandise, and they prefer to go direct to those who think they will have the best bargains.

Advertising is a great help in directing this current of trade. The people feel interested by the advertised store, as it seems like a place that is steadily hustling for the best values, and which is likely to be doing such a big business that it can sell on a low cost basis.

## BRADLEY-FORD

We are informed that Mr. Hoyt Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Ford of this city, for two years teacher of English at Simmons College, and Miss Lena Bradley, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bradley, of Stith, were happily united in marriage on last Thursday evening. The happy couple left immediately after the ceremony for Austin and other points in South Texas for an extended honeymoon trip.

## LOCAL BANKER WEDS ABILENE YOUNG LADY

Mr. Owen Ellis, Assistant Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, and one of Merkel's most excellent and popular young men, quietly stole away from his many friends on last Saturday afternoon and drove to Abilene, where he was happily united in marriage to Miss Glenn Belle Holt, one of that city's most talented and charming young ladies.

The following from the Abilene Daily Reporter is a report of the happy event:

Wedding invitations of unusual interest posted Sunday and received by many friends in Monday morning's mail announced the marriage of Miss Glenn Belle Holt to Mr. Owen Ellis on Saturday, the sixth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, Abilene, Texas.

This was the first intimation that many friends had of this interesting event which was solemnized Saturday evening at nine o'clock at the St. Paul's Methodist church in the presence of a few members of the immediate families.

For her wedding the bride was strikingly gowned in an ensemble suit of a shade of tan with large orchid hat, and other accessories in contrasting tones. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abdon Holt of this city a pioneer and prominent family of this section. She is an especially attractive girl, with a host of friends. Mrs. Ellis who is a teller in the Citizens National Bank will continue her work there and Mr. Ellis has returned to Merkel where he is an employe in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. Mr. Ellis, the son of Mr. R. A. Ellis of Merkel, and a brother to Lester Ellis of Abilene, also has many friends in this city.

## Baptist S. S. Teachers Meet

The teachers meeting under the direction of our efficient and enthusiastic superintendent, Mr. Bill Haynes, last Monday evening was well attended. There were about forty-five present. Several peppy speeches, musical numbers, and readings were given by the members of the local teaching force. Every number brought courage, hope and enthusiasm to those present. Mr. Emmitt M. Landers, Educational Director of the First Church, Abilene, gave the principal address of the evening on "Each individual playing his part in the game." His speech was very unique and to the point and will be a source of inspiration for days to come to those who heard it. Mr. Landers is a live S. S. worker. Mrs. Landers, who was present on this occasion, is the Superintendent of the Junior department in their home school. Our next regular meeting will be in July. Reporter.

Miss Dorothy Sanders of Abilene is visiting in the George Brown home this week.

## MR. FRAZIER IS THE NEXT TOASTMASTER

For the next Luncheon Club meeting, Mr. W. H. Frazier, former excellent County Commissioner, and one of the best and most enthusiastic good roads boosters to be found, has been named as Toastmaster. This insures a fine program and a big attendance, for all who know Henry Frazier, know that he does not believe in doing things by halves, and will therefore present those present with an interesting and constructive program.

The next meeting of the Club should be a very fine meeting, and especially from the standpoint of attendance, as there are many things that the business men should want to take up and discuss, among which should be the Community Fair. The time is now right for the beginning of the plans for this year's fair.

The Luncheon Club will be held at Ed's Cafe, and every one who can should procure a ticket at once.

## DORA COMMUNITY EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

"Me for Merkel and Merkel for me," says Dora citizen.

The people of the Dora community wish to express their appreciation to "Boosters of Merkel" for the interest they have in this community. To prove we enjoyed the splendid program and every moment of your stay we extend an invitation to each and every one to come back to Dora.

Sent in by a former citizen of Merkel but now of Dora. It will always be "Me for Merkel and Merkel for Me." Miss Dorothy Phillips.

Mrs. S. W. Johnson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mims, in Abilene this week.

## The Blue Bird says



A burglar broke into a house recently and took nothing but the Victrola. Now all the neighbors are under suspicion.

A news item says a Los Angeles landlord has been arrested for robbing people, who were not his tenants.

We need more people laying bricks, and fewer throwing them. Fifteen per cent of the people play golf—if you call it golf.

The new \$1 bill has no eagle on it. But it will continue to fly away just as fast.

If people really liked to work, we would be plowing with crooked sticks and carrying freight on our backs.

There is a movement on hand to make insanity a cause for divorce. It is already the cause of many marriages.

What is the matter with the good old law of supply and demand? Look how many reformers we have and how little real reform. When critics say that Americans are losing their nerve, have they ever noticed some of the entrants in our beauty contests?

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This bank has at all times stood by its depositors through thick and thin.

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### FORDSONS REACH THE HALF-MILLION MARK

The Ford Motor Company reached the half-million mark in production of Fordson tractors late Thursday afternoon, May 21st when Fordson No. 500,000 came off the assembly line at the River Rouge plant. The half-millionth tractor was completed at 4:23 o'clock, just a few minutes before the close of the day's work. It is planned to exhibit it at a number of state fairs during the coming summer and fall.

Manufacture of Fordson tractors today presents a striking contrast between the methods employed eight years ago when production began at the old plant at Dearborn. At the start only three or four Fordsons were produced each day and it took weeks to machine some

parts. Today at the River Rouge Plant, where all tractors are now manufactured and assembled, output is on a schedule calling for 400 Fordsons a day and the production cycle shows that 31 hours and 8 minutes after iron ore has arrived at the River Rouge docks it is converted into Fordson motor blocks and the blocks assembled into complete tractors.

Since its introduction eight years ago the Fordson Tractor has come into world-wide use and has brought a new efficiency into agriculture and the business of farming in nearly every country on the globe. It is estimated that a large majority of all tractors in use today are Fordsons and the Fordson is said to be the only tractor ever placed on the market without a subsequent change in basic design.

It is also a singular fact that long before he dreamed of manufacturing motor cars, Henry Ford was experimenting with engines in an effort to find some means of relieving farm drudgery. Born on a farm, his first glimpse of life was in the daily round of arduous farm duties and in his early boyhood he developed a strong feeling against prevailing agricultural methods.

His first experiments were with steam engines through which he hoped to find the power necessary to relieve the farmer of some of his burdens. That was back in his boyhood when steam was virtually the only power of the time.



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### NOODLE NEWS

By Special Correspondent

Singing at Methodist church Sunday afternoon was attended by quite a number of the people of this and surrounding communities.

Rev. Campbell of Abilene filled the pulpit at the Baptist Church Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

Mrs. Huey Vick called on Mrs. J. S. Bird Thursday afternoon. Mrs. G. C. Ely was called to Whitewright last week on account of the serious illness of her mother who is visiting a daughter there.

Mrs. J. W. Harris and children of Horn were in Noodle Saturday afternoon.

W. B. Howard was in Hamlin Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell of Merkel are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell.

Prof. and Mrs. Deavers spent Saturday night with his parents of the Shiloh community.

Mrs. R. A. Reagan and daughter, Miss Ruby, of Horn were in Noodle Saturday.

Uncle Zeke Harrison of the Horn community was in Noodle Monday morning.

Mrs. C. T. Derrick is visiting relatives in McKinney.

Mrs. Clyde Deavers and baby left this week for a two month's stay with her parents in Corpus Christi.

J. M. Carr and little boys of Horn were in Noodle late Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Howard were in Noodle Saturday afternoon.

Ernest and Ray Spurgin and R. T. Womack were in Merkel Saturday night.

Lloyd Vick took dinner with the little Howard boys Sunday.

J. F. Cox of Golan was in Noodle Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Howard and little boys were in Abilene Sunday evening.

Miss Dula Harrison was in Noodle Monday morning.

Our blacksmiths are kept very busy since the farmers have begun work.

With these warm days and cool nights cotton will surely grow. Another week of dry weather will give the farmers time to get their crops in good condition, then we would appreciate another good rain.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Oliver and daughters visited in Merkel Sunday.

W. B. Howard and W. B. Jr., were in Abilene Monday.

This part of the country received another fine rain early Wednesday morning. "Bobs"

### WARREN NEWS

By Miss Rose Ellington

The farmers are all rejoicing over the fine rain which fell Tuesday night and are all very busy fighting the weeds.

Mrs. Jim Copeland has been real sick the past week and is some better at this writing.

Mrs. Jasper Hobbs spent Saturday night with Mr. Raymond stout.

Several of the young folks from Warren attended the party at Salt Branch Saturday night and reported a nice time.

Mrs. Arthur McCoy and grand mother and Ella Hobbs visited Mrs. Jim Copeland Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Emmett Patterson and Mrs. Ellington motored to Abilene Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Vera Jones spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Helen McCormick.

Misses Rose and Cordie Ellington returned home Monday from spending last week in Abilene with their aunt, Mrs. Williams.

Miss Artie McCormick spent Saturday night with Miss Ruth Chancey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and family and Vera Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kelso of Stith a while Sunday afternoon.

Miss Willie Ellington spent last week with her sister, Mrs.

### GOLAN ECHOES

By Rollie J. Hill

Golan has been favored with another good rain. The farmers in the sand especially, were glad to see it. It will do much in bringing the cotton through that was so badly whipped by the high winds last week. Some of the sand crops, however, were entirely lost.

The health of the community this week is not so good. Mrs. M. E. Davis has been very dangerously ill but is improving some.

Mrs. Luther Davis is another on the sick list. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Messrs. Darwin Wallace and Orvel Hill are home from McMurry. Miss Bettie Byrom is spending this week end at home. She will return to McMurry on Monday.

Miss Leola Cockrell was the guest of Miss Vera Lawlis last week-end.

Miss Vera Lawlis will be in McMurry for the summer session.

The singing at Mr. J. D. Green's Sunday night was enjoyed by a good number.

The entertainment given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawlis' Saturday evening was enjoyed by a number of friends from Golan and the surrounding communities. This being the first entertainment given by them since their marriage.

Misses Hallie and Merle Green were in Hamlin Saturday.

Miss Vera Jones was the guest of Miss Audra Hudspeth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams of White Church visited relatives in this community last week-end.

With this little bit of fun we bid you good day: George was trying to saddle a rather unruly mule and finally J. C. asked: "Does that mule ever kick you?" George replied: "No but he sometimes kicks where I have just been."

Come and get your Tanks, Tubs, Milk Pans and Coolers and all other tin work from Wm. O'Brian. Cheaper than any place else, price is not the object I want to sell you. 514

Myrtle Kelso of Stith.

Mrs. Arthur McCoy and Mrs. Emmett Patterson spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Jim Copeland.

Those who called on Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs Sunday were Mrs. T. B. Hobbs, Ella and Hall Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. George Stout, Alma and Lorene Stout, Raymond and J. W. Stout, Minnie Ethel Canon, Messrs. E. C. Tarvin, Charlie Allred and Odus Foster.

### Bank Declares Dividends

Mr. L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, states that at the recent meeting of the officers of the bank the semi-annual dividend of six percent was declared and set aside for the stockholders of the institution.

SWEET CREAM—I am now using a cream separator and can furnish you with fresh, sweet cream on short notice, right off the ice. Phone 246, Mrs. J. Ben Campbell. tf

Mrs. Willie Addington and son of Wichita Falls, Texas, are here for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblet.

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LET ANY OF US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT

Mrs. J. M. Ashby was carried to an Abilene sanitarium Tuesday of this week, and on Thursday she underwent an operation.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt, of Haskell will regret to learn that Mr. Hunt is very ill at his home in that city from pneumonia.

Mr. H. C. West and family returned yesterday from a fishing and outing trip to the Clear Fork near Leuders. They had a splendid trip with fair luck among the finney tribe, we are told.

Mrs. Jim Burress, of Post, Texas, came in Wednesday afternoon and will spend several days with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Adams, before returning home.

Miss Edna Jones returned home from Abilene where she had been attending Simmons College this year to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jones.

Messrs. G. M. and J. P. Sharp were in Stephenville this week on business. They were accompanied by Mr. Parker Sharp, son of Mr. J. P. Sharp.

### Party Given Honoring Miss Ona Faye Rose

Monday evening a picnic supper was given complimenting Miss Ona Faye Rose, who is leaving to make her home in Abilene. The place was on the lawn at the home of Miss Gladys Mayfield. Here a very delicious supper was spread. During the evening music and singing and games offered diversion.

Those enjoying this affair with the honoree, Miss Rose, were: Misses Mildred Matthews, Melba West, Dorris Durham, Gladys Mayfield, and Nettie Neil of De Leon. Messrs. Clyde Matthews, Kenneth Watkins, Wrenn Durham, Castle Ellis, Edward McCrary, Weston West, Ray Garrett and Maben Rogers of DeLeon.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness to us during the illness and death of our dear mother, Mrs. P. A. Sanderfer, and one of her special requests that through the press her thanks and appreciation be extended to Dr. and Mrs. Robert I. Grimes for their kind attention and faithful services rendered during her last surviving days, and to the many other friends who showed her kindness and attention during her sickness, and for the beautiful floral offerings. It Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt and daughter, Miss Hazel Lee, left this week for an extended trip to Mineral Wells and Dallas.

Guaranteed infertile Eggs at 25 cents per dozen at McDonald & Collum.

Mrs. E. L. Wills left Monday in company with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson of Abilene, for Los Angeles, California, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson, Jr. Mrs. W. T. Wilson, Jr. will return with the party for a visit with her mother, Mrs. E. L. Wills.

Mr. Ira Huss the clever and popular manager for the West Texas Utilities Company in this city, was in attendance upon the district meeting held at Ballinger last week.

Miss Audry Porter, who has been a student the past session at Simmons College, came in last week to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter.

Hiram Rainbolt and family of Purcell, Oklahoma, were here last week guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

### Elder Cypert to Preach Sunday

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach Sunday morning and evening at the North Side Church of Christ. Everybody is cordially invited to hear him at either or both services.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Smith left first off he week for Houston, where they will attend af amily reunion of the Smith family. They were joined on their trip by Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Smith of Anson, father and mother of Mr. Warren Smith.

### BATHING GIRL REVIEW At Lytle Beach

July 4th, After Automobile Races  
A trip to Atlantic City will be awarded to Miss Abilene. \$500 offered in prizes.

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The devil finds work for idle hands—usually starting idle rumors.

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Automobile drivers are urged to adopt "Safety First" as their motto, but some of those in Merkel prefer "Hurrah, boys."

Formerly the horses used to climb trees when they saw an automobile, and pedestrians will have to do so soon to get out of the way.

A business man is inviting failure to enter his place of business when he ceases to devote the proper amount of thought to his advertising.

The town boosters are doing their best, but they have to holler pretty loud to counteract the bad impression created by those who keep disorderly home premises.

You can't get the kids up earlier by telling them of work to be done, but they may get up Saturday morning if they hear the birds are getting all the angleworms out of the garden.

A boy feels pretty big for a time when he gets out of school and finds himself able to earn the great sum of 1000 cents a week.

**YARDAGE**

Mineral Wells Index: Women are blamed for the slump in the textile industry, according to Norman Johnson, secretary of the Southern Wholesale Dry Goods Association. "Today," he says, "five women do not wear the yardage that one woman wore before the war. Besides, the popular demand is for freak material and not for the standard weaves that constituted 80 per cent of trade textiles a few years ago."

Somebody is always blaming something on the women. And usually the women are innocent. Mr. Johnson's assertion that 5 women wear less yardage today than one woman wore before the war might be accepted at first glance—first glance at the assertion and first glance at the woman. But it isn't correct. When a woman gets dressed, in the present mode, she hasn't much on, it may as well be admitted. But she has in her closet half a dozen outfits whose combined yardage would equal that to which she was accustomed in anti-bellum days. The women wear less at one time now, but they have more changes—"shifts" as they were called in the less fastidious times. Our grandmothers each wore, on big occasions, a voluminous silk dress. There was a lot of yardage in it. But their granddaughters today have each a variety of silken garments whose total yardage would equal or exceed the totality of the former. Same with cotton goods. Every home contains a larger proportion of cotton wearables, cotton sheets, cotton table cloths and cotton table napkins, than in the old days. There is more textile abundance in American homes than was formerly the case. If you don't believe it, look at the family washes. Ask your neighbors to let you examine their laundry baskets, or, if that seems malapropos, count the hangings on their clothes lines on wash day.—State Press in The Dallas News.

**SPRING PLANTING**

In some communities, the spirit of improvement has become so strong that almost every home is attractively planted with shrubs, flowers and trees. Yet this is not the case in the average American town, where much remains to be done in the way of home decoration.

The spring season is the favorite period of the year for such improvements, and millions of people will get out at this time, and dig in the dirt and lay plans to add something to the appearance of their homes. Every citizen of Merkel who has done something in that line is entitled to a public vote of thanks.

Flowers furnish the most radiant and lovely beauty. Those who plant and cultivate them find a new interest, and every time they return to their dwelling their eyes leap with pleasure at the charm which they have given to their home.

For those who find it difficult to give the time necessary to cultivate attractive flower beds, flowering shrubs form a handsome decoration, though no one need think that they will flourish without any care whatever. But it is not an onerous task to grow them, and well selected shrubs bring rural charm into a town and turn a home into a nest of beauty.

A home lot needs trees also to create a dignified setting. If they are set out on new streets, distinct addition is made to the value of the property. Many homes look bare and unimaginative, because no one ever bothers to add the touch of grace that such foliage gives. It does not take any great amount of time to produce such beauty, and the rewards are satisfying, besides adding to the commercial value of a dwelling.

Formerly the women folks used to go out into the country after spring flowers, but now they go to the milliner's.

**WORLD HAS PLACE FOR THE PESSIMIST**

**After All, There Are Disadvantages in Optimism.**

A prominent man recently made the statement that it never is possible to have too much optimism.

Undoubtedly optimism is a splendid specific for many of the ills of life. It is good for such dread maladies as the blues, the wiles, the jumps, the doldrums, the dumps, mental halitosis (groucho homo) and nerves; it also is helpful in case of an attack of sour face.

The big things in life have been done by optimists, and it would be interesting to secure a pessimist's views on the alarming developments which may be looked for in the radio, the airship and electricity during the next five years.

Still, there is such a thing as too much optimism. It is good once in a while to be a regular pigheaded, rantankerous, unreasonable, narrow-eyed pessimist.

For example, in financial matters. So many persons are perennially optimistic on the subject of getting rich quickly and painlessly that a billion dollars a year, so statisticians tell us, goes into the hands of stock swindlers and sleight-of-hand financiers like Ponzi and Koretz.

We once knew a confirmed optimist who was persuaded to invest all his possessions in certain suburban real estate. His holdings undoubtedly had a great future, although a future which, perhaps, was inclined to be somewhat too eventual and remote. At any rate, it seemed to be felt generally that if he only had been more patient and could have held on he would have become a rich man with everything the heart could wish by the time he had reached the age of two hundred and thirty-eight.

There is a popular tendency also toward over-optimism in the matter of crossing crowded thoroughfares. There are no doubt many statisticians in this country who could tell exactly how many street-crossing optimists are knocked down and flattened out per annum while running in front of automobiles, and not miss it by more than 25 or 30 optimists either way.

Experience seems to make quite plain the fact that sometimes a little well-chosen pessimism and some good intelligent, old-fashioned worrying will bring more happiness in the long run than any amount of 100 per cent optimism, notwithstanding its widely advertised advantages.—Harry Daniel in The Thrift Magazine.

**Badly Dressed Statesmen**

Cecil Rhodes would not have accepted the dictum of the Tailor and Cutter that it is obligatory on statesmen to dress well. Even on ceremonial occasions Rhodes would wear old and dilapidated fannels and a seedy slouch hat.

Sir Gordon Sprigg, when premier of Cape Colony, made an effort to enforce the wearing of "respectable" dark clothes in the Cape parliament. Sir Gordon was the height of respectability himself, and always wore a black frock-coat in parliament.

Rhodes refused to follow the premier's lead and made a speech against the proposed sumptuary regulation. "If I cannot help to legislate in comfortable clothes," said he, "I refuse to help at all, and I think most honorable members will agree with me." They did.

**Edible Birds' Nests**

These nests are made by various species of swifts inhabiting the islands of the Indian ocean, India, the Philippines and few tropical islands in the Pacific. The nests are composed almost entirely of mucous secreted by the salivary glands of the birds. These are the nests which are so eagerly sought by Chinese epicures as an ingredient of soup. The nests are built on the sides of cliffs or in caves. Their value depends on their color and purity, for frequently they are mixed with feathers or other foreign substances. When dry the mucous of which the nests are made resembles tsinglass.—Exchange.

**A New Word**

Raymond Mulholland is a five-year-old boy living in Bloomington. A few days ago he was pounding a box with a hammer. He cracked his thumb and exclaimed: "Oh, blamp it!" "Why, Raymond," exclaimed his father who was near, "What did you say? Where did you hear that word?" "Why that is what all the other boys say when they hurt themselves."—Indianapolis News.

**London's War on Rats**

Rat week in London was a bad week for rats. More than three million were killed by professional rat catchers, ordinary householders and boys and girls. One vermin-exterminating company alone killed eight hundred thousand. But London sanitary officers are not yet satisfied; they want the campaign to continue until the city is free from rats.—Youth's Companion.

**It's Hard**

Otto Kahn, the New York financier, said in an interview on his return from Europe: "The French people are prosperous. Never has such prosperity, such spending, been seen in France. "It's different in tax-ridden England." Mr. Kahn went on. "The English workingman can't make both ends meet. The poor fellow finds it hard in fact, to make both ends vegetables."

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**MARRIAGE WITHOUT SENTIMENT**

According to a Russian psychologist, love is not considered the correct motive for marriage any longer in soviet Russia. The love glorified by the poet is said to have disappeared from that country. It is regarded as morbid feeling. All the sighing for the other sex of which we used to hear so much, is not considered a suitable motive for guidance in choosing a partner in matrimony.

According to this idea, marriage has become a sober matter of fact thing, devoid of infatuation. That idea is not wholly confined to Russia, as some other countries, long before sovietism came into existence, believed in what were called marriages of convenience, which were more like alliances between families and business partnerships, and were not governed much by sentimental considerations.

That idea, however, does not gain ground in this country. Our people look with some disapproval of those who marry without love and merely in order to obtain money.

There are several difficulties in the way of this matter of fact marriage. Where affection does not exist, the chances that the husband or wife will have illicit relations with others to whom they feel passionate attachment, is greatly increased, with all the clash of interests and likelihood of separation thus created.

The people who marry for love are more likely to be loyal to the home and to do its work and perform its functions faithfully than those who join their fortunes for mere prudential or business reasons. It takes selfishness and sacrifice for people to make a success of marriage, and the chances that that spirit will exist are increased when such a union is founded on true affection of the old fashioned kind. It will be a sorry day for the world when that spirit disappears.

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## Facing Cold Steel

By WILLIS BRINDLEY

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THE girl at the cigar counter smiled at Carnahan, but it was a spiked smile. She was as full of business as of good looks.

"Well, ain't you goin' to spend nothin' but the afternoon?" she asked him then. "Here, take this—fellow wished off a gross on me and I don't know as I'll ever sell 'em. Nice little nickel-plated inhaler—smell of it and it stops the sniffles. Thirty-five cents cash."

Carnahan grinned and tossed her half a dollar, picking up the shiny metal cylinder.

"Keep the change and buy yourself a string of pearls."

"Oh, thank you, sir," the girl smiled back. "I'm afraid some guy would snatch them like they did off the dame in four-eighty-two, Toodle-oo."

"Toodle-oo," said Carnahan, feeling for his room key.

The elevator operator bowed as he entered a waiting car; the elderly gentleman floor clerk smiled and wished him good afternoon. He had a way with him, had Carnahan.

He slipped his key into the lock of his door now. The door swung silently, on oiled hinges. Carnahan saw a man lounging in the window opposite.

A gust of wind, caused by the draft of the opened door alarmed the man at the window, who swung suddenly, reaching for his gun. But Carnahan was upon him in two leaps.

Carnahan's weapon rammed his fat stomach, and the man threw up his hands, awkwardly, protestingly.

Carnahan grabbed the man's fat arm with his left hand, and led him out of the room, walking sideways and prodding him in the back.

"What the—you can't!" the man was spluttering with rage.

"That'll be about all," said Carnahan. Step along."

They passed the elderly gentleman who sat at the desk near the elevator.

"Room thief," said Carnahan, out of the side of his mouth.

"It's a d—d—here, lady, let me explain."

But Carnahan was prodding him again, and he gave up the idea of explaining.

The room clerk was excited, rattling the telephone receiver on its hook.

"Please," said Carnahan, and pushed the "down" button. The bronze doors of an elevator swung wide and Carnahan pushed his charge into the cage.

The elevator boy stared. It was the lad who had taken Carnahan up a few minutes before.

"Room thief," explained Carnahan, winking.

There were no other passengers. The boy swung the lever handle and the car dropped.

"Probly the guy that lifted the pearls from four-eighty-two," he suggested.

Carnahan smiled.

"All I know is I found him in my room? Might be."

The car stopped at the lobby floor.

"I'll call the house cop," he said. "Shut the door and leave him in the cage. He can't get out. Step out yourself, and shut the door. That's the idea. Now, wait here and watch till I bring the house cop."

He stepped forward briskly, looking about the lobby, as if searching for a familiar face. Immediately two men, who had occupied chairs facing the elevator, sprang up and grabbed him, each by an arm.

"Very neat, Carnahan," said the older of the two, who seemed to be in command. "Boy, let that officer out of the cage. Very neat, Carnahan, very, very neat, and you might have gotten away with it, but we were taking no chances. If you'd stopped to see that your lather cream, with Mrs. Vanderkirk's pearls buried in the bottom of it, had been taken from the glass shelf over your wash bowl, you might have—what's this?"

He had been feeling of Carnahan with quick pats, and now from an outer coat pocket he drew a small nickel-plated cylinder, with a perforated cap, from which trickled an odor of menthol. It was Carnahan's only weapon.

"Mike," said Carnahan, steadily, "you know me, and you know I've always been square with you. I have an idea that I'm going on a long trip up the river, and—let me loose just a minute."

The detective loosed him, and Carnahan jerked away from the hand that held his other arm. He sauntered to the cigar counter.

"I find that I shall be going on a little trip, Katydid," he said to the girl, "and I shall carry very little luggage, so I will hardly have room for my little inhaler. May I not suggest that you put it back into stock, and perhaps find another customer?" Then, to the elder of the two detectives:

"All right, Mike, let's go."

### Stops Are Expensive

Everyone knows that it costs huge sums to keep the world's machinery in motion, but the layman seldom thinks of the millions of dollars expended just to stop the wheels when occasions demand, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. For instance, every time a train of a dozen cars or so grinds to a halt at a station, it costs the railroad company about \$4. Wear on the brakes, wheels, rails and the locomotive, all must be included. A taxicab company, operating about 3,000 cars, estimates that it spends several thousand dollars a year to make halts for passengers and at traffic stops.

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### WARREN NOTES

By Miss Vera Jones

The cotton will be ready to chop in a few days and the weather is very pretty at the present.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Newman.

Misses Rose and Cartie Ellington spent last week-end with their sister, Mrs. Tarvin of Abilene, Texas.

Miss Willie Ellington spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelsoe of Stith.

Miss Vera Jones spent Sunday with Miss Helen McCormick.

Miss Artie McCormick was the guest of Miss Lottie Gressett Saturday night.

Miss Azilene Sumpter visited Miss Lottie Gressett Sunday.

We are very sorry to hear that Miss Copeland of this community is not expected to live.

Mrs. M. E. Campbell left first of the week for Rosebud, Texas, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Fugat. She will also visit other relatives while away.

J. A. Bell and family of Dallas, are here this week, guests of Mr. J. B. Bell and family.

Mr. Maben Rogers and Miss Nettie Neill from De Leon are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham.

### COMPERE ITEMS

By Miss Alma Stout

The health of the community is very good at present.

Every one is busy working in the fields. Most all the farmers have started chopping cotton.

A large crowd from here attended the plays at Noodle Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Everyone was indeed surprised and sorry to hear of the death of little Lettie Mae Clark on last Tuesday morning. She died of blood-poison caused from stepping on a thorn. She was laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery at about six o'clock Tuesday evening. The bereaved parents, brothers and sisters have our sympathy.

Mr. G. W. Stout and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. J. H. Hobbs and family.

Mr. Charlie Allred, E. C. Tarvin, Hall and Jasper Hobbs and Raymond Stout were visitors in Anson Saturday night.

Mr. Allred and family and Mr. Harvy Allred and wife were visitors in Abilene Saturday evening.

Mr. Hall and Jasper Hobbs from Warren spent Saturday night with Mr. Raymond Stout.

Mr. Oscar Johnson, Warren Ashby and Owen Smith attended the party at Salt Branch Saturday night.

Mrs. Stout had as visitors on Tuesday afternoon Mr. D. Johnson, wife and little daughter, Mrs. Allred and two daughters and little son, and Mrs. Pearl Allred.

Mr. Tarvin visited in Abilene a while Saturday evening.

Mrs. Berry was in Merkel Saturday visiting her mother who has been sick for quite a while.

Mrs. Ola Spurgin was in Abilene shopping Saturday afternoon.

Some of the Compere folks went to Noodle Saturday afternoon to the singing.

I will have car of Maize Heads the last days of this week. Price \$37.00 off the car. Get what you will need now. L. L. Murray.

Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the First Methodist Church, returned Wednesday night from a business trip to Fort Worth, where he also enjoyed a short visit with his mother.

The sentimental crowd who is looking for love nests, frequently develop into the setting hens that won't stay on the eggs.

## CHANGE OF LIFE

Virginia Lady Improved After She Took Cardui.

"I had been going through the change of life and it seemed to me that everything got wrong," says Mrs. Deala Hawks, of Bristol, Va. "I suffered from shortness of breath and I could not go up the steps without stopping to rest several times."

"When I would try to hoe in my garden I would soon give out. I could scarcely hoe two rows before my breath was coming in gasps."

"My sister-in-law had taken Cardui and she thought it might do me good, so she told me to try it. I got a bottle (of Cardui) and began to take it by the directions and I began to improve after a few doses. My general condition was so much better after the first bottle that I got another, and another, until I had taken six. Now I am a well woman."

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### William Penn Called Original Realty Man

Real estate men declare they feel a little closer to William Penn than the men of other professions because they are led to believe that the founder was the country's first real estate man.

The real estate men do not need to be so modest in laying claim to a first place in the line of allegiance, nor is it necessary to be diffident at all in crowning William Penn a realtor. For that is what he was—a promoter of a big land deal and the seller of lots and blocks and farms and all manners of raw natural resources to all corners, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Not only so, but Penn was a most accomplished advertiser of his overseas boom. His letters and pamphlets talking up his sylvan concessions and persuasively inventing the advantages to be found there were popular all over England and are now preserved as classics. It is a great mistake to read back into the life of William Penn so much of unworidliness, of devout dream and vision as to obscure the very sound materialistic basis of his undertaking.

Penn called the hardy men and women who answered his advertisements "Adventurers." The word runs all through his pamphlets and charters and the letters he wrote. The modern realtor is entitled to take a good many leaves out of Penn's book. But, in simple justice to the great realtor, he must also study some of the leaves that are too little considered in our time. Penn was not only a seller of land. He was a seller of those things which alone make land worth while.

He advertised to sell liberty with his land, to sell escape from Old world despotism, to sell new opportunities for the souls of men. In fact, it was the intangibles that made his plots and lots in the wilderness of America salable. Penn was the ideal realtor, because he made the new land the mere outward condition of those rights and liberties without which land in Pennsylvania today would not be worth much more than it was when William Penn was selling it at 2 pence an acre.

#### Buildings Unfinished

Building public structures in Great Britain is a matter not to be conducted hurriedly or carelessly. For instance, it was recently announced that the County hall, Westminster, will not be fully completed for another half a century. This is not the only example of a famous building being unfinished after many years' labor. When the present Home office was built fifty years ago it was intended to embellish it with four towers. These have never been erected, although provision was made for them by the architect. St. Paul's cathedral has never been finished according to the plans of Sir Christopher Wren, while the Law courts have many niches that have never been filled, as well as numerous blank shields on which heraldic devices were to have been carved. Again, on the Thames embankment there are several pedestals awaiting monuments or statuary, while Somerset house has various omissions in the form of unfilled niches and other decorative details. The houses of parliament, too, have never been completed in strict conformity with the architect's designs.

### Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell Entertain Friends

A most enjoyable time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell Sunday, June the seventh. Ice cream and cake was served in the afternoon to the following guests: Messrs. and Mesdames John Winter of Abilene, J. E. White of Ovalo, E. F. Lawlis of Sylvester, Waldo Cox of Noodle, Roy Winter of Shiloh, Tom Winter of Shiloh and Uncle Terrell Winter.

By A Guest.

#### CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank our many friends for their kindnesses extended us during the illness and death of our dear little daughter and sister, Lettie Mae Clark, and may God bless every one of you. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clark.

Mr. Weston West returned home Sunday night from Waxahachie, Texas, where he attended Trinity University the past session.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble left first of the week for Fort Worth, where they went to attend the state meeting of Retail Druggists Association of Texas.

### Trent Missionary Notes

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Trent, Texas, met Monday afternoon, June 1, at the home of Mrs. M. G. Scott for their fifth Monday social. Those present were Mesdames R. B. McRee, O. A. Smith, J. S. Reid, J. K. P. Winn, E. L. Mangum, M. G. Scott, P. I. Stevenson. A pleasant afternoon soon passed away, when after serving refreshments all went over to the parsonage. There they prepared supper for the pastor and family who were expected to return home Monday night.

We will meet at our regular hour Monday June 15 at the church.

Misses Hattie Proctor, Maurine Tipton returned from school at C. I. A., Denton, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson will leave next week on a two weeks' vacation, and will visit the former's mother and other relatives at Tarkio, Missouri.

Mrs. Geo. Woodrum of this city and Mrs. Rhoten Cypert, of Slaton, returned first of the week from a visit with friends and relatives in Dallas.

### WITH THE CHURCHES

#### BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m., Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. All B. Y. P. U. 's at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday morning the pastor will speak on "The Challenge of the B.Y.P.U. work to the young people." There will be some special music.

Sunday evening at 8:30 Rev. Atticus Webb, Secretary of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas, will speak. All of the churches are cooperating in this service. You are cordially invited to attend. W. H. Albertson.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. Senior and Junior Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p.m.

On account of the cooperative service to be held at the Baptist church there will be no service at the evening hour.

Special choir rehearsal Friday night (tonight) at 8:30. The new music has arrived for the choir and all members of the choir are urged to be present. Chas. H. Little, pastor.

#### METHODIST CHURCH

Since it is only three weeks until we start our big summer revival, it is very urgent and important that we have a full attendance upon each and every service of our church from now until that time. If we are to enjoy and make that revival meeting all that our Lord would have it be, and all that we as church members should wish for, we must first prepare ourselves for it. And surely there is no better way nor place than at the Lord's house of worship for each of us go to place ourselves in the proper attitude for the beginning of this great revival among us, and in which we sincerely hope to see many souls led to Christ. So let every Methodist be present on next Sunday morning at both the Sunday School and church service.

At the eleven o'clock hour the pastor's theme will be "The Three Fires." There will be no evening service on account of a cooperative service to be held at the Baptist church, when Dr. Atticus Webb will deliver one of his able addresses on some of the vital issues of the day.

Miss Vanpie Hamblet, who has been attending school at Watervalley Miss., came in this week to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblet. Miss Hamblet will return to Watervalley in September for the purpose of finishing her school work there.

Frank O'Briant was down first of the week from Lubbock, where he is now residing.

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One day for the highest, Edward McCrary.  
Recreation and the Sabbath, Sallie Brown.  
A constructive program, Fred Giles.  
Business; Benediction.

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

Subject: "Set Aside for Jesus" Prayer, Mrs. Stanford.  
Scripture reading, Mary Ellen Ashby.  
A Babe in Christ, Clyde Mayfield.  
Set aside for the Master's service, Mildred Lloyd.  
Constantly Growing Better, Ava McCandless.  
Knowing and doing God's will, by Mrs. Pogue.  
Hating the evil and loving the Good, Iris Garrett.  
Poem, by all.  
Questions on daily Bible readings.

Mr. J. L. Banner of this city was happy this week to have as a visitor his brother, T. J. Banner, of Sanderson, Texas.

#### ANOTHER GOOD MOTHER ANSWERS LAST CALL

After a lingering illness of several weeks, Mrs. P. A. Sanderfer quietly and peacefully passed away on last Saturday evening at about three o'clock, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. W. Johnson, on Oak street.

Mrs. Pattie Aylett Crowell Sanderfer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Crosswell, was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, March 9, 1846, being seventy-nine years of age at the time of her death.

At the age of seventeen she was converted and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which faith she remained a faithful and staunch member for over fifty years. While she was always active and interested in every department of her church, she was especially active in the Woman's Missionary work, and which department she was most especially loved and esteemed by her co-workers.

Deceased was of Southern Colonial ancestry, coming from a very distinguished and well-known Southern family. She was highly educated, cultured and refined, and was indeed a great Bible student, her favorite chapter in the great book of books was the twenty-third Psalm.

She was first married to Capt. F. F. Freeman, at Enterprise, Miss., and several years after his death married Mr. Joseph Sanderfer, at Tupelo, Miss. She is survived by five daughters: Mrs. S. W. Johnson, Merkel; Mrs. Laura Klyce, Berkeley, California; Mrs. J. M. Gannaway, McAllister, Oklahoma; Mrs. E. C. Groover, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. M. F. Underhill, Conway, Arkansas; and one son, F. F. Freeman, Oklahoma City, Okla., and two sisters.

Funeral services for this kind and loving mother, excellent citizen and true follower of the Saviour of all men, were held on Monday morning at the Methodist church at ten o'clock, conducted by her pastor, Rev. T. J. Rea, assisted by Rev. Chas. H. Little, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church, of this city, and Dr. Knox, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Abilene, with burial immediately after in Rose Hill Cemetery. Honorary pall bearers were: Dr. R. I. Grimes, H. M. Rainbolt, Dr. M. Armstrong, L. R. Thompson, C. E. Connor, Henry C. West. Active pall bearers were: T. G. Bragg, F. C. McFarland, Herbert Patterson, H. L. Propst, W. D. Hutcheson, W. L. Diltz, Jr.

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