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## BIG OIL MEN TO OPERATE NEAR MERKEL

The Mail stated some weeks ago that there were parties well versed in the "oil game" who were making efforts to secure enough leases around the old Sears test, eight miles northeast of this city, for the purpose of putting down another test for oil in that vicinity.

The truth that there was every indication of an oil pool in the locality of the old Sears test and that there are some men interested who are backed by large capital, may be more easily believed and better understood after reading the following from the Albany News, of Albany, Texas.

The writer is also informed by reliable parties that, with the exception of some two or three land owners who have not yet signed up leases, everything is in readiness for the location of the test and work to start as soon as the remaining few have signed the leases.

Dick McCarty, editor of the Albany News, says the following of the main promoter of this contemplated new test.

"Charley Glascoe came in from Denver this week, and will be here for sometime. You know West Texas has a charm for him and it has many charms for Charley. Yes, down here in Shackelford county is where the IbeX opened up a great oil field, and it was under the supervision of Charley Glascoe. Yes, the IbeX were the people who got in on the ground floor and opened up the IbeX pool, bringing about the investment of millions, unloading the gas and uncovering the oil pools, and think of it, a wild pasture scene is now a busy mart of trade, pipe lines, the largest absorption plant in the world, and the Lone Star Gas Company has a pumping station and pipe line to Dallas and Fort Worth, and Shackelford county gas makes the wheels of two great cities go round and round. All the result of oil game sports, men who spent over two hundred thousand dollars ere the crude went over the top. All this commerce is the result of brains and capital, furnished by the City of Denver, Colorado. Well the IbeX Company have sold their holdings in Shackelford county, made a good profit, and they richly deserved it, and now Charley Glascoe is down here with another big project in his mind, oil development, but not immediately in Shackelford, but over in the county of Jones. The location for this field is eight miles north of Merkel, in Jones county, and for several months, Charley has been making an investigation of this field, just like they did on the Poindexter holdings, ere they spent a dollar for acreage, they had the most noted geologist in the country to make a survey of this holding, and getting a favorable report, they struck the drill down and opened up IbeX pool. That's what they have done over in the county of Jones, have the opinion of experts, now they are going to bet their money on this field, and Charley is very enthusiastic in regard to that prospective field. Several years ago a well was drilled on the holdings now the property of Charley Glascoe and his associates, an excellent showing being found at a depth of something like 2400 feet, a nineteen-foot oil sand, and plenty of gas. Now, this company had large holdings in this field, and while drilling the well peddled out all their acreage at a good price, five and ten acre blocks, reserving the forty acres on which the discov-

## COUNTY AGENT ISSUES WARNING

The county agent, Mr. J. R. Masterson, who was over this section Tuesday, informed us that a report had come to him from the A. & M. College relative to the cotton leaf worm. This pest hibernates in Old Mexico and following the spring hatching, it begins to migrate, often crossing the entire cotton states of the South. According to the college report, this worm is now in South Texas and is moving northward. Whether the pest will reach this section before the frost falls depends upon weather conditions. During a cloudy season it moves rapidly, but its march is checked by the intense sun.

According to the County Agent, this insect varies in color from grayish to dark green. It has dark stripes along the body, and on each joint can be noted four black specks that lie in the form of a parallelogram.

The county agent states that "this is one of the insects that can be destroyed quickly and at little cost. Calcium Arsenate applied in dust form from old flour sacks or cheese cloth will eliminate the insect before it does any material damage, provided the poison is applied when the worm first attacks the cotton plants. If this pest appears please notify me immediately," says Mr. Masterson.

## THE NEW CORNER GARAGE IS OPEN

Messrs. H. L. Orr and Carl Thomas, proprietors of the new drive-in Corner Garage on Front street, just opposite the Burton-Lingo company, announce in this paper that the building is now completed and that their business is now open and ready for service.

Mr. Orr moved to this city from Aspermont, and had had several years experience in the garage business, while Mr. Thomas is well and favorably known here, having been a very popular mechanic here for several years. Read their ad.

ery well was brought in. They abandoned the hole, and got into a lawsuit with the fee holder, the fee holder winning the suit, and the hole was plugged. Now, this property belongs to Charley and his associates, and preparations are in the making for a drilling campaign over there, and Mack Best, the old-time superintendent down at IbeX, will be the man on the job over there, and be it said of Mack Best, he can keep his head, mum is the word with him, and he always delivers the goods. Well, of course, we would like to have had the company to stay in this county, but we wish them well in their new field over there, and the good wishes of all of Shackelford county will go with Charley Glascoe and his associates. They are all fine fellows, true sports, and they are backed up by millions, as well as brains, and no doubt they will open up a great field over there; here's hoping they will at least, yes, our good wishes go with the IbeX folks."

B. C. Gaither returned first of the week from a pleasant visit to his daughter at Tuscola. He reports nice rains in that section and as a result crops are looking fine.

## BIG CROWDS HEAR REV. LEWIS STUCKEY

The Methodist revival began in real earnest at the tabernacle in this city on last Sunday evening when a crowd that filled the big tabernacle heard the Rev. Lewis N. Stuckey, pastor of St. Paul's church, Abilene, preach his first sermon. And as the meeting progresses there is evidence of both an increased attendance and interest in same. In fact, at the Wednesday evening service, when the pastor-evangelist's subject was "The Threatened Down Fall of the American Christian Home," a vacant seat was scarcely to be found.

On Monday night the subject was "The Threatened Reign of Lawlessness," and every one present declared that the Minister's message was indeed timely and interesting. Likewise his subject Tuesday night, when he spoke on the "Threatened Menace of Immorality," did he receive the closest attention from one of the largest audiences ever assembled at the tabernacle. In this subject he discussed many phases of every day life that will prove of much benefit to both the old and young.

Last night, Thursday, Rev. Stuckey had for his theme "The Threatened Rebellion Against God and the Church." And since this is indeed a world-wide subject of much interest and concern to all thinking Christian men and women, there was an overflow audience present to hear the talented and able minister discuss same.

Rev. Stuckey is one of the most capable and popular ministers in all West Texas, and by his eloquent, able and logical discourses in this meeting it seems most certain that before same shall have come to a close there will have been a great revival among the church membership of the town and community as well as the bringing to Christ of many unsaved souls.

The Rev. Thos. W. Braham, pastor of the Cross Plains Methodist church, is in charge of the music and choir director, and is conducting same very successfully. Besides the large adult choir he has completed the organization of a fine Junior choir and is doing some fine personal work among the young people of the church.

There are two services daily, at ten a.m. and eight-fifteen p.m. and the same will continue on over Sunday and all next week. The pastor, Rev. T. J. Rea, announces that there is a royal welcome to one and all, saint and sinner, to be present at each and every service. And when Rev. Stuckey asked for the holding up of hands of the different denominations on last Wednesday evening it was shown that almost every denomination was well represented.

During the afternoons at 3:00 o'clock there are a number of cottage prayer-meetings held in different parts of the city while the men hold their prayer-meetings each afternoon at four o'clock at the Barrow Furniture Company.

### Another Old Settlers Reunion

The Mail is requested to announce that on July 15 and 16 there will be held four miles north of Hylton, in Nolan county, on Valley Creek, a big two days, old fashioned picnic, and three-night open air dance. All are invited.

Miss Gladys Mayfield is spending the week with friends and relatives in Abilene.

## LEUDERS ENCAMPMENT JULY 14TH

Everybody admitted free to the Leuders Baptist Encampment grounds. No charges. There will be in plain view to every one a registration booth. Signs will direct you that way. Just fall right in and register and leave with the registration 25 cents. Family right for registration \$1.00. If for any reason you do not register, then you are just as privileged to all the pleasures and enjoyments as those who register. The management is anxious to show the largest number of registrations of any Encampment in the world and it can be done with your co-operation. For literally thousands will visit the grounds and camp there. Not fewer than 20,000 people are expected, weather permitting.

You don't have to own a lease on lots to camp. Bring your tent with you and camp. Tents for rent on the grounds if you have none. Price consistent.

A large cafe has just been completed. Those not preparing their own eats will find the food delightful at the cafeteria. Groceries and melons and other vegetables plentiful for all on the grounds or delivered by the Leuders merchants.

The big pavilion is the wonder of all who have thus far seen it. It will seat hundreds and hundreds of people. 100 by 110 feet large. Six beautiful teaching rooms for the various classes.

There are classes for every age, even the babies will have a large class. A nursery close by the main auditorium is provided with competent aid so that any mother having a baby may attend the encampment. We very strongly urge that every one who can at all take up some kind of class work.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett will be there. He will preach twice daily throughout the entire session. This is something he has done for no other encampment in his entire career. The whole world reveres this mighty gospel preacher. Come praying. Pray now for throngs will need the effect spiritually of those who do pray.

### RETURN FROM VACATION TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

W. W. Campbell, splendid citizen, member of the city council, and formerly in the grocery business in this city, with his family returned Wednesday from a trip through New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and California.

Mr. Campbell reports a very interesting and enjoyable trip, stating that they were within a few miles of the city of Santa Barbara, California, when earth quakes did millions of dollars damage to property and ten people lost their lives when big buildings tumbled down upon them. He said that they were in their camp tent when the tremor which lasted about three minutes came, and that the earth quivered considerably. They left immediately, he said, and we can't blame them. Another interesting feature of their trip was the crossing of the great Arizona desert one hundred and eighty miles in length, where the thermometer stood at 127 in the shade.

### Revival Meeting at Compere

There will be held a revival meeting at the Baptist church at Compere beginning Monday night at 8:30 p.m. Rev. Ira L. Parrack will do the preaching. Everyone is invited.

## REV. W. H. ALBERTSON RESIGNS PASTORATE

At the eleven o'clock services on last Sunday Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, tendered his resignation as pastor to take effect with the ending of that service, he having accepted a call to the church at Haskell.

Rev. Albertson, as stated in this paper last week, is a very capable, energetic, consecrated Christian minister, and during his stay here made a large circle of close friends. He believed in preaching the truth, letting the words fall where they may. We join his many friends in wishing him and his estimable family much success and happiness in their new home and field of endeavor.

And a this paper is about to be published we learn with much pleasure that the membership of the First Baptist church on Wednesday evening of this week unanimously called to its services the Rev. Ira L. Parrack. Rev. Parrack is now pastor at Gorman, having gone there from the Merkel church, where for four years he served the local congregation successfully and happily. Rev. Parrack is too well and favorably known here for us to comment further, hence we will suffice it to say that we hope he accepts the call.

## MCFARLAND SELLS HIS GARAGE HERE

A deal was recently consummated whereby Mr. F. C. McFarland sold his garage, known as the McFarland Garage, to Messrs. J. A. Stanford, V. B. Sublett, Bishop Hunter and Paul D. Stanford. The deal has been completed and the new owners and proprietors are now in charge.

Most all these gentlemen are either familiar with the management and business connected with the garage business or are first class mechanics, and with their knowledge of the business there is every likelihood that they will meet with success in their new undertaking.

As one member of the firm stated to the writer, "the auto owner and traveling public is looking for quick, courteous and efficient service and that is what we propose to give our customers." Read their announcement in this paper.

Mr. McFarland, who for many years has been a very popular and successful garage man, has not announced his future intentions, but will likely do so soon.

### Trent Ladies to give Minstrel

A negro minstrel will be staged at the school auditorium on July 25, 1925. This minstrel is put on by the young ladies under the auspices of the Womens Missionary Society. Prices of admission will be 15c and 25c. Remember the date and don't fail to come and enjoy yourself for an hour or so. Saturday night, July 25, 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Morton left first of the week for a visit with friends and relatives at Wellington, Texas. They were accompanied on their trip by Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Chance, of Roby, father and mother of Mrs. A. Morton.

Plenty feed at G. M. Sharp's. 1t

## FARMER INVENTS COTTON CHOPPER

Mr. Warren Higgins, splendid citizen and most successful young farmer residing near this city, has recently invented and has pending for patent a cotton chopper, which, according to those who have seen and investigated it seems certain to not only prove a success and a great saving of time, expense and labor to the cotton farmer in getting his cotton chopped, but also an invention that bids fair to make wealthy the enterprising young farmer making the invention.

Mr. Higgins states that the chopper can be placed on any make of cultivator, and according to present experiment will be a saving to the average farmer of from 60 to 85 per cent.

He has already sold seven and will deliver ten more this week. They are being made at present time, right here in Merkel, but Mr. Higgins states that it is possible that he will soon have to have them made in 10,000 lots, as there is every indication that the invention will be a complete success and the demand almost universal among the cotton farmers of the south.

The Mail with Mr. Higgins' many friends rejoice with him in his good fortune and wish for him all the continued success that he so richly deserves.

### OLD SETTLERS PICNIC AT BUFFALO GAP 17TH

The Mail is requested to announce that a special invitation is given all Old Fiddlers to be present and participate in the program that is to be given on the day of the Old Settlers picnic, which is to be July 17th.

Mr. Wallace Bragg of Chillocothe, Texas, spent last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

The Blue Bird says



Maybe it is a good thing the child labor amendment wasn't adopted. What would the New York team do without Babe Ruth?

But what are we going to do about the child labor of some grown men?

Speaking of weeks. Why not have a full week's work week?

It's a good thing U. S. Senators are paid by the year. They would starve to death on piece (or peace) work.

Let's not have another constitutional amendment until the federal courts catch up with this one.

A scientist says men are more open to conviction than women. They certainly are convicted more often.

Only half the voters vote—and generally the wrong half.

We cannot hope for much in the way of prison reform until we get to sending a better class of folks there.

\$800 for a dog-bite, says a newspaper headline. We will wait until they get a bit cheaper.

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## Condensed Statement

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON  
JUNE 30, 1925

### RESOURCES

Loans	\$355,200.31
Overdrafts	782.82
Banking House	12,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,430.00
Other Real Estate	13,002.50
Stocks and Warrants	6,880.74
Assessment Gty. Fund	10,591.52
Interest Gty. Fund	8,422.66
CASH & U. S. BONDS	124,881.25
Total	\$537,691.80

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	9,448.65
Dividend Unpaid	2,500.00
DEPOSITS	475,743.15
Total	\$537,691.80

The Above Statement is Correct.

W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

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## Along the Lonely Road

By ALDEN BROOKS

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GEORGE had an almost unnatural sympathy for the weaknesses of others. In any case if anyone came running out to stop the trolley George would always put the brakes on quick and stop. And at the end of the line, way out in the country, where the boys all went bathing in summer, he made a point of waiting two or three minutes after the conductor had changed the bell. As there is always some poor devil late in this world George didn't like to leave him behind. "Come on, hurry!" we used to say to one another; "if it's George, there's still time." And, indeed, often before starting, George would get down in the road himself and take a last look.

Naturally everyone knew him. His platform was always crowded. And you stood there behind him, friends all together, because you were each his friend, and talked and laughed, and George occasionally breaking in himself with some new gossip of the road and a merry word for every newcomer.

"Hello, old son! hop on! How's the boy? Yes, it's hot—at least so I hear. And the kids? Say, how many you got now? Well, what's that old girl ahead going to do? Does she want to get on or not? Doesn't seem to know her own mind. Guess I'd better stop, though."

As for aged people and invalids, as likely as not George would step down first from the platform and help them off. But it was with the boys on the afternoon trips back from the lake that he was at his gayest. For then there was always room for one more on the platform, and sometimes he would even allow the nearest to clasp the bell with his foot—a solemn privileged office.

However, one day the accident occurred at last. And it was just on one of those very trips back from the lake with a raft of boys on board. They were a little late as usual and the old car was rocking and buzzing along, when like a whirlwind out of a cross street came a swell auto, and though its chauffeur instinctively tried to veer round, up the road, over the tracks, bang, bumped the trolley into its side amidst dust and cries and the splinter of glass.

"Yes, I guess it was my fault," acknowledged George guiltlessly, standing in the road in the middle of his friends and the occupants of the car. "I was speeding her up a bit and I ought to have rung. I thought the boy there was going to do it."

As they moved on into town George half hoped the incident might end there. But a few days later he was called up by the superintendent. The owner of the car had claimed damages for some hundred dollars.

"Now, Thompson, between ourselves, exactly how did the accident happen?" "Well, sir, believe me, we were just coming through the woods there at the foot of the hill and as we were a little late and I was putting on more power to take the hill, all of a sudden—"

"Late! Why were you late?" "Because . . . because . . . well, often we wait a little for the boys there at the lake. You see, if they miss a trolley, they have to wait a whole other half hour down there."

"Really! And don't these same boys, or whoever they are, sometimes climb all over the front platform and even fool with the bell at times?" "Well, perhaps—well, yes, they do." "Now, listen, Thompson; for several years you've been in the company's service and your record has been satisfactory. This is your first dismember. But an accident has occurred, an accident that might have cost the company a great deal more than it has, and we want nothing more of the kind from you. Another accident, and you're fired."

"Yes," answered George, bowing his head, tears almost in his eyes. "And let me remind you of several things. First, you're there to start on time."

"Second, you're to remain always at your post and attend to your job. Third, there is a sign over your head. Have you read it?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, see that it's obeyed. Just you mind your own business in future and let the people behind you mind theirs. You're the motorman and nothing else. And a good motorman travels on time, says nothing, listens to nobody, and keeps his eyes always fixed on the road ahead. He's an integral part of the mechanism, as it were . . ."

George is back at work, though it's another line, and he's not the same man. Everything is changed. No boys, no friends, never a turn of the head, never a moment's hesitation all along the road. "Ah, old cow, trot if you like and wave your umbrella! If I get fired, a lot you'd care. Get there on time."

All this is as it should be. How could it be otherwise? We can't go back now to leisurely old-fashioned ways. Still, I have found George's case a sad one, and I haven't been able to prevent myself from writing about it.

**Character and Reputation**  
Character is one thing, reputation quite another. Character is what you are, reputation what others think you are. Too many people depend less on character than they do on reputation, and therein lies the reason for their ultimate exposure and undoing.—Grit

## NOODLE NEWS

The revival conducted by Rev. Stutts and Williams closed last Tuesday night. There have been five or six conversions and reclamations. We appreciate the good these men have done and trust their efforts at other places will be crowned with success.

The Baptist people begin a revival right away. Rev. Campbell, the pastor will do the preaching.

There was quite a bit of visiting among our people the fourth. Some went to Abilene; others visited relatives and friends.

Russell and Loraine Herring were among the number who went from Noodle to Abilene on Saturday.

L. M. Howard of Hamlin is spending a few days with his son W. B. Howard, of this place.

Miss Dula Harrison of Horn was in Noodle Tuesday.

Carlton Vick spent Tuesday morning in Noodle.

Uncle Zeke Harrison and L. M. Howard went over to Hamlin Tuesday.

U. B. Wheeler of Horn spent a while in Noodle Monday.

Mrs. S. C. Vick and little son, Lloyd, are visiting in New Mexico.

Russell Herring was in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Howard and little boys were in Merkel Monday morning.

Miss Ruby Reagan of the Horn community was in Noodle Tuesday morning.

I. N. Irvin went over to Merkel Tuesday.

Mrs. G. C. Ely and little daughter were in Merkel Monday morning.

E. G. Oliver and family moved to Dora in Nolan county Monday of this week.

Mrs. T. C. Jenkins went to Merkel Monday morning.

Otto Bicknell was in Noodle first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bird have returned home.

T. C. Jenkins and C. T. Derrick made a trip to the Plains. W. B. and L. M. Howard were in Abilene Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Owens, of Iowa Park, came down last Saturday for a visit with home folks and friends. Mr. Owen returned to his home Monday, but left Mrs. Owen and the children for a more extended visit in the home of Mrs. Owen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp.

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money.

Mrs. I. R. Burns and son, W. E., spent last week in Abilene with the former's brother.

## STATEMENT OF CONDITION THE OLD RELIABLE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business June 30, 1925

### RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$265,141.92
Overdrafts	170.16
Bonds and Warrants	23,938.37
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	90.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH, SIGHT EXCHANGE AND U. S. BONDS	253,716.93
Total	\$552,819.88

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided profits	18,951.98
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	477,617.90
Total	\$552,819.88

J. T. Warren, Pres. L. R. Thompson, Cash.  
Booth Warren, Ass't Cash. Owen Ellis, Ass't Cashier

DIRECTORS— J. T. Warren, Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson, Sam Butman Sr., Booth Warren

Never Missed a Dividend  
Never Assessed a Shareholder



### Will Buy Cotton Seed

If you have cotton seed for sale, bring them to Hamm's Gin next week, we will be there to look after same. F.P. HAMM. It

Mrs. John Sears left first of the week for a visit with relatives at Cisco, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ellis and son, Castle, left last week for an extended visit among friends and relatives at Deport and other East Texas points.

Mr. W. G. McGarr and family of San Antonio are here visiting in the home of the former's sister, Mrs. H. F. Groene.

### SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

We will sell, on Saturday only, gas at 22 cents per gallon and good oil at 20 cents per quart, at C. P. Stephens Filling Station. Itpd

Mrs. W. T. Rea, of Fort Worth is here this week the guest of her son, Rev. T. J. Rea, and family.

Miss Dale Hall of Colorado, Texas, is the guest of Miss Lucille Guitar this week.

Mrs. John Edwards of Odessa, was here this week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp and other relatives and friends.

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## HIGH GRADE MONUMENTS

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We have the largest finishing plant in the West. We buy high grade rough granite at the quarry which comes to us at a low raw material freight rate, which enables us to make any size and design at a saving in price to our customers.

Write us when ready to buy and our factory representative, Mr. G. C. McCord, a member of the firm, will be glad to call and submit modern designs and prices; or we would be glad to have you visit our plant. When you deal with us you deal direct, avoiding middle-man profit.

NOTICE—I have plenty of Maize Heads in the house. Come and get what you need. Also have some Red Top Cane Seed if you need them. L. L. Murray. It

Mr. W. L. Diltz, Sr., is this week attending a meeting of the Texas Synod of the Presbyterian church at Dallas.

Fresh shipment of Seal Flour. Try a sack. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Rotan Cypert of Slaton while enroute to Dallas, stopped here for a few days last week for a visit with Mr. Cypert's parents, Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert.

Miss Amanda Curtis visited her brother, Mr. T. V. Curtis, at Sweetwater this week. She reports her brother as being very sick, infact is not expected to live.

A nice, new coat of paint has recently been put on the outside of the Nazarene church, which adds very much to the appearance and attractiveness of same.

All Gold Coffee is guaranteed, try a can. G. M. Sharp. It

### BLUE BUGS?

Feed MARTIN'S POULTRY TONE to your chickens and paint the hen house with MARTIN'S ROOST PAINT to kill and keep away insects. Guaranteed by Merkel Drug Company



**SALT BRANCH NEWS**  
By Lois Jaynes

It is still hot and dry. Farmers are about through work. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shipley of Lusk, Texas, were visitors in the home of W. J. Higgins and family Sunday and Monday.

Mr. W. W. Outlaw spent the week-end at Silver Valley.

Mrs. Carl Jaynes and children of the Mt. Pleasant community were guests in the home of J. A. Jaynes last week-end.

Miss Hattie Harris of Brownwood is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Harris this week.

The Salt Branch Singing class met with Hebron class Sunday afternoon and all enjoyed the singing very much.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman are away on a visit to his mother in East Texas.

Mrs. Homer Patterson of Merkel was the guest of her mother, Mrs. G. D. Harris, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris of Warren were guests of his mother Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brabbin of route three announce the birth of a 11 pound baby girl on Thursday, July 9.

**A Circular Tour.**  
Mary had a little ring, 'twas given by Joe, and everywhere that Mary went that ring was sure to go. She took the ring with her one day, when she went out to tea, where she might show it to the girls, who numbered twenty-three. And when the girls all saw the ring they made a great ado, exclaiming with one voice: "Has it at last got round to you?"

**Ouch!**



I wish the boss would heal that collar gall with

**DR. LEGEAR'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING POWDER**

A soothing remedy for saddle and collar galls, barb wire cuts and many sores on livestock. Apply freely from the handy sifter top can. Heals quickly. Keeps off the flies.

**Satisfaction Guaranteed or Money Back**

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**KILL SCREW WORMS**—instantly, heal wounds quickly and keep off flies with Martin's Screw Worm Killer. Guaranteed by Merkel Drug Company

**WARREN NEWS**  
By Miss Rose Ellington

Most of the farmers are just about up with their crops, and are looking for a good rain.

Health of the community is very good at present.

We are glad that Buster McCoy was able to come home Sunday from the Abilene Sanitarium. We hope he will soon be able to be up and around.

Mrs. Jim Copeland is no better at this writing.

Mrs. Jim Peterson and family of Hamilton is visiting her sister Mrs. G. E. Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Canon and family, and Miss Rose Ellington were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs Sunday.

Grandma Hobbs, Ella Hobbs and Mrs. Ellington spent the day with Grandma Howell Sunday.

Mr. Neil Jones spent Saturday night with his sister, Mrs. Arthur McCoy.

Mrs. Emmett Patterson spent Tuesday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Flinch.

Mrs. C. T. McCormick spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Ellington.

Mr. Hall Hobbs and Jasper Hobbs spent Sunday with Mr. Raymond Stout.

Mrs. Homer Foster spent the afternoon Thursday with Grandma and Ella Hobbs.

Mr. Bill Howell spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister in Clyde.

Misses Lillie and Liddie Jones spent Sunday with Misses Artie and Helen McCormick.

Miss Lois Jaynes was the guest of Misses Vera and Vela Jones Sunday.

Mr. Herbert Kelso spent Sunday with Charlie T. McCormick.

Mrs. Brit Baker's brother spent last week with her.

Mrs. Emmett Patterson's sister of Dallas visited her this week.

**SALT BRANCH ITEMS**  
By Miss Wynona Patton

The Salt Branch Sunday school was attended by a large crowd Sunday morning.

Bro. L. P. Fitzgerald will fill his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ruba Patton was the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Thornton, this week.

Miss Anna Myrtle Walker was the guest of Miss Marie Pinkley Sunday.

Mr. Loyd Thompson and wife are visiting Mr. Thompson's father, Mr. E. H. Thompson.

Mr. S. O. Patton and family enjoyed the community picnic at Mt. Pleasant, to which they had a special invitation.

Mr. Edd Shipley and family were visiting Mrs. Shipley's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins.

**The Girl He Left Behind**  
By FRANK WALL

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THE old home town basking drowsily in the warm sunshine, looked good to John MacNeil after his three years in New York. He stood at the corner of the block when he came out of the depot. This was where he had proposed to her, he remembered, his eyes twinkling. It was in the middle of winter and there had been a heavy snowstorm; and just as he stooped for her answer an avalanche of snow slumped off the roof and stretched them flat on the sidewalk.

"And I held her there until she said, 'Yes,'" he muttered. "Cave man stuff, she called it, but she liked it. Gosh! They all do."

And away he swung again down the little street where her firm was located.

He asked the girl at the information desk for Edna Burke. She smiled at his question.

"Miss Burke?" he said again, and there was a snap in his voice this time.

"You mean Mrs. Marshall," she said at last.

"I mean Miss Burke."

"She's Mrs. Marshall now. It's the same one. She used to be Edna Burke."

MacNeil passed his hand slowly across his cheek. He felt as if his face were frozen. "D'ye mean she's married?" he said quietly.

"I guess so. Next, please."

"Thank you," he said mechanically, and he walked out.

Some men would have insisted on seeing her, but what was the use? He called up her firm and asked for Mrs. Marshall, and when he heard her voice he put the receiver back on the hook and went to take up his new job without even speaking to her.

He had planned to surprise her with his return. Well, she had surprised him, that was all.

When he was recently offered the editorship of the paper where he had started his newspaper career as a cub reporter he thought it was the most wonderful thing that had ever happened in his life. His three years in New York had not weakened his longing for the old home town. In all of his letters to Edna Burke he had dwelt on his ambition to make good in metropolitan newspaper work; but all the time—though he was too proud to own it after the way he had reproached her for not wanting him to go—he had just longed to get back.

No, it wasn't that at all, he told himself savagely. It was Edna he wanted to get back to. Manlike, he was twisting the knife in his wound, merely hurting himself to prove he didn't care. He went up the old stone steps of the Eagle with a heart like lead, and walked through the big editorial room, where he had planned to make such a triumphal entry, with his face all white and set.

He entered the editorial sanctum unannounced and nodded grimly to old Lennon, whom he was to replace. The old man greeted him affectionately.

"But you don't look well," he quavered; "I guess New York didn't agree with you."

"I'm all right," said MacNeil vaguely, and he began to ask questions about the paper.

Lennon showed him what was necessary and said he was staying on for a few weeks to get him started. He insisted on MacNeil taking the editorial chair by the window and went to a desk at the other side of the room.

Boys were rushing in all the time with proofs. Hooper, the editorial writer, came to suggest a change in one of the editorials in the noon edition. Lennon referred them all to MacNeil and he answered them in his quick incisive fashion, but his face was like a mask over the despair that was gnawing at his heart.

"Then you think this editorial should be changed?" said Hooper.

MacNeil was staring out of the window. He saw Edna coming slowly across the square, her arm linked with that of a good-looking young fellow, at whom she was glancing continually.

MacNeil turned slowly. He hadn't heard a word the other man had said but he nodded vaguely. He couldn't speak just then.

Hooper went out and Lennon went with him to get his lunch. MacNeil slumped back in his chair his face haggard. When the boy presently opened the door, he didn't even look up. He didn't hear the footsteps that came swiftly into the room. It was the sight of a small hand resting on his desk that roused him. He looked up at her, his heart beating wildly.

"You shouldn't be here," he said. "You're married, you know."

And then her arms were round his neck. She was crying and laughing and speaking all at once. "I called myself Mrs. Marshall because in my other place the men were always asking me to go out," she said.

"But that man you were with in the square?"

"It's my brother back from South America. Don't you remember? I told you about him."

MacNeil sat up and pushed his hand through his hair. "Mrs. Marshall," he said thoughtfully, "I've a new job for you, and this time you may call yourself Mrs. MacNeil."

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Miss Geraldine Cook of Holliday, Texas, is a guest in the G. M. Sharp home this week.

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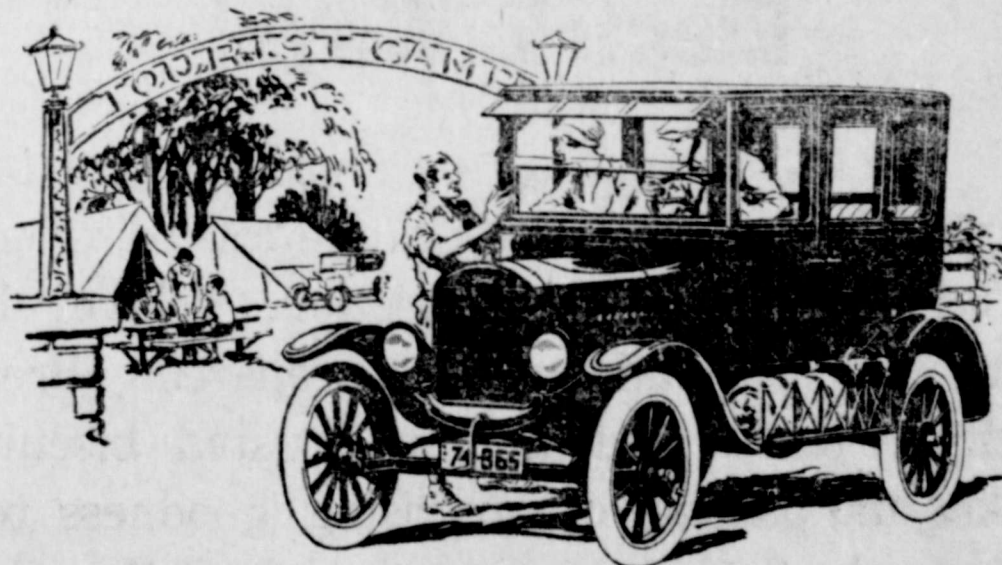
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Attention of critics who claim that Americans, particularly American women, are narrow-minded when it comes to viewing personal morals is invited to the bill introduced in the South Dakota Legislature by Representative Gladys Pyle. It provides pensions for the partial support of widows under certain conditions, and also for the partial support of "any woman who has been divorced from her husband in this State for a period of one year or more, when such woman is pregnant."

Here is a law that not only fails to penalize what old-fashioned people are wont to call immorality, but actually rewards it. So long as a grass widow retains her morals, she can't get a pension. When she strays from the path of virtue, the state steps in and rewards her.

Nobody can call representative Gladys Pyle a narrow minded old fogey, that's certain.

Mr. J. S. Thomas, Mr. Loring Hamblet, Miss Lorena Dry, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brown of Tuscola, left last Saturday for a pleasure trip to Corpus Christi and other places in South Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Harkins of Roscoe, Texas, were visitors in the W. O. Boney home last week end. Mrs. Harkins is a sister to Mrs. Boney.

**Trent Missionary Notes**

The Womans Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, south will meet at the usual time Monday, July 13, 1925. The program is taken from the Missionary Voice as follows:

Song; Business.  
Report of Officers and committees. Roll call, responding with the name of a deaconess or home missionary.

The Belle H. Bennett Memorial, Mrs. C. H. Ledger.

Bulletin, Mrs. D. J. Rawlings.  
A Sisterhood of Mothers caring for the children, Mrs. M. G. Scott.

A message from one of our Wesley House Missionary Societies, Mrs. J. S. Reid.

Bible lesson, Luke 18:15-17, Mrs. R. B. McRee.  
Song; Prayer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze, accompanied by Misses Althea Boden and Marie Fornabarger, will leave the latter part of the week for a trip to Roswell, New Mexico, and other points in that state.

Mr. H. C. Fronabarger and daughter, Fae Marie, of Fort Worth, have been guests in the O. B. Boden home the past week. Mr. Fronabarger is a brother of Mrs. Boden.

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The bungalow sign—George's Kandy Kitchen, on Front street. "Eat Hand-Made Candy" and protect your health. Try our Hamburgers, Cold Drinks and Cigars. George W. Thompson, proprietor.

**THE POET'S CORNER**

(Editor's Note—The following poem was written by Miss Nina Medeoh Rawlings, of Trent Texas, age thirteen years.)

**WEST TEXAS**

(Copyright pending by Nina Medeoh Rawlings)  
Why don't you come to West Texas, where the weeping mesquite grows,

Where the sand storms play thunder and the western wind blows.

It's got a fascination that never once did fail,

Cause when folks once get here they stay till they are stale.

Briars and bushes with the old mesquite,

With plenty o' jackrabbit and plenty beans to eat,

But you can grow the cotton just to beat the band,

Then pretty soon you'll fall in love with this here land.

You'll think there's nothing like it, over hill and plain,

Pretty soon like everybody you'll praise West Texas' name.

But if you don't like West Texas, well just stay right where ye am,

Won't be nobody crying cause nobody gives a—care.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pee and children returned last week from a visit with relatives at Bagwell, Texas.

Mrs. D. W. Stalls and daughter, Miss Willie Stalls, left Tuesday after a visit of several weeks with their daughter and sister, Mrs. L. L. Murray.

Mrs. L. P. Ligon returned last Sunday from Dallas, where she took her small son and daughter for minor operations.

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**Wild Bill's Last Spree**

By ELIZA M. HARVEY

YOUTH sat heavily upon Wild Bill Wasson. Just now Wild Bill was learning—not to his taste, exactly—but learning, for all that.

His girl had thrown him down for the measly Kelly, who hadn't the courage to be so wild as he. His career in life was wrecked—just as his motorcycle had been wrecked in the last race. If he hadn't hit that skid he would certainly have walked away with nine thousand dollars, a perfectly good pair of legs, and a perfectly good girl.

But the chap who did win the nine thousand—Wild Bill cursed him under his breath, then he suddenly said aloud, defiantly—to no one and no thing in particular—

"I'm going on one wild spree! They call me Wild Bill—just because I drove a motorcycle hell-bent where any other guy is afraid to make more than forty miles. Well—I got mine, all right! But I'm not done yet, just because I've got a game leg. Wait till I get on my feet.

He got on his feet several months later, with a slightly perceptible limp—a bitter heart—and a recklessness that boded ill for anything that stood in its way. Money had been showered on Wild Bill with lavish hand by the fates—and an indulgent parent. He was like any other man who had come too early to the age of twenty-four.

If any man ever earned a sobriquet, Wild Bill earned his from then on. Wild parties and wild women knew Wild Bill as a thick-as-thieves intimate; till Wild Bill's old girl, being selfish and a coward at heart, shook inwardly at the havoc she had wrought and wondered what would be the end.

There's no knowing what the end might have been—if Kelly's old girl hadn't been in the line of duty that night. She danced with Bill as a silvery curtain dropped from nowhere around the dance floor—cutting the revelers at the tables completely from sight. The huge shaded chandelier over the dance floor went dark, Wild Bill hugged the girl up to him and said under his breath:

"Give us a kiss." The girl pulled back quickly, and answered with a sharp intake of breath.

"Not unless you take me away from here in that big blue car outside."

Bill kissed her with a grin. And five minutes later they were tearing down the long smooth road. There was a careening silence, till Bill said abruptly:

"You're here—what'll you have?"

"You!" the girl spoke sharply. "You're too good a man to go like this. You think that girl broke your heart and wrecked your life just because she threw you down for Kelly. Kelly threw me down for her. You're worth ten of Kelly. You've got to stop before it's too late."

"Wow! Got to, eh? Where do you get off? What have I got to stop for? Nobody cares for me, my girl."

"I do. I've been mad about you ever since you first started racing, but I was promised to Kelly—and I kept my word. She never cared for you in a minute like I do. You know there's other things in life beside racing. You're just off on the wrong foot. Take some of that coin you're wasting and start around the world in this car—with me. Get into a decent business, marry me and settle down and try the other side of life. If it's no go—you can step out, say 'I'm through—good-by and good luck,' and you won't hear a word from me. If it pans out—well, who knows? Anyhow—I'm willing to try—and I'll stick—and I keep my word."

The big blue car slowed down to a creeping pace. Bill looked at the girl with eyes and brain cleared by the shock of what she was saying. Suddenly he laughed uproariously. He stepped on the gas—and Wild Bill yelled over his shoulder:

"Well! That's one kind of spree I've never tried! But I'll try anything once. You're on—let's go!"

He was still laughing when the justice of the peace sighed sleepily over the words that made them one, hours later. The girl's face was set. She had made a grandstand play—but she was not afraid to race it out with him.

There's a quiet little town in the West where business is booming under the hand of a keen-eyed, clear-brained chap. Everybody in town swears by him. He has a wife that he wouldn't take all the kingdoms of the world for, and who rules his life with her slightest smile. He has two children that are the pride of his heart. He leads a cool, sane, steady life that many a man points out as a top-worthy existence for example to his growing sons.

Wild Bill Wasson is still on his last spree.

**What Else Could He Do?**  
She was a practical young woman, and he had been flirting with her for a long time. When they met at the party she thought it was time she brought him up to the scratch.

Games were in progress after dinner, and he, searching for her, discovered her in the conservatory.

"Come along," he said, "we're just going to play 'Kiss-in-the-Ring,' and I shan't enjoy it unless you play."

"Let's play it out here," she answered. "I'll give you the kiss and you give me the ring."

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Miss Mary Campbell of this city and Miss Zelma Red, of Lamesa, returned last week from a trip to Austin, San Antonio, San Marcos and other South Texas points. After their trip they returned to Merkel, where the Misses Red spent a week as the guests of Misses Mary and Ouida Campbell.

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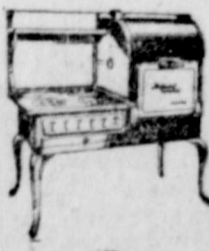
1. Song. Prayer.  
2. Business, taking in new members, etc. 3. Records.  
4. Introduction, D. O. Huddleston.  
5. The vineyard is planted, Ruby Lloyd. 6. Peter questions Jesus, Margaret Miller. 7. Jesus' answers Peter, Christain Rister. 8. The servant is brought before the king, Cullen Tittle.  
9. The same servant refuses to show mercy, George Gen.  
10. The king punishes the servant, Irene Rister. 11. The Lord's Prayer, Alton Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Largent returned first of the week from a trip to San Angelo, where they joined the latter's mother, Mrs. Harkrider, in a visit on the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippet.

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About the middle of February the company announced that it would provide balloon tires as optional equipment on all new Ford cars at small additional cost and would also provide balloon tire wheels for owners who wished to change over to the new equipment.

Simultaneously dealers were requested to furnish estimates as to the number of new cars they would require with balloon equipment. Under these estimates 20 per cent of the cars produced during the first month were equipped with balloons.

Requirements for this kind of equipment immediately began to

increase until in May more than 60 per cent of the new car production was equipped with balloon tires with every indication that the percentage for June would be even higher.

In connection with the use of balloon tires the company has checked thoroughly into the matter of correct inflation and recommends the following table for the guidance of Ford owners:

	Front	Rear
Coupe	24 lbs. 24 lbs.	24 lbs. 24 lbs.
Runabout	24 lbs. 24 lbs.	24 lbs. 24 lbs.
Touring Car	24 lbs. 27 lbs.	24 lbs. 27 lbs.
Tudor Sedan	24 lbs. 30 lbs.	24 lbs. 30 lbs.
Fordor Sedan	24 lbs. 24 lbs.	24 lbs. 24 lbs.

It is explained that in order to secure the maximum service and comfort from balloon tires it is essential that the foregoing table of tire pressures be rigidly followed. Under inflation results in rapid wear of the tread and also tends to break down the walls of the tire. If over inflated, the cushioning effect of the tires is lost and the owner of the car

does not enjoy the easy riding qualities which come from the use of properly inflated balloon tires.

### Will Buy Cotton Seed

If you have cotton seed for sale, bring them to Hamm's Gin next week, we will be there to look after same. F.P. HAMM. It

Mr. W. F. Derrick, of Farmersville, Texas, was in the city Wednesday, accompanied by his son, Mr. C. T. Derrick, one of the well fixed and substantial citizens of the Noodle community, whom the former is visiting. The senior Mr. Derrick has just made a trip over the South Plains, and reports having been well pleased with that fine section of West Texas.

Mr. Lawrence Henry of El Centro, California, is visiting his uncle, Mr. Fred Groene.

### No Time for Business

By WILLIS BRINDLEY

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MR. OLIVER PITTOCK, assistant credit manager of the Itsgood Manufacturing company, having been summoned by an insistent buzz, stood now beside the desk of Mr. James Ogilvie, president of the company.

Mr. Pittock was scared. When a man is forty-eight and bald and a little stooped and has four children and an invalid wife, he scares easily.

Mr. Ogilvie, the president, barked at him so fiercely that old Mr. Hawthorne, chairman of the board, who was standing at a window, looking out, turned his fine, white-haired head in surprise.

"I want you to go down to Berrydale and see Sam Findler and get that \$1,800 dollars he owes us."

"Yes, sir, but—"

"No 'buts'—I have no time for 'buts.' You go after that money and get it—at once!"

Mr. Pittock went. He had no choice but to go, and his task was the more galling because credit had been extended to Sam Findler in the face of his protest.

But what can a man do when his immediate superior is son-in-law of the chairman of the board? Pittock was only assistant credit manager. He had made a careful report on Findler, had recommended that further credit be denied the man, and with his own eyes had seen the credit manager toss the report and recommendation, unread, into a file basket.

And now that Findler's bill had climbed to \$1,800 dollars, somebody must be the goat. He, Pittock, was being sent to collect an impossible account. When he failed, as he surely would fail, there would be dismissal. It was unthinkable that the ax would fall upon his chief, the chairman's son-in-law. The thing was cut and dried.

But he went to Berrydale and tried—tried hard—to get at least part of the money from Findler, and security for the balance. He came back beaten, nerved for dismissal, and bitter at heart.

Again he stood beside the president's desk, his left knee trembling in its baggy trousers leg. Again Ogilvie barked at him.

"Well, you didn't get it, I suppose. Why didn't you get it?"

"Because Findler has no money and no credit."

"Then you arranged for return of our merchandise?"

"The merchandise is sold and the money from it spent. Findler is no business man. He has an expensive wife and an expensive motor car, a passion for golf and no time for business."

Mr. Ogilvie, the president, leaned back in his big mahogany chair, his thumbs in the armbolts of his waistcoat, and swung part way around to catch the eye of old Mr. Hawthorne, chairman of the board, who stood by a window. His look was eloquent: "Look at what I'm up against," it said.

"The progress we make is in spite of brainless work by incompetents, like this person before us."

"Then why, may I ask," he said to Pittock, "was this man who is no business man, who has, as you say, an expensive wife, an expensive motor car, a passion for golf and no time for business—why was such a man allowed to get into us to the tune of \$1,800 dollars?"

It was Pittock's cue, of course, to hang his head and stammer excuses. Then would come the cold and cutting dismissal. But, of a sudden, the injustice of the thing made him cast to the winds the office virtues—caution, humility, respect for superiors. His voice rang:

"Because my recommendation was ignored by the credit manager of this company, who is no business man, who has an expensive wife, an expensive motor car, a passion for golf and no time for business."

The president's jaw dropped. He paled. This was terrible, unheard of, unspeakable.

But before he spoke, the old chairman took a step forward.

"I think, Mr. Ogilvie," he said, and his voice was calm and low, "that this man knows his business. I think that it would be well to promote him to the title and salary of credit manager. I will, in such case, make other arrangements for the employment of my son-in-law."

The good right leg of Mr. Pittock, which had held him while his left leg trembled in its sagging trousers leg suddenly gave way, and he grabbed the desk to save a fall.

Then he straightened up, ten years fell off him, and his heels clanked as he strode out to take on the duties and the salary of a real job.

### Regulating the Flag

The Continental congress passed a resolution on June 14, 1777, that the flag have 13 stripes, alternating red and white, and a union consisting of 13 stars of white on a field of blue. Vermont having been admitted to the Union in 1791, and Kentucky in 1792, congress enacted, on January 13, 1794, a law that the flag of the United States be 15 stripes, alternating red and white, and that the union be of 15 stars. The number of states increased rapidly, and for this reason, in 1817, congress enacted a law that the number of stripes be reduced to 13, to represent the 13 original states, and that the number of stars be increased to 23, one for each state in the Union.

# Saturday Specials

Several brands of Cold Patch 50c sellers to go at **25 cents each.**

A. C. and Splitdorf Spark Plugs to fit any car at **10% off list price**

A nice line of Whiz products body polish; High Pressure lubricant; Menz hand soap, Rubber cement, etc. all to go at **10% discount**

Our stock of Tires and Tubes is complete, any thing in the house at **10% off**

Let us drain your crankcase and refill your Motor with 100% Pure Pennsylvania Oil, regular price \$1.20 gallon, Saturday only **\$1.00**

And we will absolutely guarantee this oil to give satisfaction; your money refunded if it does not.

We have some real bargains in high class merchandise, come and see.

## Oasis Filling Station

Bill Haynes, Manager

Your Patronage Appreciated

Phone 25

FREE ROAD SERVICE

### SUBLETT, STARKEY AND OSBORNE REUNION 30TH.

A delightful reunion of the families and relatives of the Subletts, Starkeys and Osbornes, was held nine miles south of Sweetwater, near beautiful Lake Trammel, on Tuesday, June 30, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sublett, where barbecue and all the accessories that go with the same was served to the 102 relatives and friends in attendance.

Those present upon the happy occasion were as follows: Mrs. M. Hardy, Hale Center; Mrs. Mollie Starkey, Martha, Oklahoma; Mr. S. H. Starkey, Altus, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Starkey, Altus, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sublett, Terlingua, Texas; James Thornhill, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Orsburn and daughter, Knox City; Mrs. J. M. Nelson, Knox City; Mrs. Mollie Dodd, niece and nephew, Weatherford; Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Hunter and four children, Quemada, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Headrick and son, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wade and three children, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kinsey and daughter, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jenkins Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Daniel, Sweetwater; J. N. Helm and four children, Sweetwater; Mrs. Fay McDonald and son, Sweetwater; T. C. Allen, wife and son, Merkel; W. J. Hayes, wife and four children, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sublett, Merkel; Mrs. Lula Walker and four children, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hicks, Merkel; E. J. Orsburn, wife and six children, Blair Lanier Bennett, Abilene; Euna Lea Gilmore, Merkel; Mrs. M. J. Starkey, Merkel; Irene Sublett, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nix returned Wednesday from a fishing and outing trip to the Concho near Paint Rock. They were accompanied by Uncle Bill Shepard, king fisherman in this neck of the woods, and of course report plenty of fish. Mr. and Mrs. Nix are here for a visit from Fort Worth, Mrs. Nix and Mrs. Gamble being sisters.

J. E. Cogburn and wife of Fort Worth were up last week for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn. The latter were proud to have all their children home for a visit again.

L. R. Thompson of Merkel, Texas, had such a good time in Rock Port last Wednesday, report of his visit appearing in our last issue, that he returned here from Tarkio on Saturday and remained until late at night, meeting dozens of old friends of his boyhood and young manhood days. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Lynniss, and niece, Miss Ruth Jones of Maryville. His intention, he said, had been to get away from town about 7 o'clock, but he was so thoroughly enjoying himself that he couldn't tear himself away. In fact, he said The Mail could quote him as saying he had the biggest day he had had for years. This paper is sincere in saying that his friends enjoyed his visit just as much as he did.—Atchison (Mo.) County Mail.

I have some second-hand galvanized corrugated Roofing and lumber for Sale cheap. Wm. O'Briant. 10t2

Mr. C. M. Largent is improving his already pretty home north of town with a new coat of paint. Also improvements are being made within the house.



When you take her to a show Your clothes are right because we know. —CASH KID

DON'T spoil your evening by fear that She notices that spot or stain—Eliminate it.

"Appearance Counts."

## Cash Tailor Shop

## EXTENSION SALE OF BARGAIN LOTS

WE ARE WELL PLEASED WITH THE SALE OF THOSE BARGAIN LOTS AND WILL HELP YOU SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF YOUR REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT BY EXTENDING THE SALE ON OUR PRESENT TERMS OF

One Dollar Down and Two Dollars a Week

GET YOURS WHILE YOU CAN MAKE A GOOD SELECTION

No Interest, No Taxes Until 1926

Real Estate holds wonderful possibilities for future wealth, especially in or near a city like Abilene. The steady, substantial growth, the schools and the commercial interests of this city tend to make this a safe investment, and one that is bound to increase in value.

Fire cannot burn your land out of existence, the robber cannot run away with it. Even if your house is reduced to a ruin, the lot remains intact. Real Estate is the Realist of all Real things, and in Reality a Real investment.

Why not invest today? It is our pleasure to serve you.

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ABILENE

DAN SIMPSON PHONE 1409



# Who Gets The Most For The Money He Spends?

**The one who buys haphazard---or the one who put his everyday purchasing on a business basis?**

**The latter, of course. He is the one who reads the advertisements and discovers just where he can buy what he wants.**

**He is the one who realizes the great value of advertising when it comes to the important business of spending his hard-earned money.**

**The well-informed shopper always has the advantage when it comes to the stretching of dollars. And you can't be up-to-date on the shopping news until you make a practice of reading the advertisements.**

The advertisements show you how to save money  
---and steps---and time. Watch them carefully.

Anything that increases your purchasing power  
is working hard for you.

**MAKE THE ADVERTISEMENTS SERVE YOU WELL  
READ THEM REGULARLY**



Mrs. Bird Murphy of Plainview, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Willie Joe Largent, this week.

**POULTRY INSECTS** can be killed and kept away by painting hen houses with **MARTIN'S ROOST PAINT** and feeding **MARTIN'S POULTRY TONS** to your chickens. Guaranteed by **Hamm Drug Company**

**NOTICE**  
If you want a well drilled, windmill or pump repaired, or anything in the well or pipe line. See—  
**TOM COATS**  
Or Phone No. 2.

*J. P. Howard*  
Scientific Mesneur  
**Collins Hotel**  
Phone 173

**Len Sublett**  
Water well Driller,  
all work guaranteed  
first-class.

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Office over Farmers State Bank  
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Insurance—Notary Public  
Over West Company—Front St.  
Merkel — Texas

**W. W. WHEELER**  
Real Estate, Fire, Accident and  
Tornado Insurance Agent.  
Notary Public.  
Office over Crown Hardware Co.

**BILIOUS SPELLS**  
Kentucky Man Finds Relief  
from Dizzy Attacks.  
"I suffered with severe bilious attacks that came on two or three times each month," says Mr. J. P. Nevins, of Lawrenceburg, Ky.  
"I would have dizziness and couldn't work."  
"I would take pills until I was worn-out with them. I didn't seem to get relief. After taking the pills my bowels would act a couple or three times, then I would be very constipated."  
"A neighbor told me of Black-Draught and I began its use. I never have found so much relief as it gave me. I would not be without it for anything."  
"It seemed to cleanse my whole system and made me feel like new. I would take a few doses—get rid of the bile and have my usual clear head, feel full of pep and could do twice the work."  
Made from pure, medicinal roots and herbs, Black-Draught is nature's own remedy for such symptoms as the above, when due to a torpid liver.  
Sold everywhere; 25c. C-32a  
Theford's  
**BLACK-DRAUGHT**  
LIVER MEDICINE

**NOT WISE PLAN FOR OPPOSITES TO MATE**

**Writer Takes Issue With Long-Accepted Maxim.**

Considering the hands of both husband and wife together is most interesting and most enlightening. I'd say to engaged couples, "Go and have your characters analyzed together." It's good advice and they'd probably adore doing it.  
But would they profit thereby? Not if they were really in love, as I told a gentleman who brought me his fiancée to look over. However, let me state right here that that ancient saw about the attraction of opposites may be right as to attraction, but it's all wrong as to suitability. The happiest, most enduring marriages are founded upon likeness. The more alike the better, unless, perhaps, it's a matter of violent temper, when, of course, the companion should have balance and self-control.  
Also supersensitiveness and jealousy should never be doubled. Two of these together will make themselves and the angels weep. By all means, let artist marry artist or art lover; and musicians are better mated to the musical, the business woman to the business man.  
And, above all, look for a similarity in a sense of humor. Dissimilarity of that all-important sense has ruined more homes than yamps, drink and religious differences put together. How to tell it? Um—that's hard, for it isn't to be found in the lines. Truly adaptable people, who are those with a sense of humor, have the flexible hand, warm in color and warm in its heat quality. The palm is invariably spotted, the flanges of the fingers well proportioned, apt to be a trifle wide at the tips, which are sensitive. People with large humps of ambition, which bump is right under the first finger, very seldom own that cherished gift. Why, heaven only knows.  
That other old saw about "Man's love is of a man's life a thing apart; 'tis woman's whole existence" is all both. With many women it is a thing apart, and with innumerable men it is their whole existence.  
The love-dependent man is really more common than the love-dependent woman, and his number is increasing; or rather, the love-dependent woman is decreasing, as she finds that work is an anodyne.—Ethel Watts Mumford in the Saturday Evening Post.

**New Vitamines**

Scientists at the University of California are working on two recently discovered vitamins which may prove of great importance in lengthening life and in preventing animal sterility.  
One is a vitamin discovered in tea. It has been named "bios" and is supposed to have 300 times the life-giving qualities of other similar vitamins previously found in yeast. "Bios" was discovered, it is reported, as a result of observations that tea drinking peoples, including Chinese, Japanese, Irish and English, are longer lived than some other nationalities.  
The second substance discovered, a flake extracted from wheat, is said to have increased animal fertility to a marked degree. However, the substance is present in such small quantities that only a few flakes were secured from a ton of grain.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

**Buckskin Cheaters**

Buckskin, from which gloves are made, comes for the most part from Mexico and Brazil.  
The skins are usually smaller than those of sheep and seldom perfect because of the wounds or thorn scratches. The latter do not weaken the gloves, however, and, in fact, a visible scratch is pretty good proof that a glove is genuine buck and not sheep dressed to imitate buckskin, says the Springfield Republican. The leather is dressed in oil and the color is obtained with colored clay dust. Because of this method of coloring every buckskin glove will dust off or crack the first three or four times it is worn. Buck leather is close fibered, soft after wearing and warm.

**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 isinglass.—Exchange.

**Interest Cut in Half**

The United States court for China Shanghai, recently held that the legal rate of interest applicable on judgments rendered by the United States court for China was 6 per cent per annum. In the past a rate of 12 per cent has been allowed, in conformity with an old consulate regulation permitting this rate of interest on judgments. The court held, however, that the District of Columbia code provided a legal rate of 6 per cent interest on judgments, that this was the law for the United States court for China, and that in the future only this rate would be permissible.

**Windy**

Chicago now holds the world's murder record, and Secretary Sawyer of the Anti-Profanity League, discussing in Ware, Mass., the defense that the Windy City has put up, said:  
"A windy defense. A defense that wins nobody over. A defense evocative of the chicken thief who said to his lawyer:  
"Put me on the stand. Let me tell my own story. It'll be believed."  
"It'll carry conviction," the lawyer snorted."

**Well, Why Don't They?**

Joe, at Football Game—Just see that right end tear up the field.  
Dumbell—Why don't they play on a cement gridiron then?—Alton Reporter.

**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 willies, 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 flannels 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.

**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 to eat, to make both ends vegetable."  
—Excuse Without Merit

**The Miracle Worker**

By WILLARD K. BRADLEY  
(© 1925, Western Newspaper Union.)

"YOU say you can restore sight to the blind?" Old Simon asked, putting down "The Discovery of America," though not before he turned the corner of his page.  
Mr. Skiffington nodded.  
"How are you going to do it?"  
"Have your office boy go out and bring in the first blind person he meets and then I'll show you."  
Turning to his office boy, Old Simon told him to do as Mr. Skiffington bade. In less than five minutes the boy returned with a man encumbered with a sign advertising his affliction, a bundle of pencils and a battered tin cup.  
Mr. Skiffington surrendered his chair to the blind man and then, after the fashion of certain physicians, removed his Prince Albert, draped it gently across the back of Old Simon's swivel chair, and rolled up his sleeves. After removing the blind man's blue-smoked spectacles, he produced a bottle and from it poured a quantity of golden fluid. This he applied to the unseeing one's lids. After a second or so they began to flutter. In another second, they were up, and the blind man's eyeballs were visible.  
Realizing that he could again see, the man threw his arms around his savior's neck and said:  
"I—can—see! I—can—see! Oh, my friend, how will I ever be able to repay you? Oh, my little Rosie! Now I will be able to see your dear little face for the first time!"  
Mr. Skiffington gently released himself from the grateful man's embrace and, with a Mansfieldian gesture, said:  
"That's all right, my friend; that's all right! The pleasure I derive from helping a suffering fellow-man repays me a hundredfold. Go to your little Rosie and may God bless you both!"  
The grateful man kissed the sleeve of Mr. Skiffington's coat and then silently departed. Turning to Old Simon, Mr. Skiffington asked:  
"Are you convinced, Mr. Atkinson?"  
Old Simon evaded Mr. Skiffington's query and answered it by asking:  
"How much will you take for your restorer?"  
"Five thousand dollars," answered Mr. Skiffington.  
Old Simon balked at the amount requested and then blew his Napoleonic nose. Then he began to rub his bald pate and whistle an ancient waltz. Then he became strangely silent, a merry twinkle in his crafty eyes.  
"I'll give you thirty-seven hundred; not a cent more!" he said finally.  
After hemming and hawing for a few minutes, Mr. Skiffington decided to accept Old Simon's offer.  
Old Simon produced a check-book from the bottom drawer of his roll top desk. After blotting what he had written, he tore the check out of the book and, holding it aloft, said:  
"Young man, you will get this when I get the formula of your restorer!"  
This last was a part of the transaction Mr. Skiffington evidently had not taken into account.  
"Formula? Er—yes, why of course! Of course you shall have the formula. Yes, yes, of course! The original was accidentally destroyed, but I'll write out another one!"  
Mr. Skiffington grabbed a small scratch pad and an indelible pencil from the desk and hurriedly began to scribble something about nitroglycerin, lye and bisulphate. Then he tore off what he had written and handed it to Old Simon.  
"Here is your formula!" he asserted like some monarch of old upon handing the key to the drawbridge of one of his vassals.  
Old Simon took it from Mr. Skiffington's beringed, nicotine-stained fingers and perused it carefully. Then he gave the check to the miracle performer, who thanked Old Simon profusely, bowed a bow worthy of Chesterfield, opened the door, closed it, and was gone.  
Old Simon then returned the check-book to its place in the bottom drawer of his roll-top and resumed his reading of "The Discovery of America."

**Excuse Without Merit**

Never suffer youth to be an excuse for inactivity, nor age and fame to be an excuse for indolence.—B. B. Baynes.

**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 comers, 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 inventorying 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.

**Bird Not a Linguist**

While employes of the California state board of control were gathering for work at Sacramento recently, a pretty parrot flew into the boardroom through an open window. It perched itself on the back of a chair and steadfastly refused to answer any question, even when solicited with a cracker. Finally George Kelaydis, a Greek restaurant owner, appeared at the capitol to claim the bird, and incidentally revealed that the bird does not understand the English language; it speaks Greek only.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE**—Stationery for individuals. 200 sheets of paper and 100 envelopes to match with your name and address printed in blue ink, or monogram, on both paper and envelopes for \$2.00. Colors: white, pearl gray, royal blue, pink and yellow. It has individuality when it's printed. See samples at THE MERKEL MAIL OFFICE. 1f

**FOR SALE**—20 Poland China Pigs. See J. W. or Jim Mayfield. 1t

**FOR SALE**—One Monitor self-oiling windmill and tower, has been in use only four months. Reason for selling, installing electric pump. West Texas Utilities Company. 1f

**FOR SALE**—Good organ, cheap. For particulars see Mrs. J. M. Garrett. 1t

**LOST AND FOUND**

**LOST**—A sack of Cotton Seed Meal on road from Merkel to Blair. Finder please notify J. L. McLean, Merkel, Rt. 5. 1tp

**WANTED**

**COW WANTED**—Will buy a real good four gallon cow. Must be fresh or soon to come in. See C. M. Largent. 1t

**Say, You!**



**HOW about that printing job you're in need of?**

Come in and see us about it at your first opportunity. Don't wait until the very last moment but give us a little time and we'll show you what high grade work we can turn out.

**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.

**Merkel Ku Klux Klan No. 137**  
**Will Meet Tonight**  
And every Friday night of each week until further notice.  
Every member urged and expected to be present. There is always important work to be done.



## Corner Garage Now Open

We are pleased to announce to the good people of Merkel and surrounding territory that the Drive in, Corner Garage on Front Street, opposite Burton Lingo, is now complete and ready for service to the public. And we want to impress upon your mind that we expect to give our patrons the very best service that can be found anywhere. We handle Magnolia Gasoline and Oils and as good Tires and Tubes as can be had any where. Also we have a general line of accessories.

We will appreciate your business.

Phone 19  
Front Street

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CARL THOMAS

### JOINER-HAYNES WEDDING SOLEMNIZED WEDNESDAY

In a pretty morning ceremony Miss Lora Joiner, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fowler Joiner, and Mr. Bill Haynes of Merkel were married Wednesday at 9 o'clock a.m. at the home of the bride's parents in the Caps community. Only a few friends and the immediate members of the family were present.

The bridal party descended the stairway, passed across the hall and into the living room. First came the Rev. Charlie Joiner, pastor of the First Baptist church of Plainview, followed by Miss Joiner and Mr. Haynes.

After the ceremony was said, congratulations were offered and Mr. and Mrs. Haynes left immediately for a short wedding trip through Western Texas and New Mexico.

The bride was attired in an ensemble suit of tan flat crepe with hat and accessories to match.

Mrs. Haynes is one of our most lovable and accomplished young women. She is an A. B. graduate of Simmons University, and for the past two years has been a teacher in the Merkel schools.

Mr. Haynes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haynes, and is a man of sterling character. He is one of the most prominent young business men of Merkel, being manager of the Oasis Filling Station. He is superintendent of the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church and is active in all the enterprises that make for the upbuilding of our town and community.

After July 15, Mr. and Mrs. Haynes will be at home to their friends in Merkel, Texas.

### WARREN NOTES

By Miss Vera Jones

The health of the community is very good at the present.

The farmers would like to have a big rain on their crops.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones were called to the bedside of their daughter, Mrs. Clay Coger, of Lamesa, who took seriously ill Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris visited Mrs. Harris' mother, Mrs. Janes Sunday.

Messrs. Charlie and Burt Harris spent last week end with their brother, Mr. Ellis Harris.

Misses Helen McCormick and Lois Janes visited Misses Vela and Vera Jones Sunday.

We all enjoyed the fourth, and had a good time.

Miss Ruth Chancey was the guest of Miss Azilee Sumpter Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Foster visited Mr. Foster's brother, Mr. J. B. Foster, Sunday.

Mr. Truman McCoy was the guest of Mr. Robert Sumpter Sunday.

Ice water every day at Bob Martin Grocery Company. Our friends and patrons are welcome.

### GRIMES-BLAIR WEDDING SOLEMNIZED AT BELTON

One day last week, Mr. Emmette T. Grimes, popular member of the Grimes-Smith Drug Company, quietly stole away from his host of friends and went to Belton, where at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, July 3rd, he was happily united in marriage to Miss Mary Burkes Blair, the event taking place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blair, who are among the pioneer and best families of that section of the state. The ceremony was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Sorey, pastor of the Methodist church in that city.

After the ceremony the happy couple left immediately for a bridal trip to Galveston, Houston and San Antonio, returning to Merkel Tuesday evening, where they will make their future home.

The bride is well known here, having been a member of the school faculty last year, and during her stay in Merkel made a large circle of admiring and close friends, who rejoice that she is now to make this city her permanent home.

The groom is a son of Mr. T. L. Grimes, is a most excellent young man who also has a large circle of close friends, is among our popular druggists, and this paper joins the many friends of both the contracting parties in extending congratulations and good wishes.

### STATIONERY SPECIAL

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### PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee of Lawn spent the fourth of July with friends here.

Mr. Hugh McRee of Georgetown, Texas spent the past week end with relatives and friends here.

Mr. Warren McSpadden of Austin, Texas, spent several days last week with friends in Merkel.

New crop honey at G. M. Sharp's. It

Mrs. O. R. Dye and little son, returned last week from a visit with friends and relatives in East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and daughter, Miss Flora Frances returned last Thursday from a short trip to Dallas.

Miss Marian Sheppard of Dallas is here visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sheppard, and other relatives.

Mrs. Henry Coit of Renner, Texas, is the guest in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Messrs. Jessie Childress, Orien Higgins returned Monday from a trip to El Paso, Texas.

Miss Nell Swann left last Wednesday for Abilene where she will visit with friends for several weeks.

Miss Mildred Matthews is visiting her uncle this week in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt and daughter, Miss Hazel Lee, are visiting in Amarillo, Texas, this week.

Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes and two children left last Wednesday in their new car for Chicago, where Dr. Grimes will take a post graduate course and vacation.

R. J. Miller and family were called to Tolar, Hood county, Tuesday to attend the funeral of his brother, S. Miller, of that place, who died Sunday night in a sanitarium at Dallas.

Mrs. R. A. Martin and daughter, Miss Julia Martin, spent Wednesday with friends in Abilene, Texas.

Mr. W. M. Winter, of Scurry county, was here first of the week for a visit with his brothers, Sam Winter of this city and Joe Winter of the Shiloh community.

Mr. W. M. Elliott, splendid citizen and local business man, accompanied by Mrs. Elliott, left first of the week for a visit with relatives at Waurika, Okla.

# EXTRA SPECIALS!

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and lasting through **Saturday**  
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## MAX MELLINGER

### Enjoy Picnic at Shannon's

On Tuesday evening a number of the younger set enjoyed a picnic at Shannon's. After an hour's swim, a lunch consisting of sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, cake, fruit and iced tea was served for Misses Ruby Fae Golliday, Gladys Watts, Azilee Gilbert, Mildred Hamm, Pauline Chinn, Faye Marie Fronabarger of Fort Worth, Marie and Lela Brown, Ruby Jo Higgins and Althea Boden.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham and children, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Cox, Misses Hattie and Dorris Pike, Mrs. Maude Rogers and two sons, Charles and Maben, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham enjoyed a two days fishing and camping trip to Paint Rock last week end.

### EPWORTH LEAGUE OF ABILENE GIVE PROGRAM

The Joe Reidenbach Epworth League of St. Paul's Methodist church of Abilene, will be here Sunday afternoon and give a most splendid program at the meeting of the Senior League of the Merkel church at six o'clock. Every member of the local league is requested to be present and show these visitors a royal welcome.

Dr. W. M. Gambill, in a letter to a friend, written from Toledo, Ohio, states that he has had a wonderful trip so far and that he will shortly leave Toledo for Chicago, where he will take a special course in X-Ray work, specializing in X-Ray diagnosis and that he expects to return to Merkel some time between August 1 and September 1. He wishes to be remembered to all Merkel friends.

### COMPERE ITEMS

By Miss Alma Stout

Everyone appreciated the very good rains that fell around Compere last week.

There was not a very large crowd at Sunday School Sunday on account of the muddy weather.

A large crowd from here attended the races at Abilene Saturday.

Mr. L. V. Spurgin and little son, Robert E., spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Stout.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Truscott.

A crowd of the Compere folks spent the fourth on the river fishing, but did not enjoy being caught out in the rain.

Those visiting Mr. Stout Sunday were Mr. C. Foster, wife and little son, Messrs. Hall, Bob and Jasper Hobbs, E. C. Tarvin, Charlie Allred, Matt Randolph, Isaac Davis and Corie Camp.

Those visiting Mrs. Marshall Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith and little son, T. J., Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas, Misses Lenora and Ruth Wilburn and Mr. Marshall from Noodle.

Mr. Carie Camp from the Plains is visiting his sister here, Mrs. Mae Blankenship.

Mr. Tarvin Keener from Dallas county has been visiting his Uncle, Mr. G. W. Stout, the past week.

Mrs. Barney Berry has returned home after being with her mother the last three weeks. She reported her mother improving very much and able to sit up.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin and baby and Mr. Edd Spurgin and family motored to Merkel Sunday afternoon.

### Will Buy Cotton Seed

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