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## MANY HOPPERS NOT EXPECTED

The indication at present is that there will not be a general outbreak of grasshoppers, but in some sections this pest is eating the young cotton next to fence rows.

Quick action should be taken to poison this pest before it scatters over the field. The following formula will effectively destroy this pest: 25 pounds of wheat bran, 1 pound of white arsenic, 1 ounce of amyl acetate, 2 quarts of cane molasses. Add water to make a thick consistency, but not enough to make the mixture sloppy. Be sure that white arsenic and no other form of arsenic is used. The black-strap molasses is more preferable than syrup.

Scatter the mixture along the fence rows where the hoppers are doing damage, and distribute it very thinly, about as thickly as oats are sown. Plow out the fence rows so that there will be no place for the insects to find shade near the cotton. Observe Johnson grass spots, for they are ideal places for the hopper to conceal itself. Scatter the mixture from daylight until 8 o'clock.

I find in some sections the web worm. This is not an insect to cause alarm. It attacks cotton near the fence row and in other places where weeds have been permitted to grow. This insect has three black dots on either side of its body to each joint. To kill this pest, either dust the cotton stalks with calcium arsenate, or spray with the following solution: 1 ounce of arsenate of lead to 1 gallon of water. The dust can be shaken on the stalk from washed flour sacks or from cheese cloth.

J. R. Masterson, county agent.

## FORMER MERKEL BANKER VISITS FRIENDS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson, of Kress, a thriving Plains town, came down last Sunday and remained over a couple of days for a pleasant visit among friends. Mr. Thompson is now engaged in the banking business at the little city of Kress, but for six years prior to his moving to Kress Mr. Thompson was Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, and he and his good wife were very popular in both church and social circles. They were progressive and active in the up-building and betterment of the city and country, and their visit here brought pleasure to the citizenship as a whole.

## FATHER AND SON BANQUET WELL ATTENDED

The father and son banquet sponsored by the Business Men's Class of the Methodist church, and held in the banquet rooms of the church on last Friday evening was well attended and pronounced a splendid success by every one present. There were more than 40 fathers and sons present.

The popular pastor, Rev. W. R. McCarter, presided as Toastmaster for the evening program, which consisted of talks from a number of men both young and old. The banquet was served by the ladies of the Missionary Society and was indeed tasty and appetizing.

Choc Jones, Homer Laney, Vernon Coats, Buddie Cobb and L. J. Renfro, left Saturday night for Fort Worth where they witnessed the Dallas and Fort Worth baseball game, returning home Sunday evening.

## ERECTS BUILDING FOR HIGGINS FACTORY

Mr. Warren Higgins, inventor and manufacturer of the popular and well-known "Higgins Cotton Chopper and Weeder," has just completed the erection of a new building in which he will manufacture his product. He is having a great demand for his chopper. His new building is located on South front street one block east of Swafford's coal and feed yard.

## FERGUSON SPEAKS AT ABILENE 18TH

According to announcement made through the daily press of the state, Jas. E. Ferguson, who is campaigning over the state in the interest of his wife's candidacy for Governor, will speak in Abilene on June 18, at 8 p.m.

According to reports, Mr. Ferguson has stated that his wife will not make many if any more speeches in this campaign. He says her administration has not been attacked and therefore there is no need of her making any more speeches. We agree with Mr. Ferguson, for it's a known fact that the "Ferguson Administration" is of Jim's own making, made by a man whom the law says can't serve as Governor of this state.

## J. C. MASON SERIOUSLY ILL AT THIS TIME

On Tuesday of this week Mr. J. C. Mason, well known financier and cotton man of this city, was stricken seriously ill and has remained so until this writing. Physicians here and from Abilene are doing all that is possible to relieve him, and this paper sincerely hopes that he may immediately take a turn for the better.

His sister, Miss Mason, from Deport, arrived Wednesday morning and is at his bedside. We are also informed that a trained nurse from Abilene is also attendant upon Mr. Mason.

F. J. Smith left Wednesday morning for Breckenridge where he will visit his son, Geo. A. Smith and family, for several days.

## LUNCHEON CLUB PLANNING FAIR

At the regular meeting of the Merkel Luncheon Club at Ed's Cafe on last Tuesday evening, there was not but a few present, and yet the meeting was full of interest and many things were discussed and brought up that if carried out will prove of much benefit to the city and surrounding country.

Mr. H. C. West, presided, and ably brought out some interesting matters for the improvement and betterment of the city.

Mr. Booth Warren and Rev. McCarter and several others made interesting talks during the evening.

The Community Fair, which will be held here in September, was discussed and it is expected that in our next issue will appear a detailed statement of the plans for the coming Fair which is now being worked by a special committee appointed by President West some time ago.

It was also agreed that several more trade trips should and must be made. The next will be to either Mulberry or Mt. Pleasant. Announcement in our next issue.

## FIRE BOYS WILL GO TO STATE MEETING

As delegates to the State Firemen's Convention, which meets next week at Harlingen, down in the famous Rio Grande Valley, from Merkel Messrs. N. A. Dowell, W. L. Burns, Howard Laney, O. R. and Claude Dye, will represent the local department and expect to leave here next Saturday morning. Mr. O. R. Dye will be accompanied by Mrs. Dye and their little son, and will make the trip by automobile, while the other delegates will go by rail. Mr. W. L. Burns will return via Port Arthur, where he will visit relatives, and be accompanied home by his family who are there visiting.

Renew your subscription to the Merkel Mail before it expires

## CANDIDATES MUST FILE NAMES SOON

Candidates for offices of the county have until Monday, June 19, to file their names with county Democratic Chairman James P. Stinson, while those who wish to run for district offices have until June 5, Roy L. Duke has been receiving the registrations of the candidates while Judge Stinson has been unable to be in his office.

The following list of candidates whose registrations are in the hands of Mr. Duke was issued by him: District clerk, Miss Bell Wellborn; county clerk, W. P. Bounds; County Judge, Carlos D. Speck; Constable, precinct 1, Artie Jenkins; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, place 2, P. B. Ford; Justice of the Peace, precinct 5, W. W. Wheeler; public weigher, precinct 2, Merkel, Hugh E. Campbell; Commissioner precinct No. 1, J. T. Davis; missioner precinct 1, J. T. Davis; Commissioner precinct 1, R. Mitchell; County Tax Assessor, W. J. Gann.

Congress, Seventeenth Texas district, J. R. Smith; Associate Justice eleventh court of civil appeals, George L. Davenport; Eleventh Court of Civil appeals, place 2, Tom B. Ridgell; Associate Justice, eleventh court of civil appeals, place 1, John B. Littler; Chief Justice, eleventh court of civil appeals, William Pannill; State representative, 116th district, E. S. Cummings.—Abilene Daily Reporter.

## CARRIERS WILL MEET HERE NEXT YEAR

Postmaster Taylor F. Davis, Messrs. O. J. and R. L. Adcock, J. Ben Campbell and Stanley B. King attended the Rural Carriers' Convention held at Hamlin Monday, May 31, and, as instructed, brought the next convention to Merkel, which will be one year from the above date.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr., and baby daughter, Bettie Jane, returned home Saturday evening after having enjoyed a ten days outing on the Coast. While at Galveston Mr. Diltz attended the Bankers' Convention.

## SPEAKS HERE FOR "MA" AND "PA"

On last Saturday afternoon, Hon. J. F. Cunningham, one of the best known and most successful criminal lawyers in all West Texas, came over from his home in Abilene and addressed a large crowd on the streets of Merkel in the interest of the candidacy of Governor Jim Ferguson (by proxy).

While the city was full of people, the day being Saturday, and many heard him, it could not be called a Ferguson crowd by any means.

## OIL TEST SPUDDER IN ON LAST SUNDAY

A large crowd from the city and surrounding country was present last Sunday afternoon at three o'clock to witness the spudding in of the oil test on the Joe Winter farm ten miles north west of Merkel.

Those visiting the location state that it is one of the best rigs ever erected in this section of the country, being a steel structure and all new. Since there is no question seemingly as to the financial ability of the company drilling the well, it is predicted that the test will be made very quickly. The Phillips Petroleum Company is drilling the well.

That there is every indication that an oil pool lies beneath the surface somewhere in this immediate territory, seems to be the opinion of a number of geologists of national repute. Every one believes, who knows much of the old Sears test, that there was a good showing of oil and gas found in that test at about 1900 feet.

The citizenship will watch the test very eagerly as it progresses.

## MR. AND MRS. BRAGG OCCUPY NEW HOME

The modern and beautiful new Brick home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg has been completed and the family moved into same this week.

This is one of the most expensive, modern and complete homes in the city, and this paper joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

## New Gin Plant to be Erected

Mr. L. L. Murray, manager of the South Side Gin, has this week razed the old south side gin building and informs us that a new concrete building will be erected at once, and that same will be finished and well equipped with new machinery by the opening of the fall season.

## Home Grown Strawberries

Have you tried them? They certainly are fine; we know because Mr. J. C. Comegys, who makes his home with his wife on Bettis Heights brought us a nice lot of big, fine ones, all fresh from the vines in wife's garden.

All of this causes us to remark "strawberries seem to grow just as big and fine flavored in Merkel as they do anywhere so let others plant a few vines and make the demonstration complete.

## Adds Beauty Parlor

Messrs. Jones and Lackey, proprietors of the City Barber Shop have recently added a nice balcony, well fitted and furnished for conducting a beauty parlor in connection with their barber shop. The Beauty Parlor will be in charge of Mrs. I. W. Lackey.

## FARM BUREAU MEET AT STAMFORD TODAY

At the District Convention of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association held in Abilene on May 22, a committee was appointed to meet in Stamford on Saturday, June 5, at 1:00 p.m. at the City Hall auditorium for the purpose of discussing the location of the District Convention of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation which is to be held in some section of West Texas this summer. The location of the Convention will be determined by the State office of the Federation whose decision will depend on interest shown in the various districts by not only members of the Farm Bureau but also that of Commercial Organizations and other interests.

The committee as appointed consists of the Farm Bureau Presidents, Directors and County supervisors of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, and County Agents of the following counties: Knox, Haskell, Jones, Taylor, Runnels, Nolan, Mitchell and Fisher.

In addition to the above named committee other business men or Chamber of Commerce are urged to be present and assist in securing the location of the Convention in this section of West Texas.

C. B. Tisdale, Chairman, and president Taylor County Farm Bureau, Tuscola, Texas.

## EDITORS & FAMILIES TO ATTEND MEETING

Unless providentially or otherwise hindered, Thos. Durham and family, accompanied by Mr. Jack Durham and wife and baby daughter, Bettye Joyce, expect to depart early Monday morning for San Antonio, where they will attend the Annual meeting of the Texas Press Association.

An interesting and elaborate program has been announced, and since the meeting is being held in the great southern historical city, one of the largest gatherings of the pencil pushers for many years is expected. The city of San Antonio has sent out announcements of many features of entertainment, including five luncheons, a big banquet, fish fry at Medina Lake and possibly a side trip down through the great Magic Valley of the Rio Grande, capped off with a "Mexican Lunch" on the wet bank of the Rio Grande.

We will leave the Merkel Mail in full charge of Messrs. Wrenn Durham, who has this week returned from his second year as a student at the State University and David W. Ferries, who for the past six months has been a faithful and valuable employe in the office. We make no apology for them, for we know when we return some of our readers will tell us "you had better stay away for they gave us a better paper than you." Which we feel sure they will do. However, we take this opportunity to ask every friend of the paper who can, to render these young men all the aid possible in the way of handing to them early in the week all the news, personal or otherwise, that you may know. They will be anxious to make the paper just as good as they can, and you will aid them very much by giving them all the news you can. If you know of an entertainment, write it up; or a personal, send it in.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

## "FORE!"



**Statement of the Condition of the FARMERS STATE BANK**

At the close of business April 12, 1926

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts	\$392,296.91
Overdrafts	819.45
Banking House	12,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Other Real Estate	11,702.50
Stocks and Bonds	1,000.00
Assessment Gty. Fund	7,000.00
Int. Depositors Gty. Fund	8,422.66
Cash and Bills of Exchange	\$156,667.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$595,839.17</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits Net	29,615.78
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>516,223.39</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$595,839.17</b>

**FARMERS STATE BANK**

MERKEL

TEXAS

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

J. S. Swann, President	Herbert Patterson,
R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.	
W. L. Diltz, Cashier	Dallas Scarbrough
	David Hendricks

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday School at 10 a.m.  
 Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.  
 Junior Christian Endeavor at the eleven o'clock hour.  
 Senior Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p.m.  
 Choir practice Wednesday at 8:00 o'clock p.m.  
 We extend a cordial invitation to the public to worship with us.  
 Chas. H. Little, Pastor.

**BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
 Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m.  
 All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 7:30  
 Let us all remember that one of the things that helps to keep alive the memory of the Risen Lord is the gathering of His people on the "first day of the week" to worship Him. Every Sunday you spend for self you help to discredit the fact of His resurrection, while every Sunday that you go with His people up to His house to worship you are helping to establish the fact that it was on a Sunday morning that He came forth from the grave. Every Christian should throw his influence on the right side.  
 Come find a welcome in any of the services.  
 Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

**METHODIST CHURCH**

We anticipate an interesting day Sunday at the Methodist Church.  
 Sunday School at 9:45. Will be glad to see full classes, and welcome many new students and visitors to our Sunday School.  
 The Cradle Roll Department of our Sunday School will be given special recognition at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday, and a Baptismal service will be conducted. The choir will conduct a special song service at the evening hour.  
 The public is invited to attend our services. W. R. McCarter.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. J. A. Cook, substantial and influential citizen of the Dora community was in the city one day first of the week. He reported crops very good out his way.

Mrs. R. A. McBean and baby, of Cisco, are here this week as guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barrett and children of Winters stopped over here one day first of the week while enroute to Arizona, for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Eli Case.

Misses Sallie and Inice Brown spent the past week-end visiting Mrs. J. Samuel Rider in Abilene.

Mrs. S. A. Duckett of Tulia is expected here this week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris.

Mr. J. W. Mayfield was among those from here attending the Confederate Reunion in Birmingham, Ala. He also visited his old home in the state of Mississippi.

Mrs. L. A. Watts and daughters, Misses Lillian, Edna and Ruth expect to leave next Monday for a visit with relatives in St. Louis. They will be away until about July 1. They will make the trip by automobile.

Miss Roberta Hughes has accepted a position with the Merkel Motor Company, and has entered upon her duties there.

Miss Pauline Johnson will now have charge of the Insurance office of her father, G. W. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown, of the Shiloh community gave an ice cream social on last Thursday night, which was attended by a large crowd. All reported a very fine time.

Mr. J. E. Boaz returned last week from El Paso, where he had been in attendance at the big state Shriners meeting. He reports a great meeting and a very pleasant visit while in the Gate City.

Mr. B. C. Gaither left Tuesday for an extended visit among relatives and friends in his old home state, Tennessee. We join his many friends in wishing for him a very happy and pleasant sojourn.

Some good Fords for sale, also one good 1925 model Ford coupe. See W. E. Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith spent Tuesday night guests of Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Smith, at Anson.

Mrs. Max Mellinger and children left first of the week for an extended visit with friends and relatives at Lockhart, Austin, Houston, Kennedy and other South Texas points.

Miss Lola Dennis visited friends in Sweetwater last week, and attended the closing exercises of the Sweetwater High School.

We regret to learn that on last Wednesday night fire destroyed the barn on the farm of

Mrs. John T. Morgan, of Dallas, who has been here for some time visiting her mother, Mrs. W. C. Calvert, and other relatives, left first of the week for her home. She was accompanied by Miss Anna Lou Russell, who will visit with the former for some time.

Mrs. Ben A. Walters, of Wills Point, Texas, came in last week for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Hicks.

Miss Lola Dean, of Hamlin, formerly teacher in the Merkel Schools and teacher last year at Pharr, Texas, was a guest this week of Mrs. Earl Baze and other friends.

It's all right to support your favorite candidate for Governor or any other office within the gift of the people but to say that those who differ with you are all wrong and won't listen to the truth might well and truthfully by taken home to one's own self, because you may be the one that is wrong. In fact it is a sorry person who just can't help but hate those who happen to differ from them politically.

Miss Elsie Sharp left early in the week for Boulder, Colorado, where she will attend school during the summer months.

Miss Maude Hardy of Anson was a guest of friends in Merkel last Sunday.

**New Variety Store**

I am pleased to announce to all my old friends and customers in and about Merkel, that on next Saturday morning we will open a new and up-to-date stock of Variety goods in your city. We will be located in the building just vacated by Hamilton & Case on

**FRONT STREET**

Come in and look our stock over, and become a regular customer. We always appreciate your business.

Remember we open for business all day

**SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH.**

**Schindler's Variety Store**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- For County Judge: TOM K. EPLEN, LEE R. YORK, CARLOS D. SPECK
- For County Attorney: FRANK E. SMITH
- For District Clerk: BELLE WELLBORN
- For County School Supt.: M. A. WILLIAMS
- For Sheriff: H. T. O'BAR, JOHN BOND
- For County Clerk: W. E. BEASLEY, W. P. BOUNDS
- For Tax Collector: R. A. McCLAIN, EARL HUGHES
- For Tax Assessor: J. T. HOWARD, CLARENCE W. BOYCE
- For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS (Precinct Offices)
- For Public Weigher: THOS. A. BEARDEN, B. M. WILLIAMS, HUGH E. CAMPBELL
- For Commissioner, this Precinct: PHILLIP A. DILTZ
- For Commissioner (Jones Co.): W. R. SUMPTER, W. T. RAINWATER

**Statement of the Condition of THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**  
 At the close of business Apr. 12, 1926

**RESOURCES**

Loans, Time and Demand	\$204,204.01
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	14,678.97
Overdrafts	1,103.74
Bonds and Warrants (School)	20,939.76
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Other Resources	624.23
<b>Commercial Paper</b>	<b>82,500.00</b>
<b>U. S. Bonds</b>	<b>116,750.00</b>
<b>Cash &amp; Sight Exchange</b>	<b>121,231.78</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$571,794.99</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	11,872.02
Circulation	6,250.00
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>468,672.97</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$571,794.99</b>

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT:  
 BOOTH WARREN, Cashier

THE OLD RELIABLE  
**FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK**  
 MERKEL TEXAS  
 'SINCE 1904'

**ATTENTION POULTRY RAISERS**

Z-I-P Parasite Remover used in the drinking water will rid your poultry of Blue Bugs, Lice Fleas, and all other insects. Sold under a money back guarantee by W. F. Hamblet Grocery. 30t4p

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

**Will Preach at Trent**

Elder W. G. Cypert, of Merkel announces that on next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock he will preach at the Church of Christ in the city of Trent.

He cordially invites every one who will to hear him, and especially urges a full attendance of the membership.

Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Market.

**PILES CURED**  
 NO KNIFE NO PAIN NO DETENTION FROM WORK  
**Dr. E. E. COCKERELL**  
 RECTAL AND SKIN SPECIALIST  
 OF ABILENE, TEXAS  
 Will be at the Stephens Hotel in Merkel Monday, June 7 from 12 a. m. to 5 p. m.  
 Phone No. 359 Abilene, Texas

**REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE**

After a Fire--

you'll find no satisfaction in figuring up the amount of insurance you should have had. But there is a lot of satisfaction in knowing that your property as it stands today is fully covered by dependable fire insurance.

Our fire insurance policies are dependable.

**W. O. BONEY**  
 MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

Mrs. Sam Mullens, of Austin, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Hendricks, while on her way to the west.

Intermediate League Program

Subject: "What is the greatest promise in the Bible?"  
Matt. 28:19-20; John 3:16;  
II Peter 1:4-8.  
Leader, W. A. Whatley.  
Prayer; Song.  
Reading, Missie Dye.  
Quartette. Benediction.

Mrs. V. B. Sublett returned first of the week from a trip to Temple and other points in that section of the state.

H. D. Smith and wife of Ozona were here this week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney.

Missionary Society Notes

A splendid business and social meeting combined was enjoyed by the members of the Missionary Society on last Monday afternoon. A business meeting conducted by the president, Mrs. Armstrong, came first and after the reports and other regular forms of business, Mrs. McCarter made a splendid talk to those present. She suggested that perhaps if we had some set goal or more definite work planned, that more of our members would be active workers and that she believed if the society would pledge themselves to raise a definite sum of money to be used on the new Sunday School annex that is being planned, that we would have more interest. Immediately a sum of \$100.00 was pledged by the society. Two captains, Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Largent, were appointed by the president and they are to divide the society, give each member who will accept a dime from the treasury to be invested in some way for two months and put the proceeds back in the treasury. The idea of the two sides is to create a better interest by a little rivalry. At the close of the business meeting a splendid social meeting was had. A splendid program, an interesting contest and delicious refreshments completed the social hour. The program for next Monday afternoon is a lesson from the study book using the last chapter in the book. The time of the meeting has been changed from 2:30 to 3:30. Supt. Publicity.

Idlewise Club

The Idlewise Club was graciously entertained by Miss Christine Collins in her spacious home at Bettis Heights Tuesday afternoon when the guests were assembled and had been greeted, colorful tally cards were passed and interesting games of Bridge were enjoyed. The hostess served a delicious salad course, after which a business session was held. Miss Evelyn Hamm was elected president and Miss Mary Eula Sears was made press reporter. Those present were: Misses Ruby Hamm, Mary Cleo Booth, Mary Eula Sears, Lucy Tracy, Evelyn Hamm, Mesdames Earl Baze, W. S. J. Brown Roy Largent, Warren Smith, Jack Durham. Guests were: Mrs. John Cox of Haskell, Mrs. L. B. Scott and Mrs. Otto Bicknell.

Misses Ruby and Evelyn Hamm entertained the Idlewise Club in their usual lovely manner Tuesday afternoon. The rooms were decorated in mellow tones of colorful flowers which blended perfectly with the beautiful appointments. After bridge was enjoyed, artistic "tied and dyed" linens were laid and delicious refreshments were served in a most unique way. Color schemes were carried out in soft shades of yellow, pink and green. Those enjoying the hostesses hospitality were: Misses Mary Cleo Booth, Lucy Tracy, Mary Eula Sears, Mesdames Roy Largent, Earl Baze, Bill Haynes, W. S. J. Brown, Sie Branton, and guests, Miss Mabel Hale of Tulia, Miss Lois Tims of Tuscola, and Miss Julia Martin.

Presbyterian Auxiliary

The Presbyterian Auxiliary will be held in the basement of the Presbyterian church June 7. Devotional, Mrs. H. C. West. The year in Phillipine Missions, Mrs. Elliott. Mission Survey, Mrs. Geo. West. The book and Thimbe, Mrs. S. G. Russell. The story of Pedro, Mrs. Chas. Jones. A new worker reaches Porto Rico, Mrs. Jno. West. New school at Sante Spiritus, Mrs. Jas. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway and daughters, Misses Velma and Mildred, returned Tuesday from a trip to Bastrop, Texas, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. George Groene. They also visited at Houston, Galveston and San Antonio while away.

"JUNE! OH! JUNE!"



"June, the month of new brides." Select your presents for the "June Bride" here, we have everything for the kitchen shower. Silverware in Patrician, Grosvenor, Duchess, and Tudor Plate in Community patterns, also Rogers Silverware. China, Cut Glass in light and heavy cuts. Hand painted China, Fancy Glassware, Aluminum Ware, Electric (Sunbeam) Irons, Electric Curling Irons, Rolling Pins and other weapons that belong in a household. Refrigerators, Ice Cream Freezers, Oil Stoves. We will appreciate your bill of odds and ends that you will need to complete your kitchen.

Liberty Hardware Company  
"If It's Hardware, We Have It"

**HAY!**  
Have new Wheat Hay clear and free from Johnson Grass, NOW  
Will have new Johnson Grass Hay in next few days.  
**SWAFFORD**  
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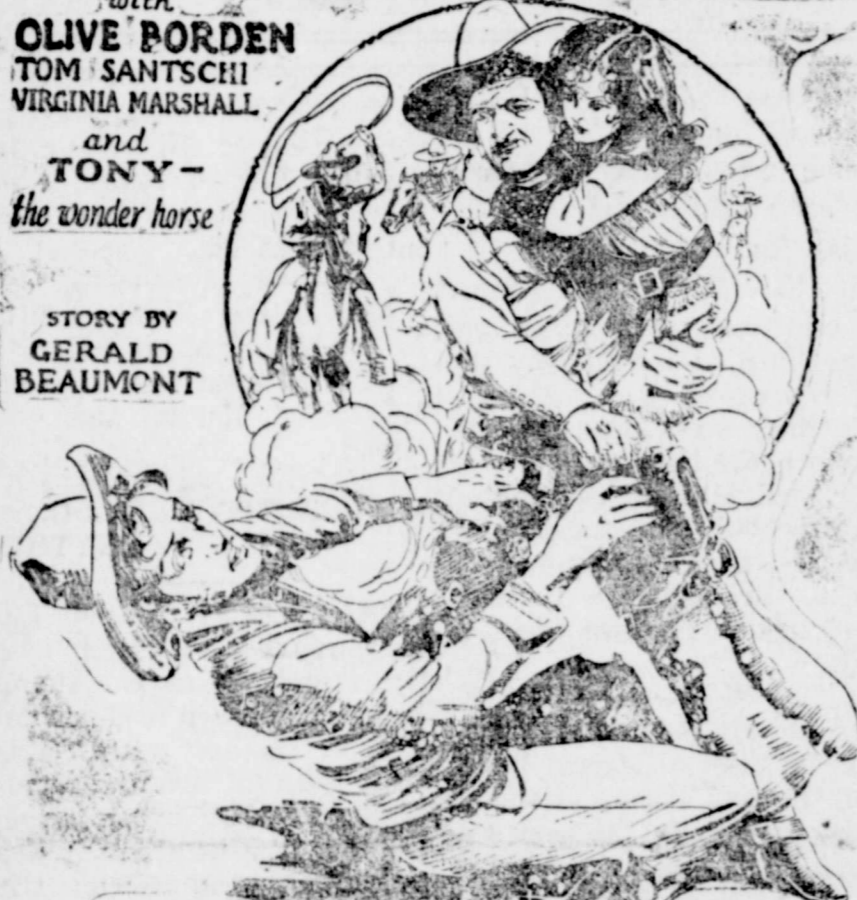
**COZY FRIDAY and SATURDAY**  
June 4th and 5th

WILLIAM FOX presents  
**Tom Mix**  
in  
**My Own Pal**

A 1926 typical Tom Mix picture de luxe

with  
**OLIVE BORDEN**  
**TOM SANTOSCHI**  
**VIRGINIA MARSHALL**  
and  
**TONY**  
the wonder horse

STORY BY  
**GERALD BEAUMONT**



G. MLYSTONE PRODUCTION

Also an Adventure Picture  
**JACK DAUGHERTY and LOLA TODD**

"THE SCARLET STREAK"

Chapter No. 3—"THE ROPE OF HAZARD"  
Also 2-reel Universal Comedy—"Just in Time"  
Admission .....10c and 25c

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, June 9th and 10th.

Sensational  
Electrical Spectacle



You feel life—  
vivid and full  
of conflict when  
you see

The William Fox  
Supreme Attraction

**THE FOOL**

Featuring **EDMUND LOWE**

the tremendous, vital picture that William Fox has produced from Charming Pollock's internationally successful play,

A HARRY MILLARDE PRODUCTION  
Scenario by Edmund Goulding

With International News No. 31  
And Universal Comedy—"THE POLO KID"

Senior B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: "Harm of a Worldly Life."

- Leader, Mildred Hamm.  
Introduction by leader.  
1. Constrained by Christ's Love, Fred Giles.  
2. The Lure of this world's love, Iris Garrett.  
3. Paul's Life a Pattern, Ruby Joe Higgins.  
4. The Cruc of Christ's Temptation, Yates Brown.  
5. Why is a Worldly Life wrong? Lewis Giles.  
6. Consider These Reasons also, Helen Booth.  
7. Conclusion, Ray Garrett.  
All young people are cordially invited to attend the B.Y.P.U. at 7:30.

Christian Endeavor Program

Leader, Mr. Ferries.  
Topic: "How may we create and spread happiness?"  
Scripture reading: Matt. 5:1-12; Acts 8:4-8.  
Talk by leader.  
Topics for talks:  
"The World's Beatitudes," by Eunice Russell.  
"Eternal Life and Eternal Joy," Venice Bell.  
"When Sorrow Leads to Joy," by Dean Murray.  
Song; roll call.  
Clippings and demarks.  
The well of happiness, Missie Dye.  
Happiness Heaven, by Helen Compton.  
Peace with a sword, Nina Bell Russell.  
Debate: "That most men are on the wrong track in the pursuit of happiness."  
Offering; announcements.  
Song; mispah.

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Senior League Program

Hymn No. 257. Prayer.  
Leader, Rosa Laney.  
Scripture: I Cor. 1:1-5.  
1. Rural church of the past, Brannic Bailey.  
2. Bringing the church up-to-date, Juanita Beene.  
3. Epworth League and the

rural church, Lewis Biles.  
Benediction.

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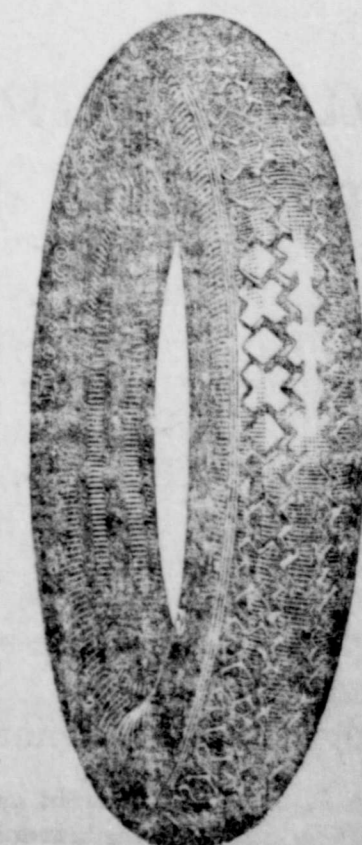
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Mrs. G. W. Boyce received a message Tuesday from El Paso announcing the death of her niece, Miss Alice Leeman, in that city. Miss Leeman's home is in Pecos, and a later message from relatives there state that Miss Leeman's death followed an operation for appendicitis. We extend sympathy to Mrs. Boyce and other loved ones in their bereavement.

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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

Since the editor and family, together with the main linotype operator in the office expect to be away next week attending the Texas Press Association, we would be very grateful to one and all our advertisers if they will be so kind as to hand copy for advertising in early next week, as that will help those in charge very much in their efforts to get out the paper on time. We would also appreciate a very liberal patronage for the paper next week, as same will encourage those in charge of the paper in their efforts to make it just as good as possible.

COMPERE ITEMS

By Alma Stout

The farmers are still very busy in their crops. Some are almost through chopping cotton. Every one has been enjoying the showers.

A large crowd attended singing Sunday night.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy of Warren community.

Mr. Lawrence Spurgin has had as a visitor the last week his cousin from Anson.

Some from here attended the school plays at Noodle Thursday and Friday nights.

Mr. Jasper Hobbs and Therman McCoy visited at Mrs. Stout's a while Sunday.

Miss Floy McKinney spent Sunday with Mrs. Pearl Alired.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin and children and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Howard and children visited at Mrs. Tarvin's Sunday.

Grandma and L. V. Spurgin and son, Robert E., visited in Merkel Sunday. Mr. Will Spurgin

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gin attended the fifth Sunday singing at Blair.

Some of the young folks from here attended the party at Warren last Saturday night.

Mr. Carl Wade from Friona has been visiting relatives and friends in this community the past two weeks.

Mr. Raymond Palmer has been sick with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Spurgin in company with Mr. and Mrs. Goodyear from Anson made a trip to Breckenridge Tuesday. Mr. Spurgin remained there to work.

Mr. Doyle Garrett returned home Wednesday from Waco, where he had been attending Baylor University the past session, to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, and many friends.

Mrs. C. W. Seago and children returned last week from a two week's pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson, who reside in Parmer County.

Mrs. J. E. Richardson and children expect to leave Saturday for Burnet, Texas, where they will visit the former's parents and friends.

Miss Madge Pearce left last Friday for her home in Houston, after a pleasant visit here with Miss Julia Martin and other friends.

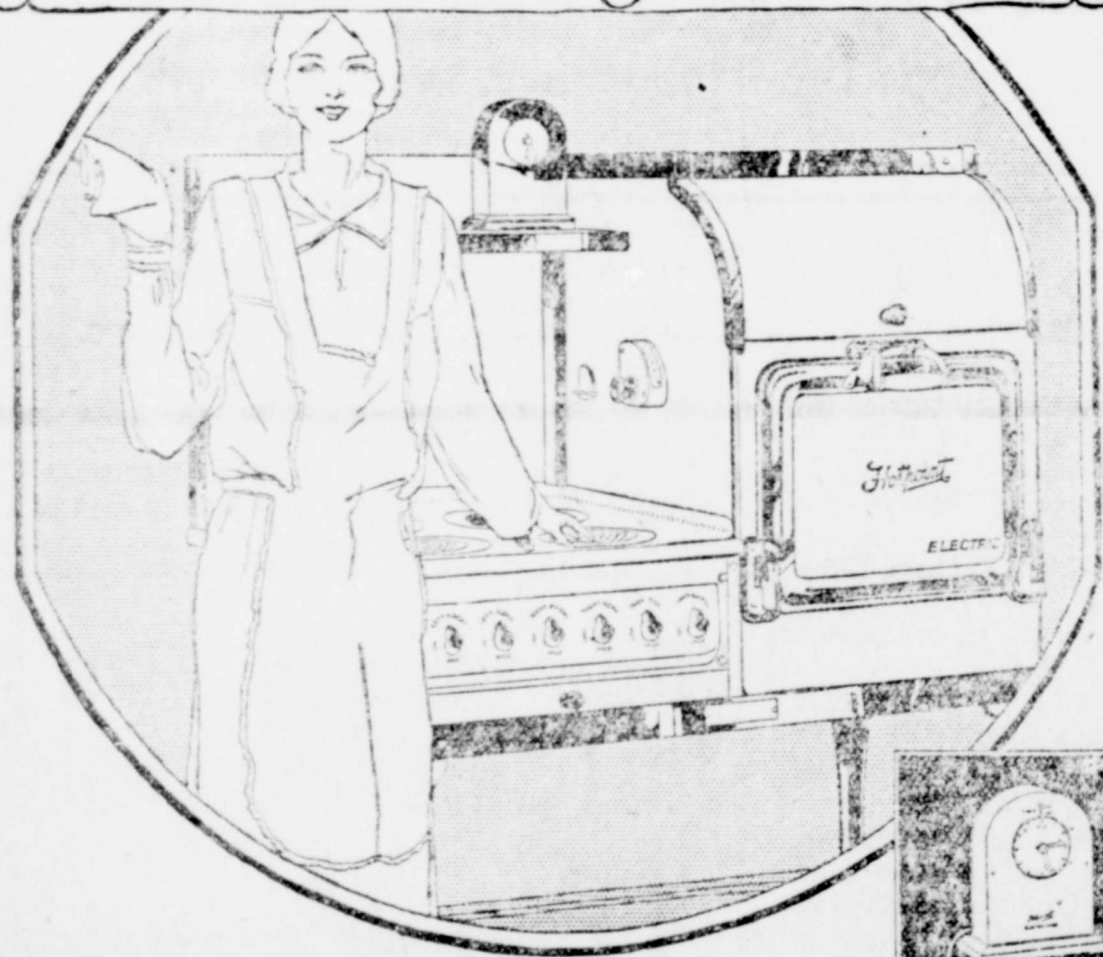
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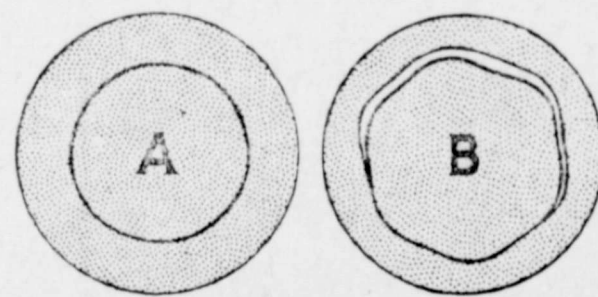
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**WARREN GOSSIP**

By Vera Jones

The farmers are all chopping cotton now. They would like to see a good rain.

The party at Mrs. Light's was attended well, and all reported a nice time.

Misses Ruth and Lena Mae Chancey spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Helen and Artie McCormick.

Miss Lottie Gressett visited Misses Vela and Vera Jones Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Hamlin spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones.

Mr. Hollis McCoy visited in Merkel Sunday morning.

Miss Lottie McCoy visited her brother, Mr. Floyd McCoy Saturday night.

Some from this community attended the singing at Blair last Sunday.

Mrs. Estelle Criswell visited Mrs. H. Gressett Thursday of last week.

Miss Willie Newman spent last week with her brother, Mr. Hollis McCoy.

Mr. Thurman McCoy, Misses Cordie and Willie Ellington and Willie Newman visited Miss Helen McCormick Friday night.

Mrs. Velma McCoy, who has had the mumps, is able to be up again now.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy spent a while Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Barbara McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jaynes, of the Salt Branch community, Tuesday.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. Jones Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris and Miss Willie Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gressett visited in Merkel Sunday evening.

W. R. Sumpter visited in Anson Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter

visited Mr. and Mrs. Manscill of Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. Wilmer Criswell spent Sunday with Mr. Robert Sumpter.

Messrs. H. C. Chancey and son and Mr. E. H. Jones visited Mr. J. W. Higgins Monday night.

Mr. Robert Manscill visited his uncle, Mr. W. R. Sumpter, Monday.

**WARREN NEWS**

By Rose Ellington

Health of this community is very good at present.

Several around Warren attended the Fifth Sunday Singing at Blair last Sunday.

The farmers were all glad to see the rain which came Tuesday afternoon.

Misses Lena Mae and Ruth Chancey spent Sunday with Miss Helen and Artie McCormick.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy.

Misses Lottie Gressett, Willie Newman spent Sunday with Misses Vela and Vera Jones.

Miss Lillian Miller of Abilene visited Misses Rose and Willie Ellington Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. John Paynes and Mrs. Shouse spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin of the Compere Community.

Mrs. Hollis McCoy has as her guest her niece of Arlington, Texas, this week.

Misses Cordie and Lorene Ellington visited Miss Alzine Sumpter Sunday.

Mr. Boyd Dobbs spent Sunday with Robert and Zebbie Sumpter.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finch, of the Hodges community.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter and daughter, Eula, visited out

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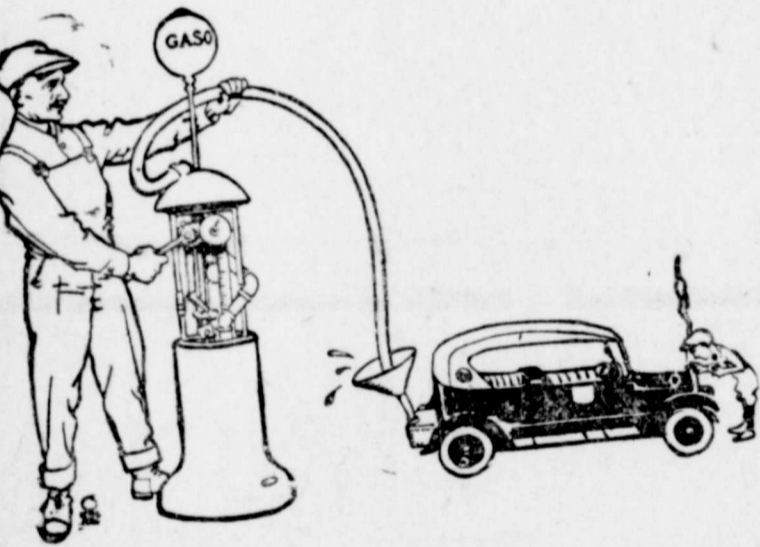
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south of Merkel Sunday.

Mr. Hermon Carter spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harvell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harvell had as their guests Sunday, Mrs. Harvell's mother and brother of Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Criswell and Mr. and Mrs. Elma Criswell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Criswell.

Miss Lena Mae Wilson visited Miss Ollie Hobbs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy visited his mother, Mrs. Barbara McCoy Monday night.

Misses Flossie and Margie Copeland spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Floyd Finch Sunday.

**STITH NEWS**

Health of this community is very good at this writing.

The farmers are getting along nicely with their crops.

Mr. Cass Patton and children are out on his farm chopping cotton this week.

Maudie Patton and grandmalkelso visited Mrs. Cass Patton of Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Brother Dickinson and family were visiting in this community Saturday and Sunday. He also preached a good sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. The Methodist Sunday school of Stith is doing nicely at present, but hope to do better. The highest number present so far is 132.

The League is doing nicely but could do lots better, so every one be there next Sunday night and let us do our best.

Mr. Odie Fikes, wife and baby visited Mrs. Velta Bird and her husband last Saturday night of Mulberry community.

Earl Patton visited his broth-

er, Allen Patton, last Sunday.

Bro. Brown and family of Tye visited Mr. Jaynes and family Sunday afternoon of Salt Branch

Bassol Hudson from Westbrook is to make a business trip to Merkel this week and spend the night with C. A. Hudson and family.

Truman Jaynes is up again, but not getting along very well. Katty Bell Mashburn visited in Sweetwater last Sunday.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Middleton of Roscoe. Mrs. Middleton is the daughter of W. I. Hudson of Stith. All present were: Spince Hudson and family of Westbrook, Willie Hudson and children of Stith, C. A. Hudson, wife and children of Stith, Mack Hudson, wife and children of Stith, Odie Fikes, wife and baby of Stith, Miss Lois Higgins of Merkel, Mr. J. B. Kelso and boy of Stith, Mr. J. Johnson and wife from San Antonio, Win Lee and wife of Hermleigh, Mrs. Thelma Gressett from Westbrook. All reported a fine time and a real nice dinner, and hope to meet again soon.

Mr. Bill Bigham and Wesley Rister visited in the Stith community last Sunday night.

Miss Eva Blair of Sterling City is visiting her cousin, Willie Mae Redding this week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell returned first of the week from a business trip and visit to friends at Royce City, returning via Denton, where they called for their daughter, Miss Alyne, who has been a second year student in the State Teachers College there, and who returned with them.

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Mrs. Bessie Hill, of Kansas City, arrived first of the week for a visit with her brother, Mr. O. R. Rodden, and sisters.

Mrs. Ottis A. Smith of Roby, formerly Miss Jewel Daniel of this city, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Montie D. Daniel.

Mayor and Mrs. N. D. Cobb returned Wednesday of this week from a ten days trip to points in South Texas, returning via Dublin, Texas, where they visited their son, Billie Cobb and wife. They were accompanied on the trip by their daughter, Mrs. George Coker, and little son Billie George, who returned to their home at Dallas.

Miss Jesse Sutphen returned to her home here last week from Wichita Falls, where she taught in the public schools the past year. Her many friends are glad to welcome her home.

PRONUNCIATION AID



June Webster, descendant of the famous lexicographer, Noah Webster, presents a copy of her ancestor's work to the Publicity Department of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition Association to help them in pronouncing properly the name of the big events which opens June 1 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. There are many types of pronunciations heard but there is just one proper way Noah says. It is "Ses-Kwuh-ten-ten-nial" with the accent on the first syllable of the "Sesqui" and on the second syllable of the "centennial."

The Moon's Craters

There is no reason to believe that any new craters have formed upon the moon for ages. These it has come into being, doubtless, as those upon the earth were formed—by volcanic action. The moon everywhere shows traces of volcanic agency, although there are no active moon volcanoes known to us, nor are there indications of recent volcanic action. Great volcanic fires raged upon it once, and there are craters more than 100 miles across, but the moon apparently has been a dead world for a vast period of time.

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AMERICAN YOUTH



Elizabeth ("Betty") Clark, 13, of Cedars, Delaware, is one of the state's girl candidates for the American Youth Award, established by the directors of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, to be held at Philadelphia from June 1 to December 1 in observance of 150 years of American Independence. If "Betty" is finally chosen to represent Delaware she will be given a week's trip to the Exposition and to Washington and the White House, where she will receive a medal from the hands of President Coolidge.

Mr. C. W. Seago, together with considerable feed, harness, etc., and several heads of hogs. This is quite a loss on Mr. Seago, and we join his friends in extending sympathy to him in his loss.

We are glad to learn that Miss Rodden, who is here for a visit with her brother, Mr. O. R.

Rodden, and who has been quite sick for several days, is now reported improving rapidly.

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Messrs. P. C. Jones, Lee Eason, Nathan Wood, Elder Cypert and H. L. Probst with their families expect to leave first of next week for a few days fishing trip down on the San Saba river.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Grimes are now occupying the residence it formerly owned and occupied by

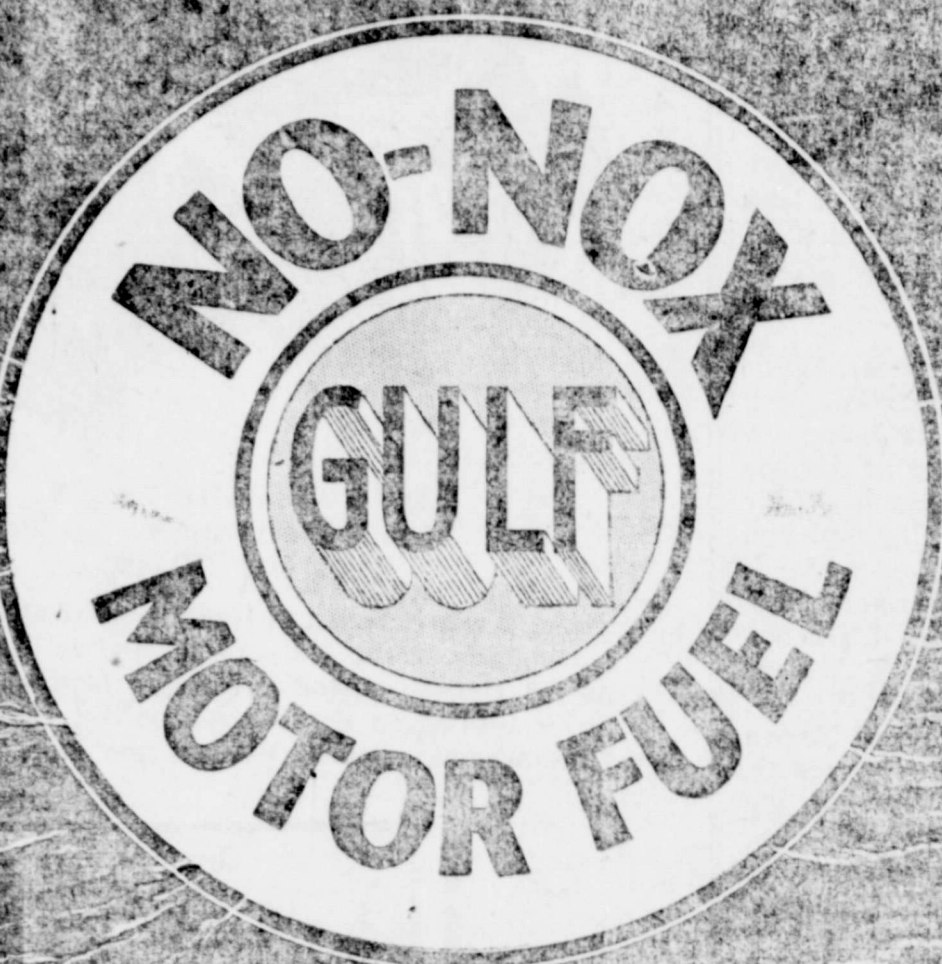
Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson, on Oak street.

Mrs. T. V. Touchstone has recently purchased the modern and beautiful G. J. Jones residence on Oak street, and will shortly move to same.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson

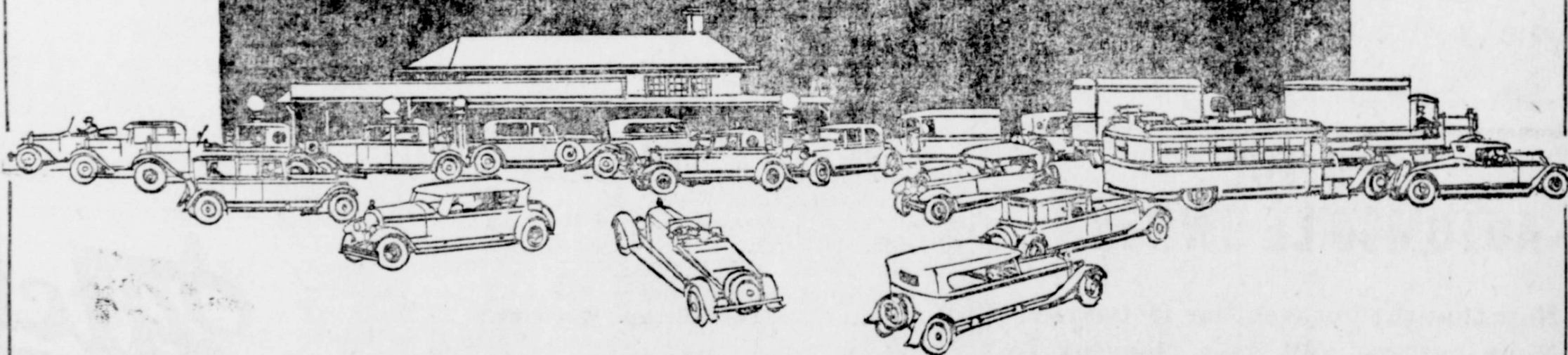
spent the week in Dallas, Mr. Anderson being under the care of a specialist for a few days. They are expected to return this week.

Mrs. J. H. Estes, of Little rock, Ark., is here this week the guest of Mrs. Amy Sears, and other relatives.



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**FOR RENT**—Furnished rooms. Mrs. W. A. McSpadden.

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**WANTED**—Man with family to do farm and ranch work. Sam Butman, Sr. 28t4

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**LOST**—A brooch with picture of three women in it, set around edge with brilliants in celluloid cameo. Finder return to Merkel Mail for reward. 1t

**STRAYED**—Small bay mare mule from Noodle. Tom Bryan, Merkel, route 2. 1tp

**FARM & RANCH LOANS**

At 6, 6½ and 7 per cent interest payable once a year. Terms 5, 10, 20 or 33 years, the best contract ever offered the borrower. **NO RED TAPE.** See me if you want a loan. V. E. MUIR, Abilene, Texas. 1Jan27

**CARD OF THANKS**

We take this method of thanking our many friends who so kindly helped us in any way in our loss by fire. May heaven's richest blessings rest upon each and every one is our prayer.  
 Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago 1tp

**—NOTICE—**

My fine Jersey Male will make the season at the Wagon Yard. Fees \$1.50. W. H. Pence. 1tp

**Eastern Star Meeting**

All members of the Eastern Star are urged to be present on Saturday evening, as there will be business of importance and installation of officers. 1t

Campbell Grocery and Cafe wants to buy your good fryers. Rush them in at once. 1t

Lloyd Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Daniel, is this week a Merkel visitor.

John Dew, a former resident of the Merkel country, but now of Eastland county, was in Merkel Monday, and stated that he is preparing to move to Fort Worth.

Miss Thelma Copeland and Miss Mary Alice Johnson visited Miss Autry Porter in Tye last week-end, and while there attended the closing exercises of the school.

Mr. A. J. Hartley was in this city Wednesday from his splendid farm north of town and stated that he had a fine rain Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. W. D. Haynes and son, W. W. Haynes, returned last week from Alabama, where they had been for a visit to the former's aged father and other friends and relatives. They report a very pleasant and enjoyable trip.

W. L. Harkrider, Jr., who for the past school year has been in McMurry College, Abilene, has returned home for the summer vacation.

J. Lewis Swann, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann, who for the past year has made his home in California, has returned to Merkel for a short visit with his parents, and will then make his future home in Winters, Texas.

Miss Lois Tims of Tuscola is here this week the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sie Branton.

J. B. Ferrier, and grandson, Ross Ferrier, Jr., returned from Fort Sumner, N. M., Tuesday.

**Announcing**  
 FORMAL OPENING OF  
**Our Beautiful Store**  
**Tuesday, June 8th.**  
**7:30 to 9:30 P. M.**  
**You Are Cordially Invited**

Come and see! This earnest invitation is extended to everybody. Come Tuesday evening and see our beautiful store.

For months our hearts and minds have been wrapped up in the task of planning and financing a larger and better department store—that we may better serve you

We are proud of our achievement and we want your approval. Come and see! Be our Guests!

**Grissoms Dept. Store**  
**ABILENE, TEXAS**

**Extra Special**

For a few days we are pleased to quote you the following low prices on good, guaranteed casings:

**30x3½ Cord Casings at \$8.50 to \$15.00**

**29x4-40 Balloon Tires from \$12.50 to \$20.00**

That we may better care for our customers, and especially be able to care for their battery charging **A NEW MACHINE** for battery work was installed.

Bring us your Battery Work.

We appreciate all your business.

**Corner Garage**  
 F. C. McFARLAND, prop.

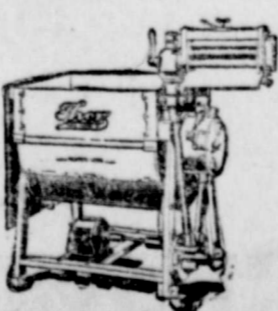
**Mrs. J. Samuel Rider**

Will open Summer class in  
 Piano, Voice, Saxophone and Violin  
**JUNE 15**  
**SPECIAL RATES**  
 Those desiring to study, **PHONE 115**

**Before You Decide Which Washing Machine**

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BEGINNING TOMORROW, A REMARKABLE  
...SALE OF...  
**Smart New Dresses**  
"SUNBEAM" Brand—in Genuine  
Aberfoyle Radiou Chiffon and Silk Pongee  
Sports Fabric  
**\$3<sup>98</sup>**

An event the Dress Shop is justly proud of—we know fashion wise women and Misses will be delighted with such smart, attractive and practical dresses at so inexpensive a price! They are so ideal for summer—Suitable alike for home street and sports wear. The large assortment is composed of the well-known "Sunbeam" Dresses made of the fashionable Radioux Chiffon, a Superior Rayon fabric in a very fine quality and unusual new spring patterns. It is absolutely guaranteed sun-fast and tub-fast—also to retain its silken luster, and non-shrinkable.

The models sketched above are representative of the attractive choice offered in this assortment. All straight line tailored styles that embody the smartest spring style features. Each individual with trimmings of plain white or colored Radioux Chiffon. Also models trimmed with handwork.

**DISTINCTIVE FEATURES EXCLUSIVE WITH THESE DRESSES**

Aberfoyle Radioux Chiffon is an outstanding Rayon fabric of surpassing quality and beauty. With the exception of the staple patterns, all of the designs are exclusive to Radioux Chiffon and Mohpac fabrics—patterns of a character not possible in any other Rayon materials. They fit perfectly because of their perfect, generous cut. They have wide, 4-inch hems. In addition, these dresses have been made very liberal in length, and in most instances the hems can be made from 6 to 8 inches deep.

Regular Sizes 16 to 44

**AMONG THE NEW SPRING COLORS AND COLOR COMBINATIONS**

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|----------------|----------------|
| Bois de Rose   | Jade Green     |
| Pervenche Blue | Poudre Blue    |
| Lanvin Green   | Coral Pink     |
| Beige, Orchid  | Sunset Castles |

Red and Tan Combinations

The fine, expensive dyes used in Aberfoyle Radioux Chiffon and Mohpac makes these clear, lovely colors possible. Even after numerous tubbings and exposure to the bright summer sun, they will remain as fresh and attractive as when they are new.

Extra Sizes 46 to 52

**JONES DRY GOODS**

**NEW BARBER SHOP**

We have opened a new and up-to-date Barber Shop in the building next door south of the Woodrum Filling Station, and will appreciate a share of your patronage. First class workmanship and courteous treatment to all. H. J. Dunn and Floyd McCoy.

**Enjoy Sunday Dinner at The H. R. Hicks Home**

Mr. A. C. Sublett of Copperas Cove, Texas, is visiting with relatives here, and in order that all might be together once more, a Sunday dinner was planned at the H. R. Hicks home on May 30th., after church. It Each family carrying a well

filled basket and each and every one enjoying the splendid meal and friendly association together, the affair will not be forgotten in the near future.

The following were present: Mr. A. C. Sublett of Copperas Cove, Texas, honored guest, aunt Mollie Starkie, Mrs. Lula Fortenberry and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Brown and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks and son, Ben Robert; Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Hunter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hays and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett and family, Miss Euna Lee Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett and daughter Vernelle, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hicks. Out of town guests were Mrs. Alva Hutchins and children of Sweetwater, and Mrs. B. A. Walters of Willis Point, Texas.

Mrs. Willie Addington of Abilene spent last Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblet.

Dr. Watkins and Associates, Dentists, Abilene, Texas.

The dental work which you did for me the latter part of January, 1925, is GOOD. I gave you \$35.00 for my set of teeth and would not take \$500.00 for them and do without them. I can recommend your dental work very highly.

C. B. HURT, Wingate, Texas.

We have the original of above letter on file in our office. We do work on Credit or Partial Payment Plan.

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**PUPILS OF MRS. RIDER PRESENTED IN RECITAL**

Last Thursday evening at the Methodist church Mrs. J. Samuel Rider presented her class in Recital before a large crowd of interested spectators. A fine program was rendered consisting of piano, violin, saxophone and vocal numbers. The closing number, an ensemble by the entire class, was especially complimented by several.

Mrs. Rider presented gold medals for special recognition of work done by pupils as follows: For the highest average, first medal went to Sterling Sheppard, second medal to Lynn McSpadden and memory medal to D. O. Huddleston. Other members of the class were: Gladys Milliken, Alice Reed, Ethel Hamilton, Rubyjo Higgins, Isadore Mellinger, Thelma Horton, Inice Brown, Luther Williams, J. T. Kegan, Rosie Laney, Sallie Brown, Ethel Wilson, Murphy Thomas, Mary Hutcheson, Charlie Largent, Chleon Nixon, Cyrus Pee, Lois Hayter, Opal Horton,

**Celebrates Birthday**

On Monday, May 31, Mrs. Lee Eason celebrated her birthday by having all her children at home with the exception of one boy who is in California.

At the noon hour they were served with a bountiful dinner. Everything one could wish, all kinds of fresh vegetables from the garden and lots of fried chicken made a wonderful feast.

The afternoon was spent in playing different games and serving ice cream. Mrs. Eason received a number of nice presents. Those present were: Henry Eason and family, Allen Eason and family, Oliver T. Eason and family, Mrs. Joe Douglas and family, Gypsie, Gertrude and Leroy Eason, Mrs. Otto Bicknell, Mrs. N. L. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eason.

A Guest.

**Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze Hostesses at Party**

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze were hostesses at a party at Shannon's Pool, honoring Miss Lola Dean, of Hamlin, guest in the Baze home, who was a teacher in the Merkel schools last year.

The guests assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Baze at seven-thirty o'clock on Monday evening, departing immediately for Shannon's. Some members of the party enjoyed a swim while others found amusement watching. Lunch was then spread on the lawn, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, olives, potato chips, iced tea and ice cream bars. Those enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Baze were: Mr. and Mrs. Sie Branton, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham, Misses Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Jess Sutphen, Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, Mary Cleo Booth, Lucy Tracy, Lola Dean, Lois Tims of Tuscola, and Mrs. Warren Smith; and Messrs. Hubert Blair, Choc Jones, Guy Darsty, Byers Petty, Yates Brown, Bob Dennis.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Whereas, on Thursday, May 27th, 1926, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe saw fit to remove from the walks of men our esteemed brother, G. W. Johnson, now, therefore, be it resolved by the Merkel Lodge No. 355, I. O. O. F.:

First: that in the death of Brother Johnson our lodge has lost an honored member and one who exemplified in his daily life the truest tenets of our order: Friendship, Love and Truth, one who has attained to a high degree the truest and philosophy of life.

Second: That our city and community have lost a most valuable citizen, his family a tender father and wise counselor. In fact, to an extraordinary de-

**BROWN DRY Goods Co. Stock Reducing SALE**

Throngs are saving money by attending this sale

gree he was a friend to man. C. L. Tucker, W. M. Elliott, L. L. Murray, Committee.

Mr. Tom Hartley, nephew of Mr. A. J. Hartley of route one, and for the past five years a school teacher in Kansas, is this week visiting in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson spent a few days at Post City and Crosbyton visiting friends and relatives. Miss Evelyn Robinson of Post City returned with them for a few days visit here.

**Windmills! Windmills! At Greatly Reduced Prices**



We wish to call your attention to these makes and models of mills that we are closing out, due to the fact that we are reducing our stock to one mill-

**The Self Oiling Steel Star**

This closing out stock is all new mills and are reliable and well known makes such as the Steel Eclipse Self Oiling, Wood Eclipse direct stroke, Steel Dempster self oiling, Wood Dempster direct stroke also some Steele Stars in 6ft. geared mills at prices that you can't afford to miss.

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