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RAINS ALMOST INSURE GOOD CROPS

Thus far in the good year 1926, this country has not suffered at any time for the want of good season, the rains falling almost ideally as needed. Therefore it is doubtful if the crop conditions at this time of the year were ever more promising. Fine rains the last few days almost insure one of the largest feed crops the country ever produced, and well may it be, for surely the farmers of this section have learned a great lesson in coming up short of the necessary feed with which to care for their stock while making a crop. Cotton never had a better start than the present growing crop. Most fields are well worked and clean, and with a little more rain at the proper time the yield in this territory will be enormous very likely.

Where small grain crops were planted the yield this year has been very good. Also the hay and other roughness, it seems, will be in abundance; all of which adds materially to the happiness and prosperity of the farmer and stock raiser.

It is stated that the range this year is by far better than for many years, and thus the cattle are said to be getting sleek and fat. The gardens are producing abundantly this year and hence the table expense of the average family is not only reduced but made the more enjoyable.

Just a few more showers along through the summer and Old Man Prosperity is most sure to reign throughout all West Texas.

MISS MARY PROCTOR IS ELECTED TEACHER HERE

Miss Mary Proctor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor, has recently been elected teacher in the Grammar School department for the next term.

Miss Proctor has had two years college work and is well qualified and prepared to render excellent service in the position to which she was elected.

Mr. Bud Sears and family of Menard are here this week visiting their many friends and relatives.

ELECTROCUTED BY HANGING WIRE

Weslaco, June 5—Charles Sutphen, 21 was electrocuted here at 4:30 p. m. today when he accidentally came in contact with a short circuited electric light wire at the Stevens and Watson gin. Three doctors worked heroically to save young Sutphen's life with a pulmotor, but to no avail.

Sutphen at the time of the fatal accident was engaged in making repairs in the wiring at the gin. According to witnesses he had just reached upward to cut a wire that was dangling from the ceiling, with a pair of pliers. As the pliers touched the hanging wire the fatal current entered his body, knocking him to the ground and rendering him senseless. He never recovered consciousness though the doctors gave every aid known to medical science in effort to save his life.

Immediately upon the occurring of the accident, Dr. McCalif was summoned. A few moments later Dr. D. L. Hendrick, who also had been summoned, made a record run from Mercedes with a pulmotor. Dr. Verderie, who also had been called, arrived shortly. All three doctors worked for three hours, using a full tube of oxygen, but all efforts were fruitless to restore life to the inanimate body.

Young Sutphen is survived by his brother, V. M. Sutphen, manager of the Delta Development company of Weslaco. He only recently came to Weslaco from Merkel, Texas.—The Valley Morning News.

TWO PRETTY HOMES NEARING COMPLETION

Two more substantial, modern and beautiful homes to be boasted of within our city are now nearing completion, and when completed will be among the most attractive and commodious of the city. They are those being erected on Oak street by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown.

Misses Mildred Matthews and Maurine Tipton returned this week from C. I. A. at Denton where they have been in school for the past school year.

NO TRADE TRIP FOR THIS WEEK

Due to the fact that every farmer in this part of the country is at this time very busy with his crop, there will be no trade trip this week as had been planned at the last meeting of the Luncheon Club. However on Friday evening, June 18th there will be a trade trip to the Mount Pleasant community and on the following Friday there will be a trade trip to the Mulberry community. It is expected that most of the farmers will have caught up with their work by the time these trips are held and a large crowd is expected at each place. A fine program is being arranged and further announcement will be made in the next issue of this paper.

BLANTON TO SPEND SUMMER IN ABILENE

The Mail is in receipt of a letter from Hon. Thos. L. Blanton, our Congressman, who writes from Washington stating that he expects to spend the summer in Texas in the interest of his campaign for re-election, and will make Abilene his headquarters, opening his office there immediately upon his return.

Mr. Blanton is an able and tireless representative in our national Congress, always working for and fighting for the things that he believes are to the best interest of the people of his district, state and nation. Yes, he will even fight for every principle he believes right. He asks that any person having business with him to please address him at Abilene for the next few months instead of Washington.

O. R. Rodden returned home Monday evening from Mule Shoe where he and family had been in response to a telegram stating that Mrs. Rodden's brother was seriously ill. Mrs. Rodden remained with the sick brother and will return home in about ten days.

TAYLOR COUNTY BASEBALL LEAGUE

One day last week representatives from a number of communities around Merkel met together and organized what is known as the Taylor County Amateur Base Ball League. Mr. Chas. H. Jones, agent for the Magnolia Gasoline, was elected president of the organization, and managers for each ball club were appointed. Also Messrs. L. J. Renfrow and Ted Laster were appointed official statisticians and let me say here that these gentlemen have requested me to announce that each manager is expected to turn in a score card to these gentlemen each week in time for them to fix up a box score for the Merkel Mail. The following committees are represented in the league: Noodle, View, Trent, Stith, Mt. Pleasant, and Dora. Three games will be played each Saturday during the summer. In this issue of the paper you will find a schedule of all the games to be played this season. Also you will find below a box score of one of games played last Saturday. Standing of the teams are as follows:

Standing of the Club:

Club	Played	W	L	Stgd.
Noodle	1	1	0	1000
View	1	1	0	1000
Trent	1	1	0	1000
Stith	1	0	1	000
Mt. Pleasant	1	0	1	000

View

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Street lb	5	1	1	10	1	0
Keith 3b	5	0	1	6	1	0
Martin cf	5	0	2	2	0	0
Hammond p	5	3	2	0	1	0
Seward c	4	2	1	9	1	0
Petree ss	5	1	1	0	3	0
Morrison rf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Trantham 2b	3	1	0	2	3	0
Landers lf	4	1	2	0	0	4
Landers lf	4	1	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	39	10	11	27	10	4

Mt. Pleasant

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
C. Blevins lf	5	1	2	1	0	0
Humphries 2b	4	0	1	3	1	2
W Blevins 1b	4	1	1	10	0	0
T. Darden ss	4	1	0	0	2	0
B. Blevins c	4	1	0	0	0	0
R. Horton cfp	3	0	0	0	0	0
Mashburn 3b	4	0	0	1	2	0
Thompson pcf	4	0	0	0	6	0
Richard lf	3	2	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	34	6	6	24	11	2

Umpires—Drummond and Keith, time of game 2 hours 30 min., attendance 115.

2 base hits Hammond, Richard, hits off Hammond 4 in 3 innings, off Petree 2 in 6 innings, stolen bases, Stewart, C. Blevins, Humphries 2, Keith, Hammond 2, Trantham; double plays Street to Keith; bases on balls off Hammond 1, off Thompson 1, off Petree 1; struck out by Hammond 3, Petree 5, Thompson 7, Horton 2; passed ball, Seward; hit by pitcher, by Thompson (Morrison).

Messrs. Byron Curb, Kenneth Watkins and Clyde Matthews returned last Friday from Austin where they have been attending the State University. They all report a successful year.

REV. McCARTER IS NEXT TOASTMASTER

At the next regular meeting of the Merkel Luncheon Club, which will be held on next Tuesday evening at Ed's C. cafe, at 8 p.m., the Rev. W. R. McCarter, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will be in charge as the Toastmaster for the evening's program. Rev. McCarter is not only an energetic, progressive and consecrated minister of the gospel, but a man who believes in progress and enterprise among the business men and citizens as being essential to the growth and development of any city, and that he as a minister should take part in and help carry his part of the burden in the development and betterment of the community in which he resides. He has therefore outlined a program for the evening to those in attendance.

And since, at the last meeting of the Club, the able president, desiring to stimulate a larger attendance at the next meeting, appointed a committee of four live wires to sell tickets for the next meeting which is composed of Messrs. Taylor F. Davis, Booth Warren, E. Yates Brown and Max Mellinger. When these gentlemen call on you about next Monday, you just as well make up your mind that you are going to buy a ticket with the intention of attending, for they don't want you to buy unless you expect to attend; it is not your money that they need most, but your presence at the next meeting.

The Luncheon Club is an organization that has for its purpose the upbuilding and betterment of the town and community, and can only function and bring about the best results when the citizenship as a whole enter into the work of same. May the next meeting be one of the best ever before held.

The following is the program arranged by Rev. McCarter for the next meeting of the Club on next Tuesday night.

1. Duette, Misses Boog Sears and Mona Margaret Jones.
2. Civic Beauty, Mrs. Lenn Sublett.
3. Our Customers and Their Cultivation, Booth Warren.
4. Mixed Quartet.
5. Advertising, local and distant, Mr. Henry West.

EDITOR AND FAMILY TO PRESS ASSOCIATION MEET

The Editor of the Merkel Mail Mr. Thos. Durham and his family together with Mr. Jack Durham and wife and baby left last Monday Morning for San Antonio, Texas to attend the Texas Press Association. This issue of the Merkel Mail is being published by Messrs. Wrenn Durham and David W. Ferries and we would like to express our appreciation of your cooperation in helping us make this issue possible. We always appreciate any news which you might have for us as well as all advertising. The editor will

SCOUTS TO ORGANIZE IN MERKEL

All boys that wish to join the Boy Scouts should be at the Armory at 8 p.m. sharp. Visitors will be welcome. Parents that want to know more about scouting and especially those that want to ask some questions about scouting before letting their boy join please be present.

The program of the Boy Scout is the man's job cut down to a boy's size. It appeals to the boy not merely because he is a boy but because he is a man in the making. There is a time when the boy is delighted with a tomahawk and feathers and buckskin leggins. And you can put over a very considerable program based on that kind of symbolism. The Scouting program, however, changes that squarely. It does not ask of the boy anything that the man does not do; but step by step it takes him from the place where he is until he reaches the place where he would be. Scouting affords the opportunity for initiative, self control, self reliance and self direction.

OIL DEVELOPMENT DUE TO MOVE WEST

Although oil development in Central West Texas is now centered in Shackelford, Callahan, Brown and Coleman counties, the play is due soon to move westward into Jones and Taylor counties, is the opinion of C. C. Warner of the Mid-West Exploration Co.

The reason given for a shift from the counties to the east is that ninety per cent of Shackelford and Callahan counties is leased. Several large blocks of acreage have already been taken in Jones and Taylor and other companies are looking this way, it is stated.

The Phillips company has just spudded in a well on the Joe Winters land in the extreme southwestern part of Jones county, according to information received here. Another company has leased a large block just south of Anson and is core-drilling to determine the structure.

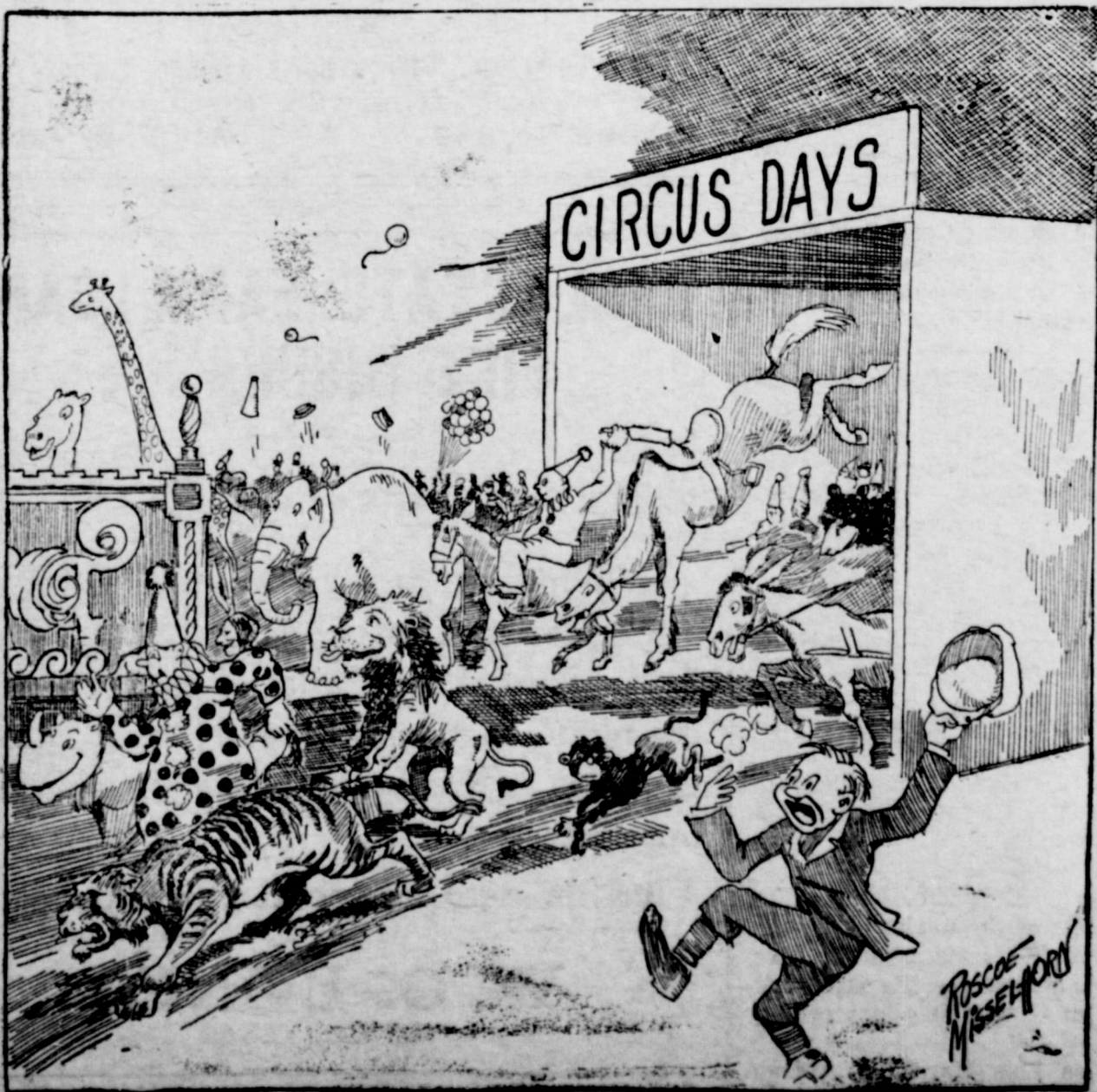
Seventeen new locations have been made on the Nail ranch in northwestern Shackelford county. Seven of these are by Amon G. Carter and ten by the Sinclair. The Nail land comprises a large portion of the northern half of the county.

There are now fifteen producing wells on the Cook ranch in Shackelford with an average daily total production of 10,000 barrels. The pay is from 1,250 feet.—Abilene Reporter.

probably be gone next week also and we will appreciate your further cooperation and ask that you bare with us until his return.

Wrenn Durham
D. W. Ferries

"The Magic Box"



SCHEDULE OF GAMES OF THE TAYLOR COUNTY LEAGUE

WATCH	At Trent	At Noodle	At Dora	Mt Pleasant	At View	At Stith
Trent	THE	Aug. 21	June 5	June 26	July 31	July 10
Noodle	June 19	Aug. 21	July 31	July 13	June 26	June 5
	July 17	MAIL			July 24	Aug. 7
Dora	July 5	July 31	FOR	Aug. 24	June 12	June 26
	Aug. 7	Aug. 31			Aug. 14	Aug. 28
Mt. Pleasant	July 24	June 12	June 19		June 5	July 3
	Aug. 28	Aug. 14	July 17	RESULTS	July 5	Aug. 31
View	July 3	Aug. 28	July 10	Aug. 7		June 19
	Aug. 31				OF THESE	Aug. 21
Stith	June 12	July 5	July 24	July 30	July 17	
	Aug. 14				GAMES	

Games scheduled to be played at Noodle, Dora and Mt. Pleasant will be played at Merkel

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
Total	\$595,839.17
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits Net	29,615.78
Deposits	516,223.39
Total	\$595,839.17

FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL TEXAS

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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

Simpson-Thomas Marriage

Before a number of freinds and relatives the marriage of Vernon B. Simpson and Miss Murphy Thomas, daughter of Mr. J. S. Thomas, took place in the home of the father of the bride. Bro. McCarter, the pastor of the bride and groom, in a very impressive and appropriate manner performed the beautiful ring ceremony.

Prior to the ceremony Miss Rosa Laney sang "Promise Me", accompanied by Miss Gladys Millican, who also played the wedding march. Mr. Cyrus Pee and Miss Ethel Wilson came in first followed by the bride and groom. Mr. Cyrus Pee acting as best man and Miss Wilson as bridesmaid. Bro. McCarter met the bridal party in the center of the room which was beautifully decorated in cut flowers and ferns the color scheme of pink and white being carried out in pink rosebuds and cape jasmines.

A beautiful Oleander in full bloom formed a back ground for the bridal party.

After Bro McCarter pronounced the words that made the couple man and wife they then departed from the room and the guests were then invited to the dining room where delicious refreshments of cream and angel food cake were served. After which the guests retired wishing for this popular and highly esteemed young couple many years of happiness and prosperity.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt who has been attending McMurry College the past year, is home for a few days visit before returning to McMurry for summer school.

Mrs. M. J. Wilson of Abilene is here this week visiting her many friends and looking after her business interests.

Will sell that Good Gulf Gasoline for 19c at the New Woodrum Filling Station one day only, Saturday June 12.

MR. S. R. DWIGGINS DROPS DEAD AT HIS HOME MON.

On last Monday morning as Mr. S. R. Dwiggin, who resides a mile and a half north-east of Stith, started to step into his car to come to Merkel, he was suddenly stricken dead. His wife a few moments late on going to the garage found the dead body by the side of the car. The body was carried into the house and upon examination he was pronounced dead of heart failure.

Mr. Dwiggin was born in Tennessee in 1868. He later moved to Texas and for twelve years prior to moving to the Stith Community lived at Everman, Texas. He moved to the Stith Community in February of this year. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Mason's Lodge. He leaves to mourn his death a wife and seven children, five of whom are still at home. The other two children are Miss Mary Dwiggin of Lubbock and Mr. Emmett Dwiggin of Ft. Worth, both of whom were here to attend the funeral services.

The funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. C. B. Brooks of Dallas, who was his former pastor at Everman, and assisted by Rev. Smith of Abilene. He was buried immediately afterward in the Stith Cemetery.

The following out of town relatives and friends were here for the funeral:

His three brothers, W. B. Dwiggin and family of Everman J. E. and R. J. Dwiggin of Breckenridge, Mrs. A. C. Bjork of Ft. Worth, Edgar Bone of Joshua Texas, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stevens of Ft. Worth, Miss Carter of Lubbock, Mrs. Smith of Abilene, Len Bridges and wife of Breckenridge, M. A. Jones and wife of Crowell, S. H. Bridges and wife of Rotan, O. S. Campbell and wife of Roby, Osie Bridges and wife of Vernon and possibly others whose names we failed to get.

Mr. J. T. Howard of Abilene accompanied by his daughter Mrs. Weldon, visited their many friends in Merkel first of the week.

Mrs. J. T. Dennis, after having been notified of the sudden death of her brother Mr. Albert Rogers, left Saturday for Cisco to attend the funeral services. She was accompanied by her son and daughter Mr. Bob Dennis and Miss Lola Dennis.

Misses Annie Mae and Willie Swann are here for a visit with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann. Miss Annie Mae is one of the popular and efficient school teachers of the Snyder Public Schools while Miss Willie is connected with the Bryant-Link Company.

Miss Irene Swann of Roswell, New Mexico is here this week for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Will sell that Good Gulf Gasoline for 19c at the New Woodrum Filling Station one day only, Saturday June 12

Mr. and Mrs. Henry West and two children left first of the week for Waxahachie where their son and daughter have been in school at Trinity University. They returned Tuesday bringing Melba and Weston with them.

Buy your pies, cakes and dressed chicken from Presbyterian Ladies at West Company. Saturday, June 12.

Mr. J. T. Dennis and daughter Miss Lola visited in Sweetwater this week

Lynn McSpadden and Van Roberts of Cisco who have been visiting the latter's aunt Mrs. W. A. McSpadden the past week, left for Cisco Thursday morning.

Miss Lois Harris of Abilene was a week-end guest of Miss Ruby Fae Golladay last week.

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
Commercial Paper	82,500.00
U. S. Bonds	110,750.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	121,231.78
Total	\$571,794.99
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	11,872.02
Circulation	6,250.00
Deposits	488,672.97
Total	\$571,794.99

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT:

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

MERKEL TEXAS

'SINCE 1904'

Misses Jessie and Essie Mae Rodden, and Mrs. B. Hill left Monday, after having spent several days visiting their brother O. R. Rodden and family. The Misses Rodden are going to Denton where they will attend the State Teachers College of that place and will return after the summer months to Merkel, where Miss Essie Mae will teach at the Butman School south of Merkel. Mrs. Hill returned to her home in Kansas City Mo.

At a regular meeting of the City Alderman Monday night Miss Pauline Johnson was appointed City Clerk to fill the unexpired term of her father G. W. Johnson, deceased.

Mrs. Dewey Brown and children of Tuscola are guests in the home of J. S. Thomas this week.

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

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None is necessary. If you prefer to use the little puffer gun, the cost is only 10c. Blow Bee Brand Insect Powder from a piece of paper. It floats in the air and its fine particles kill Flies, Mosquitoes, and Moths. Dust it in cracks and crevices, or about the furniture, it kills Roaches, Water Bugs, Fleas, Lice and Bedbugs.

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In red, lifting-top cans at your grocer's or druggist's. Household sizes 10c and 25c. Other sizes 50c and \$1.00.
If your dealer cannot supply you, send us 25c for large household size. Give dealer's name and ask for our free booklet, "It Kills Them", a guide for killing House and Garden Insects.
McCormick & Co., Baltimore, Md.

**IF IT'S BATTERIES OR SICK AUTOS,
WE SERVE WITH A SMILE.
IF IT'S TIRES, WE HAVE THE BEST,
COME TO THE HOSPITAL WE DO THE REST
WATCH US GROW, AND GROW WITH US
Everybody's Garage**

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kesler, of Phoenix, Arizona arrived from Phoenix Tuesday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Frederickson. Mrs. Kesler made the trip home to take her parents back with her to remain during the summer. They are making the trip over land. In route they will stop at El Paso and visit their son G. W. Frederickson and wife. After an extended visit in Phoenix, they will leave for South Gate, California to visit their daughter and her husband before returning to Merkel.

Buy your pies, cakes and dressed chicken from Presbyterian Ladies at West Company. Saturday, June 12.

**NOW -
cutting new crop
of Johnson Grass
SWAFFORD
PHONE 44**

**FORMER DORA GIRL
COMMITTS SUICIDE**

A note written on both sides of a piece of scratch paper in pencil and lying on the floor near her dead body left the only clue on which to work to find the reason for the suicide of Miss Nettie J. Brandon, beautiful 18 year old girl, at Plainview Wednesday morning shortly after ten o'clock. When Mrs. J. W. Boles, with whom she was staying, returned from taking her brother to the station, she honked her horn to get Miss Brandon to open the garage door.

Not getting any response, Mrs. Boles entered the house and found the body lying face downward, with a 12-gage pump shot gun underneath. One shoe was removed, and it was believed she had sprung the trigger with her toe, removing her dainty slipper so that the toe could enter the trigger guard.

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

**CHARLES BLALOCK
SUTPHEN**

Charles Blalock Sutphen, son of James and Mrs. M. Sutphen was born in Kosse, Texas, May 8, 1905, and died at Weslaco, Texas, on June 5, 1926, where he was accidentally killed by coming in contact with a live electric wire.

The sudden untimely death of Charles is a great shock to the community, and is felt by every one, but its terrific force falls on the mother and the brothers and sisters. We often stand in the midst of sudden and unexpected shadows! "In the midst of life we are in death."

Charles went to Weslaco, Texas, about three months ago to be with his brother, V. M. Sutphen. Fortunately, Vernon was near him at the time the accident occurred, but little could be done as death was almost instant. The body was brought back to the family residence in Merkel where it remained for a brief period of time, and was viewed by the loved ones and a great host of friends and associates. The funeral was conducted at the Methodist church at four o'clock Monday afternoon in the presence of a great concourse of neighbors and friends, besides the sorrowing loved ones.

Charles was greatly loved and appreciated by every one who knew him and his friends are counted by the number of his acquaintances.

Expressions of esteem and appreciation were heard on every hand when his death was announced.

His father, James P. Sutphen, a brother, James P. Jr., and a sister, Lucile, preceded him in death. His father dying when Charles was a small child, he has been reared by his mother to whom he was very closely attached.

The sorrowing mother, Mrs. M. Sutphen, 2 sisters, Miss Jessie and Mrs. Tom Sargent, all of Merkel, and a brother, Vernon M. Sutphen of Weslaco, Texas, and a wide circle of friends are left to mourn their loss.

The sorrow is shared, in so far as it is possible, by the entire citizenship of our town and surrounding community.

Testimonials of Appreciation
His Mother: "He never gave me a moments sorrow."

His Sisters: "The sweetest pal a sister ever had."

His Brother: "The very best example for my boy."

His Pals: "Peachy was always fair and square, the soul of honor in dealing with his pals."

His Friends: "He has never been known to speak a harmful word toward anyone."

His Relatives whom he visited: "There never was a sweeter boy in our home, and he made us happier by his manly, agreeable ways."

The little girl that loved him: "He shall ever be my sweetest memory."

His Motto: "With malice toward none, and love for all."

All joining in the prayer: "That when our summons comes we shall be ready to go as Charles."

The following out of town visitors were here for the funeral services:

J. J. Russell, Jr., Ozona, Roy Holmes, Clovis N. M.; Mr. Ellis Warren, Knox City; Miss Grace Lee Cranston, Comper, Vernon and Leron Chaney, Dora, Mr. W. B. Brown of Anson, and the following from Abilene: W. A. Parmally, Roy Parmally, Clara Parmally, J. V. Howerton, Mrs. C. M. Tandy, Mr. Lester Elis, Mr. Austin Fitts, J. T. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wheeler, Mrs. L. A. Arrington, Mrs. A. C. Rose and daughter, and Mr. W. R. Walker, From Caddo, Texas: Mrs. S. O. Sutphen, Zan Sutphen & family, Tom Sutphen, Miss Mamie Sutphen and Mrs. Alex Davis. There were possibly others whose names we failed to get hold of

Mrs. R. L. Adcock left Wednesday morning for Temple where she will undergo an operation. Her sister Mrs. A. M. Duke of Waco will be with her.

"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"

**FORMER MERKEL RESIDENT
DIES SUDDENLY**

Mr. W. A. Rogers who formerly lived in Merkel but who now resides in Cisco was stricken dead suddenly on last Saturday afternoon while returning from Breckenridge to Cisco. Mr. Rogers has a host of friends and acquaintances here as well as a sister, Mrs. J. T. Dennis, who mourn his death. The following is clipping from the Cisco Daily News of June 6 which gives the details of his death.

W. A. Rogers, living at 706 East Eighth street, died suddenly while returning from Breckenridge to Cisco Saturday afternoon. Rogers, who was selling insurance for the Citizens Mutual life insurance company, of Cisco was coming home on the Radford truck, driven by D. W. Green. They had gone by Rayles to deliver goods, and when leaving that place and near the Cisco-Breckenridge highway, Rogers collapsed and fell forward in the truck. Green stated he picked him up and saw he was dead. He at once notified Justice Tom Williams of Breckenridge, who came out and rendered a verdict that his death was due to heart failure. Green's undertaking establishment here was summoned and the body brought to Cisco, where it was held awaiting the arrival of a brother of Mrs. Rogers, who lives at Carbon. A sister, Mrs. Dennis, and her son and daughter arrived early Saturday night, after learning of his death. Funeral will be held some time today, though no arrangements have been made last night.

Mr. Rogers is survived by his widow and seven children, four of them being grown. He was about 55 years of age. It was said at the office of the Citizens

Mutual company that the deceased had a fall several years ago, which injured him internally, from the effects of which he has never fully recovered.

Elder W. G. Cypert, J. A. Buford and wife, Percy Jones and

family, Misses Burdell and Frances Adcock, and Mr. H. L. Propst left this week for Merdard for a fishing trip.

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On the other hand, there is a whole lot of difference in being a business man from strict business acumen and extorting money by being able to control the price of a certain commodity. "Oh, it is excellent to have the strength of a giant, but tyrannical to use it as a giant," declared Shakespeare, which is true; and whenever any trust becomes so strong as to be able to control the price of any commodity to the oppression of the masses, it is then high time for our legislative bodies to intercede on behalf of those who are oppressed.—Synder Signal.

VOTING IS A SOLEMN DUTY

The Government is just what the people make it. The man or woman who refuses to vote has no right to complain if the administration of public affairs does not meet with his or her approval.

Texas will not have an efficient, economical administration of its affairs until the voters of the State cease to follow the lead of the best hand-shaker or that of the man who finds notoriety and secures publicity through some sensational political event. Too long have Texas voters given their support to candidates without other qualifications than that of being able to make a good speech, or perhaps to those who are most proficient in blackening the character of an opponent. Just why we Texans love a "hot" campaign and are willing to place the responsibility of spending millions of public money, our money, in the hands of men and women with no other recommendation than that of being good campaigners, is hard to understand. Why should we vote for a man for governor because he secured newspaper publicity by

75 CITIZENS ASK DAVIDSON TO WITHDRAW

Lampasas, June 4.—A copy of a petition to Lynch Davidson requesting his withdrawal from the race for Governor signed by 75 citizens who described themselves as his supporters in the last campaign was made public here today. The list of signatures included Mayor W. D. Francis, City Secretary J. H. H. Berry, C. A. Martin, W. B. Doone, superintendent of public schools, and other prominent business and professional men of Lampasas. It read as follows:

We whose names are subjoined, having been supporters of yours, wish to convey to you our respect for your desire to be Governor of the State of Texas and would willingly consider with favor voting for you under different circumstances, but as matters stand, we think your candidacy is in great danger.

We assume you see as we do that the overthrow of Fergusonism is of first importance and we hope you will be able to see that Moody has the best opportunity to lead in this overthrow,

as we certainly do.

"In other words we believe your withdrawal from the race would secure the overthrow of this Ferguson rule as nothing else could. In fact, you can elect Dan Moody."

WHY NOT THE LUMBER TRUST, LYNCH?

Lynch Davidson says that the oil trust ought to be ousted from the state. Maybe it should be, but it is not the only trust that ought to be worked on by some legislative power, because the lumber trust is one of the most powerful and oppressive trusts in Texas today. And, if half of the reports be true, Mr. Davidson is connected with this gigantic octopus. And if Mr. Davidson is connected with the lumber trust, his wanting to put the oil trust out of the state is another case of "Whose ox is being gored."

Mr. Davidson and some of his adrent admirers point with much pride to the fact that he is a successful business man, and that he is a self-made man. Any man is self-made if ever made.

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some act or some accomplishment of a sensational nature, and entirely foreign to any duty the governor might be called upon to perform? Why do so many give their votes to candidates who are adept at creating and destroying straw men as a form of entertainment for the people?

Government was created to serve the people. Putting men into office to administer the affairs of Government is a duty calling for careful consideration of every person qualified to vote. The qualifications of every man or woman offering for office should be carefully considered and weighed, and that opportunity is now before us. We have several candidates for governor and numerous candidates for all other elective offices in State, district and county. Let the voters lay aside personal preference and prejudice and give thought to the qualifications and honesty of each man or woman in accordance with the office aspired to, and vote with intelligence and with due consideration for the welfare of the State and the people. It is necessary to have a good lawyer for attorney general. Being a lawyer is not a necessary qualification of a governor. Not that a lawyer would not make a good governor. Some have, but other qualifications are more essential. A governor must be a good business man as well as a good executive. He must have a high sense of duty and the courage to perform it. Put lawyers in where lawyers can serve best, educators at the head of the school system, and business men in places where their qualifications will prove of most value to the people.

If the voters of Texas want good Government, let them put the various candidates under the microscope and determine their fitness for the office to which they aspire. Don't let any outside and immaterial issues influence the vote on July 24.—Farm and Ranch.

Mr. Frank Reynolds of Glenrose, Texas, was here this week visiting his brother, Mr. T. E. Reynolds, who resides south of Merkel. Mr. Frank Reynolds was in the Mail office last Saturday and stated that while on his brother's ranch south of town in the mountains, he captured perhaps the largest rattle snake ever found in that section. He guessed the snake to be about forty years old.

Miss Nell Swann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann, returned home last Saturday from Fort Worth where she has been attending the Baptist Seminary the past year.

We are glad to report Mr. J. C. Mason, who last week was reported critically ill, as improving nicely at this time.

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

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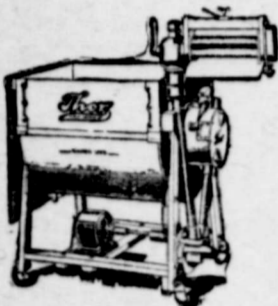
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Baker & Wheeler will appreciate your patronage in fresh and cured meats of all kinds in season. Call on them for fresh pork, sausage, steak, cured meats, roasts, etc.

Miss Mary Butman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman has returned home from attending McMurry College, Abilene, her business interests.

WARREN NEWS

By Vera Jones

The farmers are all about up with their crops.

Health of the community is good at present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick visited in Trent Sunday.

Miss Cordie Ellington spent Saturday night with Miss Lottie Gressett.

Miss Eula Sumpter spent Sunday with Miss Lorene Ellington.

Mrs. G. E. Ellington and family visited in Horn community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones spent Sunday in Sylvester.

Misses Willie Numan and Helen McCormick spent Saturday night with Misses Vela and Vera Jones.

Messrs. Hima Jones, Welmer and Wilber Criswell and Carl Cannon visited Mr. Zebbil Sumpter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker of Merkel visited his mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Baker Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George McCoy.

The party at Misses Ruth and Lena May Chancy was attended well all, reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris spent Friday night with her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. Gaynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bass of Halley visited Mrs. Barbie McCoy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy spent a while Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Barbie McCoy.

Miss Artie McCormick spent Saturday night with Miss Ruth Chancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bret Baker visited her parents of Stamford Sunday.

Mr. Harris and son Bert spent a while Wednesday morning with Ellis Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Criswell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Huston Roberson.

HEBRON NEWS

The farmers are enjoying this pretty weather. Most every one is chopping cotton. Some are through chopping.

The health of this community isn't so good at this writing.

Grandma Matthews took dinner with Mrs. Williamson Sunday.

Mrs. Davis' sister from Golan spent Saturday night with Mrs. Davis and family.

We are sorry to hear of Mr. Dean and little girl being so sick, hope they will soon be on the road to recovery.

Miss Mildred and Mr. Clyde Matthews are back at home again after spending the winter off at school. Their many friends are glad to have them back at Hebron with them.

Mrs. Bayless returned Wednesday from Comanche where she had been visiting her daughter.

Little Clemmens Carey spent Saturday night with his brother Oliver Carey.

Miss Bessie Love Pommell has been sick for some time.

There wasn't so many at church Saturday night on account of so much sickness.

River Side rendered a fine B. Y. P. U. program Sunday evening. It was enjoyed by all. Hope they will visit us again soon.

and church at Hebron Sunday morning. Everybody come.

COMPERE NEWS

Health in this community is not very good at present. Mr. Roman Palmer is still on the sick list.

Mr. Boyd Tarpley who has been sick for some time is better now.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs.

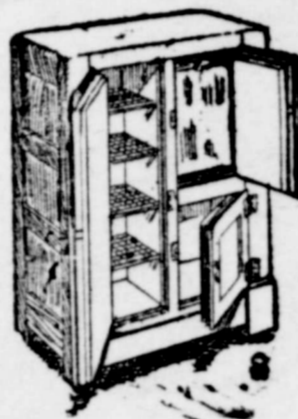
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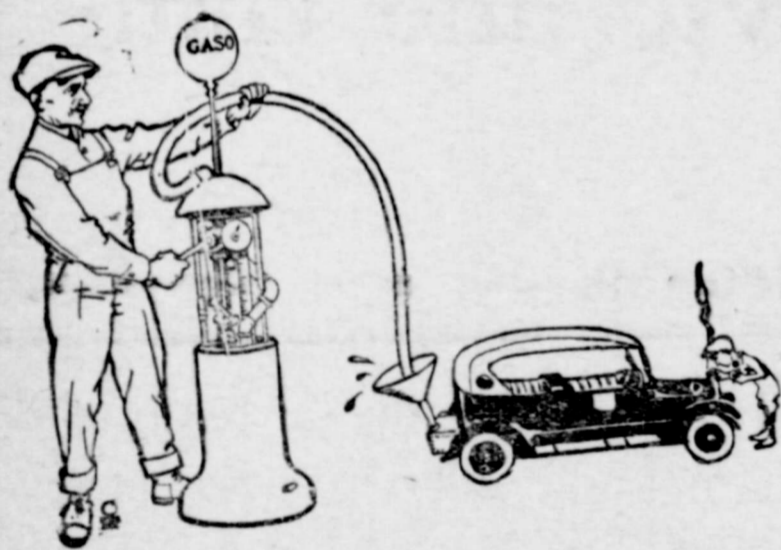
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MANAGER

Ramsey has been sick for some time. We hope it has a speedy recovery.

Those visiting in the home of Mrs. S. A. Hobbs Sunday were Mr. J. H. Hobbs and family, Mr. G. W. Stout and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. Foster and baby and Mr. Bunion Stevenson and friends from Abilene.

Mr. Tom Keener spent Saturday night with Mr. Jasper Hobbs.

Some from here attended the party at Warren Saturday night. All reported a nice time.

Mr. Edd Spurgin who has been working at Breckenridge came home Saturday. He was accompanied by his little niece who spent Saturday night with them.

They returned to Breckenridge Sunday. Little Miss Mashburn from Stith was also a guest of Mrs. Spurgin Saturday night.

Mr. Stout was in Anson on business Monday.

Mrs. Myrtle Foster visited her sister-in-law Mrs. C. Foster a while Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Howard spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin.

Mrs. McKinney and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allred.

Every one enjoyed the party at Mr. Alva Risters Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas spent Sunday with Mr. Ben Adkins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Milliken visited Mrs. Clemmers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong spent Sunday with Mrs. Armstrongs sister Mrs. L. V. Spurgin.

Mr. Cora Camp and Miss Beulah Camp were visitors in this community Sunday.

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Miss Vinnie Heizer, one of the popular and efficient grade teachers in the Merkel Public schools, left last week for Canyon, where she will attend the State Teachers College during the summer.

Miss Eunice Russell, splendid primary teacher in our schools, left this week for Canyon, where she will spend the summer attending the State Teachers College, doing special work and better equipping herself for her work.

Miss Mamie Ellis, another splendid teacher in the Merkel Public Schools the past year, left last week for Alpine, where

she will attend Sul Ross State Teachers College this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Frederickson left last week for an extended trip to points of interest in the state of California. They will be away most of the summer months.

Mrs. Warren Smith and Miss Alva Wheeler left this week for Alpine, where they will attend summer school at the Sul Ross State Teachers College, especially preparing themselves for their work as teachers.

Miss Ruby Johnson of Trent was a guest last week of her sister, Mrs. John R. West.



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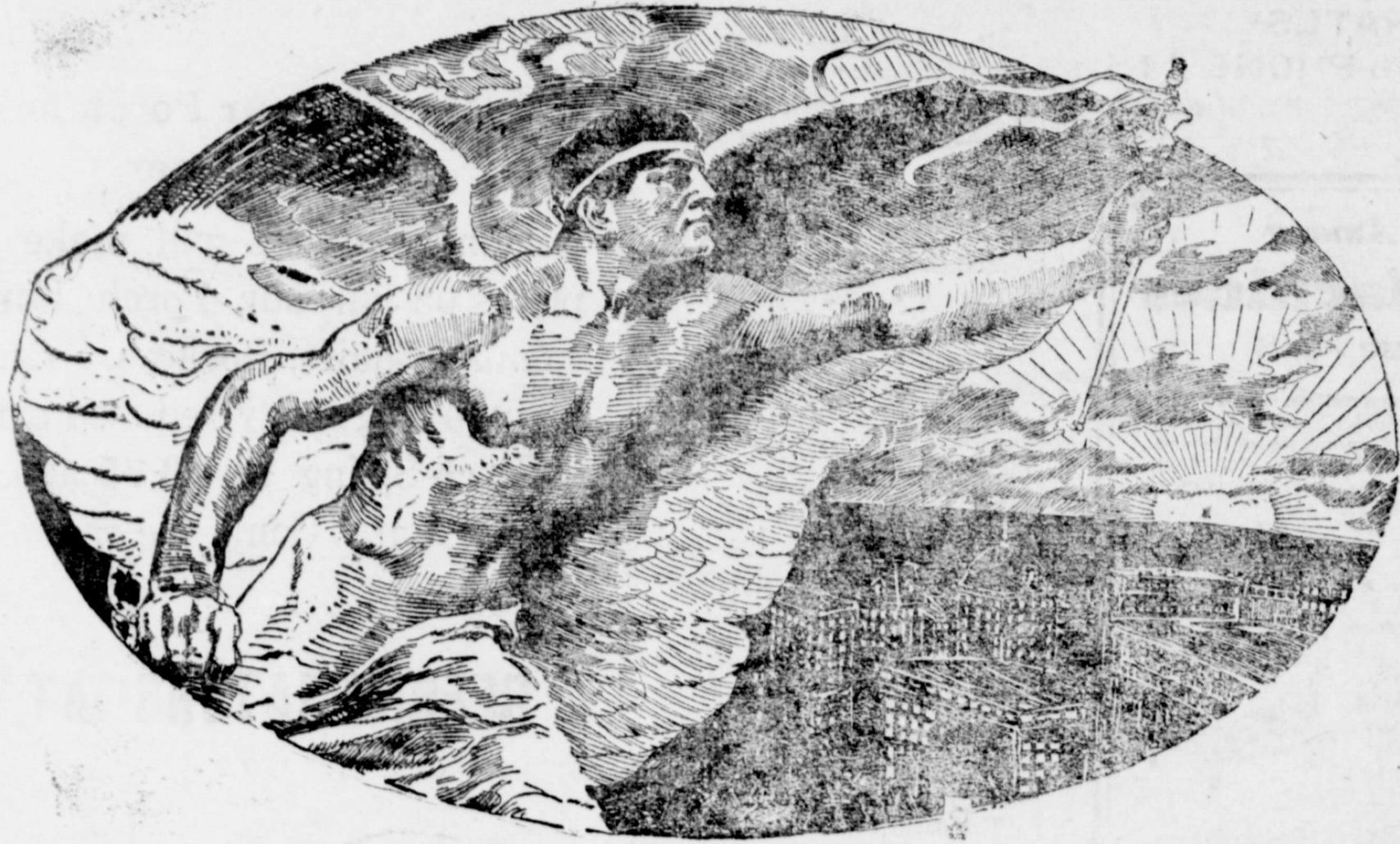
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PROGRESS

THE prosperity of a community is not measured by its population, but by its civic and commercial progress.

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Team work is what counts in everything. A prominent football coach recently said: "Give me a team of average ability who will work together, each with the other and all for the team, and I will win over any team made up solely of individual stars"

Individual ability makes great men—shining lights, but it is mass co-operation of energetic men of civic spirit, home pride and community enterprise that builds a town's prgress and prosperity.

Men of this community, be ye more than mere residents—be citizens.

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METHODIST CHURCH

Our Sunday School and all the services at the Methodist church were well attended last Sunday, some of the classes as well as departments having almost perfect attendance. All are invited to come back next Sunday and be with us. Any citizens of the community without a church home, or who are not in any Sunday School, are invited to attend the Sunday School at the Methodist church. We have a place and a class for them.

Worship at 11:00 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Every member of the church invited to attend both services Sunday, and the public is invited to all our services.

W. R. McCARTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Preaching by pastor at 11:00 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.

Junior Christian Endeavor at 7:15 p. m.

Choir practice Wednesday at 8 p. m.

The Ladies Missionary Society will hold a Market on next Saturday at the West Company Store. Pies, Cakes and dressed Chicken will be sold.

We are expecting a record attendance in the Sunday School for next Sunday, and earnestly request the cooperation of all officers and teachers of the Sunday School in establishing a record in every department in the Sunday School.

The Ladies Missionary Society will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 in basement of the Church.

Chas. H. Little, Pastor

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 7:15 p. m.

Come to Sunday School Sunday, the Sunday School needs you and you need the Sunday School. The mornings are long and pleasant and there is no excuse for your not being there and being on time.

Then stay for preaching, sermon by the pastor at eleven p. m.

All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 7:15 p. m. Come help and be helped in this study hour.

Bill Haynes, Supt. S. S.

CARD OF THANKS

To those dear friends, who so unselfishly demonstrated their love in our recent bereavement we desire to express our deepest appreciation. You have helped to smooth the rough way, and your loving kindness shall ever be remembered. May God bless each of you.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen and Children

Misses Hatty and Mary Proctor left Saturday night for Abilene where they will attend Sul Ross State Teachers College this Summer.

Miss Lucile Guitar returned last week from C. I. A. where she has been in school for the past school year.

Mr. F. P. Hamm was in Dallas the first of the week buying new machinery for the F. P. Hamm Ginn.

Mrs. J. J. Stallings of Ft. Worth is here for a visit with her many friends.

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FOR SALE—The Stephens Hotel is for sale. See W. B. Stephens. 1t

FOR SALE—90 acres of Cotton, 27 acres of feed, 4 head of stock, farm implements, 1 cow and calf about 75 chickens, possession given at once, address Merkel, Rt. 1 Box 133. 1tp.

FOR SALE—Good oats, clear of Johnson grass, at 5c per bundle. On Boaz ranch. G. S. McGregor. 11t2p

FOR SALE—one 1926 Ford touring car. See me at Tye, Texas. J. W. Brown. 1tpd

FOR SALE—Large Automatic Refrigerator in good condition Reason for selling, have a new Frigidair Refrigerator. See, Tom Largent. 1tp

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Rooms, preferably to an elderly couple with no children. See me Saturday. S. F. Hynes. 1tp

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, newly papered; running water. Mrs. Lucy Bumpas. 11t2p

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

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WANTED—Will buy your surplus cotton seed at \$35.00 per ton. F. P. Hamm. 4t2

WANTED—Man with car to drive country. No experience necessary. Special training given free. Good pay—\$40.00 to \$90.00 a week—for steady work. Write today. Box 1632, Dept. E. Philadelphia, Pa. 11t3

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—New Balloon 29x4.40 Firestone Tire on rim between Merkel and Stith, Monday night. Return to Merkel Mail and receive reward. 2tpd.

Mr. G. S. McGregor, who has been residing on the J. E. Boaz ranch some fourteen miles north of Merkel for the past fourteen years, was in the office Saturday and stated that his oat crop was fine and other prospects were good at this time.

NOTICE

Smith's Barber Shop, first class work, located between Corner Garage and Everybody's Garage Plenty of free Ice Water. 1tp

Miss Billierae Garrison of Breckenridge and Miss Mary Helen Mashburn of Stith spent the week-end with Mrs. E. C. Spurgin.

Mr. D. F. Wolfman of Abilene has accepted a position with the Hamm Drug Company. His family still resides in Abilene but he hopes to move them here soon.

Miss Effie Grayson who has been attending Simomns University has returned home for the summer.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

S. C. KEITH

At a stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., held on the 22nd day of May, A. D. 1926, the following resolutions were adopted:

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M. We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of Brother S. C. Keith, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, on the 22nd. day of April, A. D. 1926, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in His infinite wisdom to remove from among us our Dear Brother S. C. Keith and to transplant him as a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Grand-Master of the Universe presides; and whereas, Brother Keith was a mason of high standing, being one of the oldest members of this lodge, and a devoted member of the Christian Church to the date of his death, and to those who knew him best was but to love him better, always Faithful, Patient and loyal to every duty and to his brethren; one who lived and practiced the True Principles of our Order, and in his every-day life was a living example of those Great Tenets Faith, Hope and Charity, having Faith in God, Hope in Immortality and Charity toward all mankind; ever ready to lend a helping hand to a brother or a friend to aid him in his efforts at reformation; and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother.

Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, and a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy be handed the Merkel Mail for publication, and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days.

Respectfully submitted. V. N. Ellis, Joe Holmes, T. R. Lassiter, Committee.

Attest: Henry R. Hicks, Secretary Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M. 1t

GOES TO NEW MEXICO FOR HIS HEALTH

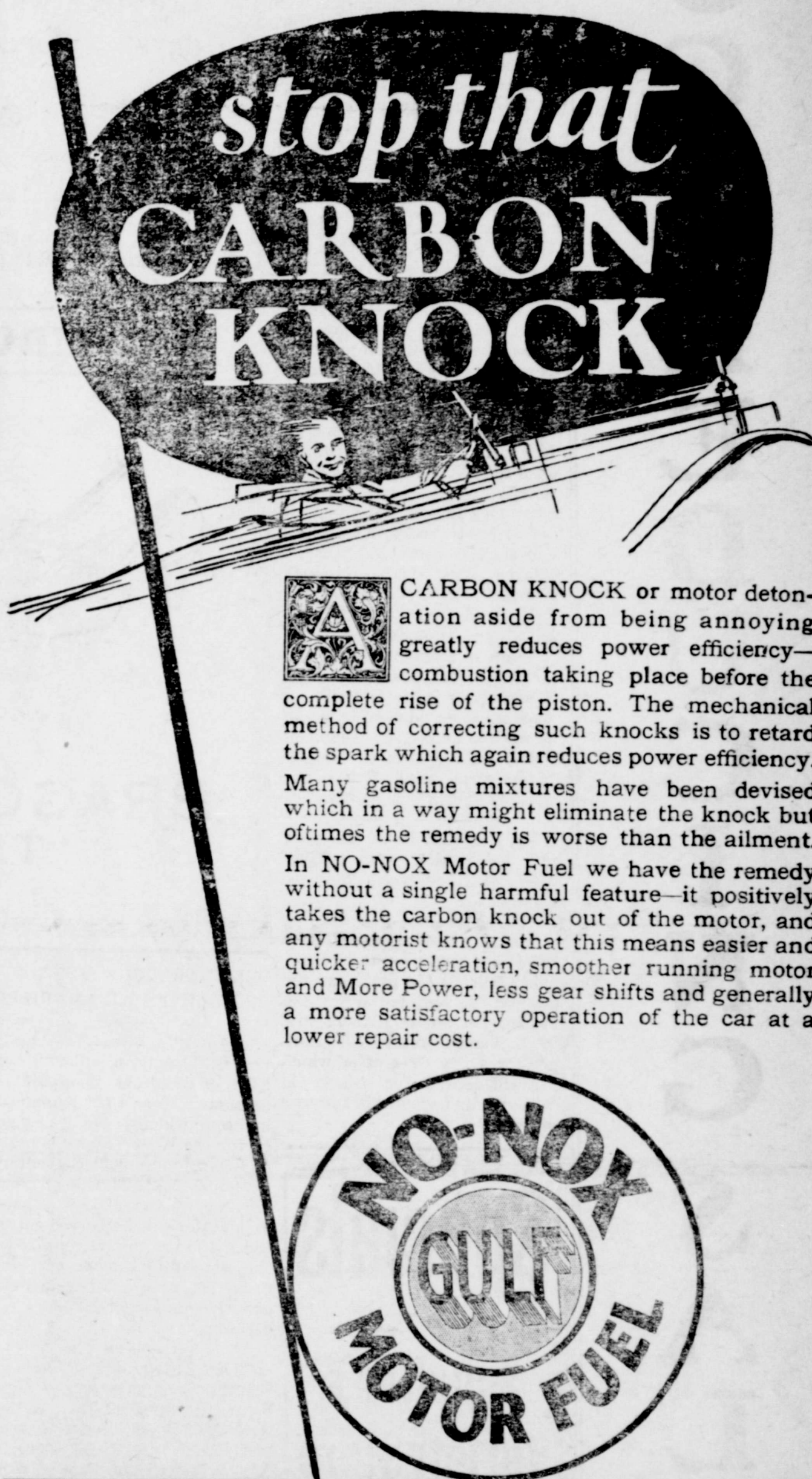
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Coats and son, John D., left this week for Fort Sumner, N. M., and other points in that state, where they expect to spend some time during the summer in the interest of Mr. Coats' health.

We join many friends in the hope that the trip may bring him immediate and lasting good health.

NOTICE TO ELECTRIC RANGE USERS

In order to do some work on our new substation it will be necessary to pull the current off from 1:30 p. m. until late in the afternoon. Please arrange your cooking so as not to conflict with the hours mentioned.

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In connection with the Epworth League Assembly of the Northwest Texas Conference being held at McMurry College a Standard Training School for Sunday School Teachers and Workers is also being conducted. The classes in this school are full and wonderful interest is evident in better preparation for teaching the Word.

SAVE THE FEEDSTUFF

There is reason to believe that Texas and other Southwestern States will produce an abundance of feedstuff this season. A large oat crop has already been harvested. Hay and other forms of forage are making a better showing than for several years, and there is yet time for fall crops and fall pastures.

The Southwest has always been more prosperous when farmers have not had to spend their cotton money for feed, and this seems to be one of those years. Next year may not prove so favorable, and therefore every pound of feed should be saved and that part not needed for immediate consumption should be stored against the time of need. If a farmer is without barn and shed room for his hay and other forage, select a well drained place and stack. Be sure your stack is well constructed and will shed water. If properly stacked after being properly cured, it will keep through the winter and for an almost indefinite time thereafter.

There is very little money in producing feed and selling it. One never receives for it as much as he would have to pay, if he were in need. An abundant supply of feed is more valuable on the farm than it is in the market.—Farm and Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson returned Sunday from Dallas where Mr. Anderson consulted a specialist.

Miss Joe Willie Yandell, who has been a teacher in the Ranger public Schools the past year and has for the past few days been visiting her prents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Yandell, returned to Ranger for a few days after which she will depart for points in Missouri, and spend the summer months.

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This week we are featuring the following:

- Bathing Supplies
- Hose for Ladies
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WILL BARBECUE SIXTY BEEVES AT AMARILLO

Amarillo, June 9.—Sixty beeves, 60 mutton and two carloads of dried oak wood will be necessary for the mammoth barbecue which is being prepared for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce annual convention here June 21-22-23. One of those old time, western affairs, so hard to imitate, will be served up to the visitors to the convention by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce at a cost of between three and five thousand dollars, it is declared.

Lynn Sublett and wife, Earl Thornton and family, and Mrs. W. A. Thornton left early in the week for Paint Rock, Texas, where they will spend several days in search of the Finny Tribe, and expect to return home about Saturday.

Mrs. O. J. Shaffer and children who have been visiting in the Jas. H. West home, were this week visiting in Anson Texas, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brown.

Mrs. E. M. Mimms of Abilene was a Merkel visitor this week, the guest of her parents Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson.

Bennie C. Church of Sedalia Mo. came in Saturday and will spend several days visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church. Mr. Church is the district agent for the Chevrolet Automobile at Sedalia and states that Business is fine.

Virgil Adams, of O'Donnell Texas, was a Merkel visitor this week.

Miss Ouida Campbell, who has for the past several months, been a student in the Canyon Normal, has returned home to spend the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bittle of Itpd

San Diego, Texas were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Jones last week. They left for home Monday morning and were accompanied by their daughter, Miss Elinor Moore who has been a student in McMurry College during the past year.

Miss Mona Margaret Jones a student of McMurry College for the past year is at home with her parents for the summer vacation.

Sam Swann and A. J. Lloyd returned home Saturday night having spent two weeks in Houston attending the Anderson Clayton Ginners School.

F. E. Church and family are visitig in the M. C. Church and W. U. Beene homes this week, and expect to leave Wednesday for Sedalia Mo. where Mr. Church expects to accept aposition as salesman in the Chevrolet Co. of that place.

TO THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

It would be my pleasure to see each and every voter in the interest of my candidacy for the office of Tax assessor of Taylor County, and I shall utilize every effort possible to that end, but I have a family to care for and with an income in excess of the scanty necessities of life, am going to be some what handicaped. I'm now Head Deputy Assessor of this county, having assisted with the assessing and book work for this the seventh year, and made the tax rolls for the six years past. Prior to my employment in the Tax Assessor's office, I was in the abstract work in Abilene, having been steadily employed in the above stated capacities since my return from the army in 1919.

I am well known in Abilene and earnestly solicit an investigation of my qualifications in general.

Sincerely,

Clarence W. Boyce

YELLOW STONE NATIONAL PARK TRIP

Special pullmans will leave Abilene midnight July 4th, returning July 18th, stopovers and sightseeing in Knsas City, Denver, Salt Lake City, and five days in Yellow Stone Park returning via. different route through Royal Gorge, Canyon City and Colorado Springs. Special rates. More pleasure, information and profit than can be had in a miscellaneous two months trip. This trip may be extended in to Alaska returning through California. For further information relative to this trip and the expenses correspond with C. C. Chenoweth, Abilene, Texas. 11t3

Mrs. A. R. Booth accompanied by her daughter Miss Mary Cleo

Booth left Thursday of this week for Conway, Arkansas, where they will visit Mrs. Booth's mother and other relatives. Miss Mary Cleo will remain there this summer to attend the State Normal.

Misses Genevera Middleton and Annie Bickley left Saturday for San Marcos to attend the Summer School of the San Marcos State Teachers College.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the many dear friends who have so sweetly shown their sympathy and consideration for me in the great loss and sorrow which is mine. And I greatly appreciate the love and respect which was so abundantly given Charles by his many dear friends. May they all be spared so great a sorrow. Margaret Eckerd

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