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TRADE TRIP TO MT. PLEASANT TO-NIGHT

Through the efforts of the committee appointed by the president of the Luncheon Club, arrangements have been completed and a fine program arranged for the big Trade Trip to Mt. Pleasant tonight.

We are informed that the good people of that thriving and enterprising community are making big plans for the coming of the trade trippers and a big crowd from the surrounding communities are expected.

It is also expected that one of the largest crowds ever attending from the city is expected to make the trip. Let every one who can, make their plans to go and enjoy the occasion, and thereby help do their part in furthering the town and community's best interests.

J. R. SMITH, CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS, HERE

J. R. Smith of Burnet County, candidate for Congress, 17th district of Texas, is a native of Burnet, a farmer until 35 years of age, was then elected County Judge, served eight years with a record of only one reversal in the higher courts; a pretty good record for a farmer. He was appointed Sand, Shell and Gravel deputy by Governor Neff and Governor Ferguson upon her election appointed him Chief Deputy Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner, which position he resigned to enter the race for Congress.

You have paid your present congressman approximately \$80,000.00 in salary with mileage and an expense allowance for his ten years of service.

Your taxes have increased and the rights of the State and its citizens have been usurped by our Federal Government. New sources of taxation have been exploited, new bureaus and commissions with thousands of employes have been placed on the payroll and Smith is against those things. Vote for Smith for Congress.—(Political Advertisement.) 1tp

Revival Meeting

Beginning Friday July 2nd at the Church of Christ 12 miles northeast of Merkel, which is known as the Hope Church, there will be held an old fashioned revival meeting. Rev. Witt of Abilene will preach and Bro. Smith also of Abilene, will conduct the singing. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the services. Services will be held in the morning at 11:00 o'clock and also in the evening, the time of which will be announced later. J. S. VARNER.

Mr. E. Yates Brown of the Brown Dry Goods Company left last week for an extended trip to the East. He will first visit New Orleans and from there he will go to Havana, Cuba and on to New York. While in New York he will buy New Fall Merchandise for the Brown Dry Goods Company. On leaving New York he will go to Chicago where he will visit his sister Mrs. M. J. Evans. He will return home by way of St. Louis, Mo.

Messrs. Sam Swann and A. J. Lloyd returned last week from Houston, where they spent two weeks attending a cotton classing school.

Mr. W. V. Harris of Eliasville, Texas, was here this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris, while enroute to California.

RETURNS FROM SOUTH TEXAS; REPORTS SENTIMENT FOR MOODY

Mr. H. H. Toombs returned last week from an extended trip to San Antonio, the Rio Grande Valley, and other South Texas points. He reports a very fine trip, with crops everywhere looking good. He was especially pleased with what he saw in the Magic Valley.

Mr. Toombs, who is one of the largest land owners and capitalists of this community, is a very strong supporter of the Hon. Dan Moody for Governor, and reports that he found upon inquiry that the people everywhere he went were more generally supporting Mr. Moody. In fact he said he did not find but two or three men who were not for Moody.

ALL DAY CEMETERY WORKING TUESDAY

The Mail is authorized to announce that on next Tuesday, June 22, there will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery in this city an "All-Day Working," and every one who is interested in cleaning up and better caring for our cemetery is urged and requested to be present and help in the good work.

Even if you can't spend the entire day, come and help all you can. Also it is expected that the north fence will be set back so as to take in the new addition recently purchased, and it would be appreciated if all who can will bring along some tools, such as post hole diggers, etc.

The cemetery association is striving hard to keep our city of the dead in as good condition as possible, and the entire citizenship should lend a helping hand in the matter.

LEGS CRUSHED BY OIL WELL CASING, DYER WELL

J. W. McNuse had both legs crushed just below the knees Sunday afternoon when he was caught between two joints of 20 inch pipe while running casing on the Dyer Brothers, Ranger, well near Merkel. He was removed to the Baptist sanitarium, Abilene.—Abilene Reporter.

FERGUSON SPEAKS IN ABILENE TO-NIGHT

James E. Ferguson, who is making a tour of the state in a speaking campaign in behalf of the candidacy of his wife, Miriam A. Ferguson, for re-election to the office of Governor of Texas.

He spoke last Wednesday afternoon at Sweetwater, and will speak in Abilene tonight at 8:00 o'clock.

A number of the enthusiastic supporters of the Fergusons will be in attendance from here at the Abilene gathering. Also it may be expected that many who are not supporters of the former impeached Governor and his wife will attend. The Editor of this paper, who never supported the Fergusons in a primary election, expects to go down and head "Pa" tell how he expects to carry in wood and water in the event his wife is elected again.

COZY INSTALLS NEW COOLING SYSTEM

Mr. Clyde Foster, the enterprising and courteous manager of the Cozy Theatre, announces the installation this week of a new and modern cooling system at this popular show house.

He says the Cozy is the coolest place in town and invites the public to call and see, and incidentally enjoy a good show.

I. O. O. F. Picnic at Blair

The members of the Blair Lodge I. O. O. F. have arranged to stage a big one day basket picnic at Blair on Friday, July 16. A fine program is being arranged and all kinds of amusements such as a rodeo and base ball game are being featured. Also the committee asked this paper to announce that all candidates are invited and expected to be present to make their announcement. This is going to be a good old fashioned basket picnic and everyone is invited to come and bring a big basket full of eats.

Miss Laura Cary of Dallas is here this week, visiting in the home of Mr. R. A. Ellis.

LUNCHEON CLUB IN VERY FINE MEETING

The meeting of the Merkel Luncheon Club at Ed's Cafe on last Tuesday evening, was doubtless one of the best attended and most interesting meetings held for some time.

Rev. W. R. McCarter was the able and interesting Toastmaster and proved himself an adept in the art.

Besides the witty and eloquent remarks from the Toastmaster, those present were delighted to hear Mrs. Len C. Sublett discuss the question of "Civic Beauty in City Building." Mrs. Sublett always interests her hearers upon any subject assigned her.

Next "Our Customers and their Cultivation" was an interesting subject ably and cleverly handled by Mr. Booth Warren, splendid local bank cashier. Mr. Warren covered in detail his subject.

"Advertising, local and Distant" had been assigned to Mr. Henry C. West, local hardware dealer and president of the Luncheon Club, and his able discussion of this subject was concise but fully elaborated upon. Mr. West always interests his hearers upon any subject.

The entertainment feature of the evening consisted of a Duet by Misses Boog Sears and Mona Margaret Jones, two of Merkel's most capable and popular entertainers. A mixed quartette closed the delightful occasion.

Large Rattle Snake Killed

One day last week while Mr. Frank Reynolds of Abilene, who was visiting at his brother's ranch about 15 miles south of Merkel, was walking from the field back to the house was attacked by the king of the Rattlers of this part of the country. Due to the fact that the rattler was so large and clumsy Mr. Reynolds was able to dodge the snake as he struck at him, and then with a large rock he layed him out until he could get an axe and chop his head off. The snake was over seven feet long and about thirty years old. He was as large around as an ordinary stove pipe.

RETURNS FROM VISIT TO CHRISTOVAL, TEX.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist church, accompanied by his family, returned last week from a visit with old friends at Christoval. Bro. Parrack reports a most pleasant and delightful trip, and while at Christoval he was called on to pronounce the marriage ceremony for a young couple who were long time friends of the pastor and family.

LADIES HAVE "MOODY FOR GOV." RALLY

We are informed that the ladies supporting the Hon. Dan Moody for Governor, held a great county wide rally in Abilene yesterday, many attending from Merkel.

As the meeting is being held at the time this paper is being published we are unable to give the details, but from reports it seems that a great majority of the ladies of Taylor county are going to support the young Attorney General for Governor. They might support one of their own kind for this high and important office if they knew she would be governor indeed, but they seem to have enough of this Governor by proxy business as it is with many others.

IS THIS DISLOYALTY?

The management of this paper just naturally believes that Merkel is the best town of its size to be found anywhere. If we knew of a better place we certainly would move there. We feel that we absolutely know that we live among as good citizenship as can be found anywhere on the face of the earth. We believe that as a whole Merkel has as good, capable and honest business men as can be found anywhere. For the most part they are loyal to their town, neighbors and friends, and their home paper.

The management of the paper believes in patronizing home institutions; we believe that there is no other way for the town and its institutions to exist and to thrive. We know that a newspaper must have the cooperation and patronage of the business men and citizens if it is to exist and continue boosting for the town. We know that we are among the biggest patrons of most of the business interests of the city. And most of the business firms are loyal to the paper; for which we are truly thankful. Especially are our bills large each month with the different dry goods stores, because we have a large family to supply. Three families make their living from the operations of the Merkel Mail Printing Company, and we all buy our dry goods in Merkel. We have always believed that the local dry goods stores have been put to a hard task to meet foreign and mail order competition, and in order that the local stores would have less obstacles to meet in this line we have absolutely refused foreign advertising contracts with not only dry goods firms in the larger cities and mail order concerns, but hardware advertising as well. We know that the nature of some of these advertisements would have been hurtful and damaging to some of our local firms. And let us say here that in dollars and cents this advertising that we turned down would have amounted to more than \$1,000 in the last twelve months. We also know that by a little effort we could fill our pages with advertising from big firms in nearby towns. Recently two families connect-

REPUBLICANS MET AT ABILENE THURS.

Postmaster Taylor F. Davis, G. E. Comegys, Dr. H. C. Floyd and possibly others from this city and community, left Thursday morning for Abilene, where they went to attend a meeting of prominent Republicans from all parts of West Texas. At the meeting there will also be in attendance state chairman R. B. Creager, of Brownsville, Eugene Nolte, National Committeeman, and many others high up in Republican ranks. It is also possible that Hon. H. H. Haynes, of Houston, candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket, will be present.

At noon the entire party will be guests of three luncheon clubs of Abilene, the Lions, Rotary, and Kiwanis Clubs, at a luncheon at the Grace Hotel. The editor regrets very much being unable to accept an invitation from our good friend and most worthy Postmaster to attend the luncheon.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell left Thursday morning for Chicago, Ill., where she will attend the Northwestern University this summer. She will be joined at Amarillo by Miss Betty Smalley of Claude, Texas.

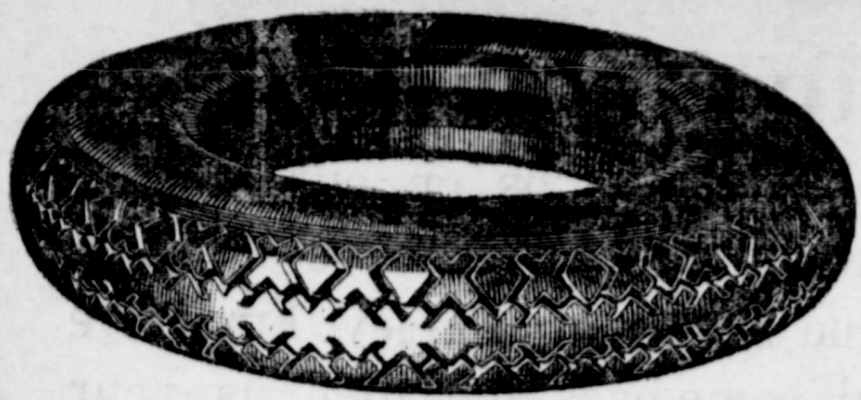
Mr. N. H. Moore, district manager for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, was a recent visitor in Merkel, and as usual found the local office smoothly and efficiently turning out accommodating service.

ed with the publication of the Mail had occasion to take a ten days vacation. We naturally had to buy considerable extra dry goods. We bought these goods from our home merchants. We might have bought some of them cheaper elsewhere. We did not try. In fact we did find that we could have saved half the money spent with some home concerns had we waited and made our purchases in one of the large cities we visited. But we spent our money with our home merchants. Then is it right and fair for a home merchant who puts on a sale to allow his sale promoter to have his big circulars printed by an out of town printing concern who never spends a dime with the said merchant? It may be a good way to unload a lot of cheap junk on an unsuspecting public, and put a few dollars into the coffers of the firm and allow the slick and cunning sales promoter to enlarge his purse and go away laughing about how he put over one on Mr. and Mrs. John Public. But is it right and fair to the home town paper that has, is and does always boost for and patronize the home merchant. When a firm enters business in the home town the paper puts in a big headline about said progressive, live-wire firm opening up. When calamity, a big fire, sweeps all that is left of an enterprising firm, the home town paper in weeping and mournful tones tells of the great loss. And then when, in a few months, the firm is again opened for business the same little home town paper is expected to announce it in big head lines. Is it fair? It is right?

We are for the home town merchant, but we want fair play. We could make a story and truthfully so, that would show a different light on some big sales. Of all the contemptible human beings on earth we believe the ungrateful man or woman is the most contemptible.

"Piracy on the High Seas"





TO THE Motor Bus WHAT Steel Rails are to the Express Train Firestone

Truck and Bus Pneumatics

Forged steel rails made possible the real success of the railway train. Likewise the wonderful endurance and stamina of Firestone Truck and Bus Pneumatics are having much to do with the success of highway transportation.

Possessed of strength not found in any other heavy-duty pneumatics, these mighty "tracks" of the highway pullmans are carrying on unfalteringly where others fail. Their Gum-Dipped construction, exclusive by Firestone, is a big factor in making this possible.

WEST COMPANY
MERKEL TEXAS

CHURCHES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Preaching by the pastor at 11:00 a.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

Beginning Sunday, the evening services will be held on the Church lawn. Arrangements are being made to provide a cool, comfortable place for our evening worship throughout the summer. On next Sunday evening the Senior Christian Endeavor will have charge of the service. An interesting program will be given. Special music by the choir.

Choir practice Wednesday evening at 8:15. We cordially invite the public to worship with us at all services.

CHAS. H. LITTLE.

Senior League Program

Subject: "The Transformed Sabbath and How to Keep it." Leader, Cora Lee Hulsey. Hymn; Prayer. Scripture: Matt. 12:1-7; Rev.

1:9-11, by leader.

1. Sayings on Sunday Law, by Hubert Blair. Solo, Sallis Brown.
2. The Sabbath Made for Men, Lewis Giles.
3. Legislation, Doris Durham. Hymn; Benediction.

METHODIST CHURCH

We had a fine Sunday school at the Methodist Church last Sunday, though the attendance in some of the classes was not up to the high standard because a number of our people were away. We will welcome all back next Sunday. Would like for all to remember that familiar faces are greatly missed in the Sunday School as well as at the preaching services.

Worship at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. The subject at the morning hour: "The Holy Scriptures, their Inspiration and Inerrancy." A vital and interesting subject. The public is invited to hear the discussion of this subject.

W. R. McCarter.

Dear Voters:

On account of my official duties, it may be that I will not have a chance to see each voter personally. For this reason I am using this method to solicit your vote and influence in the race for Sheriff for a second term. I wish to express my deep gratitude to you for your vote and influence in the past.



If I am re-elected Sheriff of this county, I pledge myself to a fair and impartial enforcement of the law, whenever it is violated. But I also believe in giving every man a fair deal. I do not believe in needlessly persecuting the public, and my records of the past show how I have conducted the affairs of the Sheriff's office.

I deeply appreciate the honor the people of Taylor county have conferred upon me in the past, and I shall ever be grateful to you for your vote and influence in my present campaign.

Yours very truly,

H. T. O'BAR

AN HONEST ADMINISTRATION OF THE
PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

We the undersigned Lumber Yards will close our places of business at one o'clock on Saturday, beginning June 19, 1926. BURTON-LINGO CO. MERKEL LUMBER CO. 1812

Christian Endeavor Program

Leader, Christine Russell. Topic: "How much of a goal should money be?" Scripture reading: Matt. 6:19-24, 33. Talk by leader. Some Bible Hints, Nina Belle Russell. Song. Keep Accounts, Missie Dye. Christian Endeavor Money, by Doris Russell. Money talks, Norma Shannon. Making Money for God, Dean Murray. Song; prayer; questions. Offering, song, mispach.

Presbyterian Auxiliary

The Auxiliary will meet June 21 at the church. Devotional, Mrs. Elliott. Our Inanimate fellow Missionary, Mrs. H. C. West. A new Worker Reaches Porto Rico, Mrs. John West. Opportunities for a Real Missionary, Mrs. J. L. Tucker. What Synodical Presidents say about prayer, Mrs. Jas. West. New school at Sancti Spiritus, Mrs. Harvell.

Missionary Society Notes

The Womans Missionary Society will meet next Monday afternoon at four o'clock. The lesson for the afternoon will be the last chapter in the study book "Life as a Stewardship". This is a very interesting chapter and every member of the class is urged to be present and take part in this lesson. Do not let the warm weather keep you away; it is just as cool at the church as at home. Come at four and spend just one hour in this study. It will do you good. Publicity Supt.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject—Luther Rice, Baptist. Sur. (1883-1896). Leader—Fred Giles. Introduction—by Leader. 1. Early years, conversions and consecration—Effie Grayson 2. Early Experiences and entering the ministry—Miss Helen Booth. 3. The Call to Foreign Fields—Mildred Hamm. 4. His Voyage and Return to America—Joe Ben Ashly. 4: What Rice did for American Baptists—Joe Hartley. 6. The Legacy which Luther Rice left—Lewis Giles. 7. Conclusion—Iris Garatt. 8. Special music. All of the members who have a part on the program are urged to learn their parts well enough to tell. A cordial invitation is extended to all the young people.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be special music at both the Sunday School and the preaching service Sunday.

At 9:45 the orchestra will render a program of several selections. Come early and enjoy the music. There will be a quartette during the Sunday School hour and also at the morning preaching service.

The pastor will preach both morning and evening. All B.Y.P.U.'s will meet at 7:30.

Let's have more interest in our B.Y.P.U.'s since our week of special training.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who will to come and worship with us in any and all services.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Intermediate League Program

Leader: Ethel Hamilton. Subject: "Heroes of the Bible" Scripture reading, Dan. 6:4-11 The Bible character I like best, by Dahlia Watkins. Song; roll call, answered with Bible verse. League Benediction.

Let us fill your kerosene barrel next time with "New American kerosene. Office phone 91, residence phone 255W.

A. D. HARMON, Aggt.

We the undersigned Lumber Yards will close our places of business at one o'clock on Saturdays, beginning June 19, 1926. BURTON-LINGO CO. MERKEL LUMBER CO. 1812

Buy your pies, cakes and dressed chickens from Presbyterian Ladies at West Company Saturday, June 19.

ENLIGHTEN HIM

City Editor: "This story should be rewritten in such a way that even the most unenlightened person can understand it thoroughly."

Cub Reporter: "Well, what part of it isn't clear to you?" —Christian Science Monitor.

IT SUMS UP THIS WAY

Joe saw the train, but wouldn't stop. So they dragged his flivver to a shop. It took only a week or two to make his Lizzie look like new. But though they hunted high and low, They found no extra parts for Joe! —Frisco Employees.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

COME TO MERKEL TO MAX MELLINGER'S BIG CASH-RAISING

STARTING 9 A.M. Fri. SALE STARTING 9 A.M. Fri.

LISTEN PEOPLE: THIS IS A \$40,000 STOCK OF NEW SUMMER MERCHANDISE THROWN INTO THIS GIGANTIC CASH-RAISING SALE. WITH ALL PROFITS FORGOTTEN. THIS STOCK CONSISTS OF NOTHING BUT FIRST CLASS MERCHANDISE. CLOTHING, SHOES, READY-TO-WEAR, MILLINERY, PIECE GOODS, INFANT EVERYTHING FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

Read Big Circular For PRIZES FREE. Be Here at 9 a. m. Friday, June 18th. Don't Forget the Place. Big Surprises in Store for You.

MAX MELLINGER MERKEL TEXAS



DR. WATKINS—Just a word in regard to the Dentistry you did for me and my wife and I can safely say that I don't believe there could be any better work done in workmanship and price.

I will say to any one who has to have Dental work done that you would be my choice. I have a set of teeth that you did not make that I paid a high price for that never did fit and are no account and I have had to have you repair them several times and I have only had them two years. It would have paid me to have had you make them, but I lived in San Angelo, Texas, and did not know there was such a Dentist in Abilene when I had them made. But I sure know it now and expect to have you make me a new set this summer and to show you how much I think of your work I will drive 100 miles to have it done by you. You have done quite a good deal of work for my wife and all has given perfect satisfaction and the price, not to say reasonable, has been cheap. I can always have a good word to say for what you have done for me and my wife. I wish you much success. Sincerely yours, FRANK STINCHCOMB, Sr. 1120 San Antonio St., San Angelo, Tex.

We have the original of the above letter on file in our office.

All instruments are sterilized with Electric sterilizer after each operation.

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and fathers in town, yearn for their families to have better living conditions, but their signing a town-made creed will not better conditions. The right kind of farmer does not need to sign a creed similar to: "I promise to take my wife and daughters out of the field. I promise to try to provide better home conveniences, for I realize my wife, the mother of my children, is the best money investment of my home."

There are not many farmers who are pleased with conditions, and because they have not been able to better them is no evidence that they do not cherish their families.

Why not a farmer-made creed for the man and woman in town and city to sign? It might run something like this: "I will save more of my salary, so that if my boss should fail to appreciate my services and fire me pronto, my wife and children will not suffer for necessities before I can secure another position. And I, the wife, will strive to help my husband keep down expenses by preparing good meals and using all leftovers.

"I realize that my wife and children are my best investment and I will take them out of rented cottages and apartments and provide them the necessary home surroundings and thus give them the pride of home

Thanking You For==

the business which you gave us on our opening day of our new filling station, just West of Merkel Lumber Co. and North of Darsey Furniture Co. Hoping you all come back and give us your trade, and we will keep adding to it from time to time and make it the best and most convenient filling station in Merkel. We have all new pumps and guarantee to you every gallon of gas called for. We will handle that high test gasoline which is known to you as

"THAT GOOD GULF GASOLINE"

"More Miles to the gallon" and that's what you are looking for now a days [the most for your money]

We carry a complete stock of accessories and the well known—

GOODRICH TIRES AND TUBES

While you are auto riding at nights and Sundays, drive around and let us serve you with cold drinks, as we have nice shades to park in while drinking. We have free air, free battery water, free road service.

LADIES REST ROOM and MENS REST ROOM

We want you to make our place headquarters while in town. We want to serve you with **QUALITY, SERVICE and COURTESY**

Ask for either and we will give you all three

Woodrum's New Filling Station

PUTTING THE SHOE ON THE OTHER FOOT

Along with some of the practical plans to cooperate with the farmer for better farm programs there continue to creep in many impractical, and (may we say it?) amusing "offers" to "uplift" farm life.

No intelligent person denies that common-sense efforts to improve conditions are commendable, just as are efforts to better conditions in town and city, but when it comes to a group of town folks formulating a creed for the farmers of the county to sign, it occurs to us that perhaps it might prove

mirth-provoking for the farmers and their wives to circulate a creed for the town folks to sign.

The gist of a creed being circulated is one apparently to cause the farmer to feel that because his wife and daughters work in the field during busy crop seasons he is regarded as unthoughtful of the health of his family. Certainly there are too many women and girls who do continuous field work to the detriment of their health, but we believe that in many cases they are glad to lend a hand when their help may mean the gathering and saving of a crop at the right time.

Farmers, just as husbands



Just around the Corner

EVEN big-city folks must have their "neighborhood stores"! Most of them would no more think of going down town to fight their way through the crowds in search of a roast for dinner than they would of walking to the factory to get a pair of shoes.

City women know that their neighborhood stores can supply them just what they want — and that, in most cases, the service is more alert and friendly.

The same thing is true of this "neighborhood". Our merchants—the men whose ads you read in this paper — are in position to furnish your home with the best and most popular brands of goods. Not only can they save you money, but they gladly relieve you of a lot of worry and loss of time.

Read the Ads in this Paper and save yourself money by trading at home

ownership, and responsibilities. And I, the wife, will agree to do without a maid, and do my own housework, as a means of reducing living expenses and my avoidance of duress.

"I, the husband, will furthermore strive to keep a tranquil atmosphere about the home by being on time for my evening meal, not lingering on the links too late, and returning from the lodge early in the brow of the night. And I, the wife, do promise to be at home at least by sundown to prepare the evening meal and corral my children from about the neighborhood for assembling at the table before we go somewhere in the evening."

A spirit of town and country development cannot be properly fostered by either side formulating a creed for the other party to sign.—Farm and Ranch.

*** SHILOR HAPPENINGS *
* By Mrs. C. W. Seago ***

Health in the community is good at present.

Everybody is busy chopping cotton. Some are almost through. The musical at Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tiner's last Wednesday night, given in honor of Mrs. W. R. Grayson of Friona, and Miss Hattie Seago of Shamrock, was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown visited their son, Efford, of Golan, Sunday evening. Sorry to report they found Mr. Efford real sick. Hope he will be up again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovel Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and Miss Florence James spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Naron visited Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. James and Mrs. B. L. James and son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. James.

Miss Edrine Tiner left Friday

morning for Wichita Falls where she will visit her uncle, Mr. George Edd Tiner.

Mrs. W. R. Grayson and children of Friona, who have been visiting relatives here, left Saturday for Abilene, where she will meet her sister from Waco and spend a few days, then go to Big Spring.

Mr. J. S. Seago and daughter, Hattie, spent the past week visiting C. W. Seago and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnes Sunday.

The writer and children visited Miss Effie Grayson Saturday. She is improving fine and is up and about some.

The ball game between Golan and White Flat, played at Goodman, was a tight game, 14 to 13 in favor of Golan. Both teams did some good playing.

Little Wardell Grayson has been on the sick list the past week, but is better at this time.

The writer and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell on last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Baldree and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse south of Merkel.

There will be Sunday school next Sunday at 10:30. B.Y.P.U. Sunday night at 7. Everybody is invited to both.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

**American Telegraph & Telephone Co.
BELL SYSTEM
147th. Dividend**

The regular quarterly dividend of Two Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents, "\$2.25" per share will be paid on Thursday, July 15, 1926, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Saturday, June 19, 1926.

H. BLAIR SMITH, Treasurer

**Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.
Twenty-Fourth Dividend**

The regular quarterly dividend of one dollar and seventy-five cents per share on Preferred Stock will be paid on Thursday, July 1, 1926 to stockholders of record at the close of business on Saturday, June 19, 1926.

R. A. NICKERSON
Treasurer

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

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



**Get Rid of
Roaches**

They crawl up water pipes and through cracks—but you can stop them forever. Bee Brand Insect Powder will kill every one. Sprinkle or blow it into every crevice—all around your kitchen and pantry. It's harmless to mankind, domestic animals, birds and pets of all kinds, but death to roaches.

It also kills Ants, Fleas, Flies, Mosquitoes, Water Bugs, Bed Bugs, Moths, Lice on Fowl, and many other house and garden insects.

Get Bee Brand in red sifting top cans at your grocery or druggist's. Household sizes, 10c and 25c. Other sizes, 50c and \$1.00. Puffer gun, 10c.

If your dealer can't supply you, send us 25c for large household size. Give dealer's name and ask for free booklet, "It Kills Them," a guide for killing house and garden pests.

McCORMICK & Co., Baltimore, Md.



REFLECTIONS OF
UNCLE RASTUS

Oh de worl' is getting better,
I hear de parsen say,
And de crowd is gettin' bigger
Along de narrow way.

But de parsen show mistaken
About de road dey take,
And his flock shore been bitten
By dat Eden snake.

For I see 'em at de ball game
A blowin' in de cash,
And de chillern at de orphan
home
Mighty short of clothes an hash.

Da say de world gitten better
As all de folks can see,
Wid Profs teachin' evolution
To de school in Tennessee.

He say all deese people
De Lord he couldn't make,
Da jes evolved from
A midget to de ape.

Den da evolute agin,
From de ape to da man.
But he forgot to tell us what
we'd be
When we evolute again.

Da say de world gitten better
Wid de fiddle in de land,
An Ford and wife a dansen
To de music of de band.

Da walse aroun' a little,
An tap de heel an toe,
An dance dat old fashion back-
step,
Ob o long time ago.

Den da swing an prominade,
An dance de hiland fling,
Den da change dat step a little
And cut de pigeon wing.

Da say de worl' is gettin' bet-
ter,
Wid de hijacker on de road,
Dat stick a pistol in yo face
And say "be quick, unload."

Den he take yo watch an chain

An he rave around and cuss,
Den he put his han in yo
pocket,
And take away your purse.

Da say de world is gettin' bet-
ter,
Wid de bootleg on de street.
He's smiling mighty pleasant
To all de folks he meet.

He say good morning Mr.
Marshal,
An he give de police a wink:
Den da meet down in de seller,
An da all take a drink.

Da say de worl is gettin bet-
ter,
De women all good of course,
But den a mighty heap of 'em
Is suing for divorce.

De man de got don't suit 'em;
Da live such double lives.
You shorely have an all-day
job,
If you try to count da wives.

Da say de world is gettin bet-
ter,
An de parson preach an pray,
An he tell all de people
To get out of de big Broadway.

For de time is shortly comin
When dis world will have an end,
An when you meet dat judge-
ment day,
You'll shorely need a friend.

Da say de world's gettin' bet-
ter,
I dunno what to think,
Wid all de church people
At de ball game, show and skat-
ing rink.

All dese places
Sho be standing still
If all de church people
Would quit footing de bill.

De world is gettin' better,
An de parson preach an pray.
He tell about dat good land
Dat seems so far away.

An he talk about de joy up dar
He make me want to start.



YOU HAVE HEARD OF BRUSE BARTON

Not long ago he was making a speech, and he said:

"Some years ago there was a celebration in Boston in honor of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. After several laudatory speeches had been made by men, a bright and vivacious woman was called on. Said she:

"I am tired of hearing so many praises of the Pilgrim Mothers. They had to endure all the Pilgrim Fathers endured, and then they had to endure the Pilgrim Fathers besides."

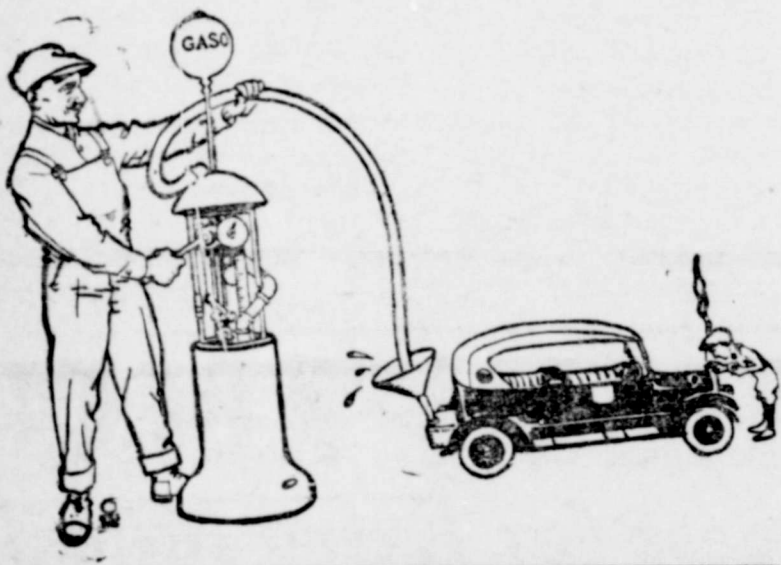
Do you know what happened to the Pilgrim Mothers, my friends? I will tell you. They died. They died young. It took two or three of them to bring up one family. The Fathers were tough and lived long, but work and hardship made short work of the wives.

It has been truly said that you can measure the height of any civilization by the plane upon which its women live. Measured by that standard, we have made great progress in the United States, but we have not made enough. An electric motor which runs a washing machine or a vacuum cleaner works for three or five cents an hour. There are still millions of women doing this work which motors can do; selling their time at coolie wages of three cents an hour, having to neglect the highest work entrusted to human beings, the work of motherhood.

The time in the life of a child when a mother can exert her influence is terribly brief. "Give me a child until he is seven years old," a great philosopher said, "and I care not who has him afterward."

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But dat narrow way sho look
lonesome
Wid de saints five mile apart.

Written by—
W. S. TELFORD, Merkel, Texas

WARREN GOSSIP
By Vera Jones

The health of the community
is good at present.

The farmers would all like to
see a good rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy,
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy,
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Numan and
Mr. and Mrs. Thurman McCoy
visited Mrs. Barbee McCoy Sun-
day.

Miss Lottie Gressett spent
Saturday night and Sunday with
Miss Cordie Ellington.

Miss Lottie McCoy spent Sat-
urday night with Mr. Floyd
McCoy.

Misses Lillie and Liddie Jones
spent Sunday with Miss Ruth
Chancey.

Mr. Hollis McCoy visited his
parents of Merkel Saturday
night.

Miss Vera Jones spent Satur-
day night with Miss Willie Nu-
man.

Mr. Robert Sumpter spent
Saturday night with Mr. Wilmer
Criswell.

Mr. T. B. Hobbs spent Satur-
day night and Sunday with Mr.
Hima Jones.

Mr. T. W. Higgins and son
visited in Breckenridge last week

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman McCoy
spent Sunday night with Mr.
and Mrs. Floyd McCoy of Mer-
kel.

Mrs. Velma McCoy spent Sat-
urday with her parents of Stith.

Mr. Nickelson of Plainview is
spending this week with his
granddaughter, Mrs. Ellis Har-
ris.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shouse,
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelsow, Mrs.
Juanita Payne spent Sunday
evening with Mr. and Mrs. C. T.
McCormick.

Mrs. C. T. Jones spent Sunday

with her son, Mr. E. H. Jones.
Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robert-
son spent Sunday with Mr. and
Mrs. Hobson Robertson of Salt
Branch.

Miss Ona Fae Rose is spending
the week with Miss Grace Lee
Cranston. Miss Ona Fae and
Miss Grace Lee have both recent-
ly returned from attending
school in Abilene.

Mrs. E. Q. Warren of Knox
City arrived here Monday for a
brief visit with her mother, Mrs.
H. C. Williams, who accompan-
ied Mrs. Warren to Knox City,
where she will enjoy a short
visit.

Miss Mary Francis Anderson
of Ft. Worth was the guest of
Miss Georgia Daniels for a few
days this week

Mr. Merrill McAllister Collins
who has been attending the
University of Texas at Austin,
has returned home after a few
days visit with relatives at
Louisville, Texas.

Messrs. Ray Garrett and Fred
Giles have returned home from
Abilene where they have been
attending Simmons University.

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in salary next year.

Mr. C. R. Williams, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Lee D. Williams of
the Stith Community, is home
to spend the summer vacation
days after attending T. C. U. at
Fort Worth the past year.

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roasts, etc.

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CARLOS D. SPECK

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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

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I have never tried to churn but once in my life, with the old fashioned churn, and then I went in to winter quarters for repairs. That has been twenty-five years ago, and I still feel the effects of it in my system on cold damp mornings. I never see a churn now but what I want to hurl a stone at it, or throw it over the back fence.

Young men let me warn you to shun as you would the deadly

Upas tree or licksaw. I had often insisted upon my wife to let me churn, but she always got me out to feed the chickens, or work in the garden, and it was some time before I ever had the chance to set myself upright by the tall sides of a melancholy churn unmolested, and punch the milk until it would yield up its oily substance.

The opportunity came this way. My wife was off visiting or borrowing something. I know not which, as she did both frequently, when I came home one

day and found the churn with a rag tied around its head, like it might have the tooth ache, and after untieing the rag from around its head, and beholding its ghastly countenance I decided it was dying to be churned, and now was my opportunity to surprise my wife. I wanted to be able to meet her on her return at the door with one of my winning smiles, and lead her into the kitchen and say to her "See, my dear, that big blond chunk of butter," and after she had recovered from her glad surprise I was going to tell her that her own dear husband, with his own hands, unaided, had mauled and pelted that milk until it had yielded up its golden treasure. But there was a hitch somewhere in the proceedings, and the milk didn't act like it should. It was hard-hearted, rebellious, and unrelenting. I am a patient man and slow to anger, but I am a tough proposition when I do get real mad; in fact I am fierce on such occasions. I have learned that all milk must turn and have a change of heart before it can enter the butter stage and at one time while churning this milk I decided that it had not sufficiently repented of its sins and had not turned to an appreciable extent. I sat down very gently by the side of this churn and took a firm manly grasp upon the dasher and began churning with that steady rhythmic stroke that is always observed in those of gentle birth, and at the same time began singing that soul stirring song "Away out in the West, we will build a little nest, and let the rest of the world go by," and after a few more strokes, down went Maginty. I churned in this steady manner for about fifteen minutes, was satisfied that the butter had come, and raised the lid, only to be greeted with a seething mass of irritated milk. So I began again, counting one hundred, and I knew when I had finished the hundred it would be there on schedule time, but to my surprise on investigation it had hung fire and still had that rebellious look, and seemed to be spoiling for a fight. Once more I tightened my belt, pulled off my coat, and began over again, determined to corral that butter or die in the attempt. I counted a hundred, and no butter; one thousand and two thousand, and still no butter on the surface. Then I counted ten thousand backwards to see if my luck would change, but all to no avail. But now my blood was up. That churn was up against a man who was a total stranger to defeat, one who had distinguished himself in one of the greatest picnating contests ever recorded in our country. I removed my shoes and approached that churn with a glint in my eye that boded evil to that churning of milk. I seized the dasher with both hands, and gave that churn a mighty punch that sent the milk to the ceiling.

Ever and anon, I would wipe the milk from my fevered brow and whiskers, only to return to the frenzied state. During the five hours that I fought that milk, I suffered from backache, headache, crick in my neck, palpitation of the heart, blindness and lost the hearing of my left ear. But this milk had an enemy worthy of the steel, and as often as it would strike me in the face with a gill of milk, I would strike back with my true and tried dasher. The churn seemed to want to escape but I followed it up step by step. I fought it from the kitchen to the back porch, and then in a S. E. direction into the hall, thence South 40 degrees West into the parlor, thence N. W. across the hall into the sitting room, thence on an air line into the dining room, thence as the crow flies back to the beginning. But I was not getting its wind. I had left a broad trail of milk throughout the entire line of battle, and with a last heroic punch with my dasher I splashed the last drop of milk on my face and onto the ceiling. I then seized the churn by the throat, and dashed it into a thousand pieces against the cook stove. I then retired to

the back yard and laid down under a peach tree to reflect on the certainty of death and the vanity of the world. And while lying there gasping for breath, and while the chickens pecked the milk from my whiskers and from behind my ears, I could hear the gentle patter of the milk from the ceiling on the floor. Once while sitting under the tree I rose up and threw great stones at the house, so great was my anger. Late that afternoon my wife returned and, after reviewing the wreck, sought me in the back yard. My wife reproached me with bitter words that sank deep into my heart; that left me a sad, disappointed man. I begged her not to reproach me, as I had done my best to churn the milk in a quiet manner, but it wouldn't let me. My wife gave me a look of withering scorn, and then informed me that I had been churning on a churn full of butter milk, as she had churned just before leaving the house, and said that the butter was this moment in the pantry. That evening after they all came home, they tried to toll me into the house by tempting me with my favorite pie, but like Ephriam of old I was joined to my wrath and would not move. Late that night after all had retired, I heard a cot squall out in the back yard, in the night air, and knowing how afraid my wife was of cats, I went into the house. The next day I sat around the house with one of my wife's dresses on while she washed the milk from my clothes. I never have been the same man from that day until this. That churning seems to have broken my spirits, and now when I hear one speak about the milk having turned, I quietly steal away until the churning is over. My wife began dating everything from that day. She frequently said it was the same year that my husband churned, or two years after the house was wrecked by the churning. So of all sad things of tongues or pens, the saddest of all it might have been.

(Signed) J. C. MASON.

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1914	Thomas	DeLage	Palmer	82.47
1915	DePalma	Mercedes	Goodrich	89.84
1916	Rosta	Peugeot	Goodrich	83.26
1917	No Race			
1918	World War			
1919	Wilcox	Peugeot	Goodyear	88.06
1920	Chevrolet	Monroe	Firestone	88.55
1921	Milton	Frontenac	Firestone	89.62
1922	Murphy	Murphy Sp.	Firestone	94.48
1923	Milton	HCS Spec.	Firestone	90.25
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Big basket picnic at Blair, Friday July 16. Everyone invited. Concessions for sale. See W. A. Campbell, J. R. Cavitt, or Z. V. Moore. 18t4

FARM & RANCH LOANS

At 6, 6 1/2 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

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis returned this week from a pleasant visit with friends and relatives at both Loraine and Roscoe.

Second Hand Victrola Records

For sale at the Merkel Mail office the following second hand victrola records at 35 cents each. Call there and see them:

1. Margie. Home again Blues.
2. The Whittler and His Dog. The Warblers Serenade.
3. Henry Jones. Mississippi Bound.
4. Who iTed the Can on the Old Dog's Tail. I oGt the Wonder Where He Went and When He's coming Back Again Blues.
5. Kitten of the Keys. Nola.
6. Beale Street Mamma. Louisville Lou.
7. en Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes. Ain't You Coming Out Ma-linda.
8. California Blues. I Don't want You to Cry Over Me.
9. Gone But not Forgotten. Swanee River Moon.
10. You Remind Me of My Mother. I'll Build a Stairway to Paradise.
11. Toddle. Moonlight.
12. Ho. Sweet Man O'Mine.
13. Do it Again. Teasin'.
14. Alabama Jubilee. Memphis Blues.
15. Sweet Little Stranger. Nightingale.
16. Got to Cool my Dogggies Now. Like my Sister Kate.
17. Japanese Sandman. Avalon.
18. Aggravating Papa. Fate.
19. Whispering. My Midnight Frolic Girl.

20. I Wonder if you still Care for me. June Moon.
21. Ka-lu-a. April Showers.
22. Blue Danube Waltz. Angle of Love Waltz.
23. Lulaby Blues. When the Bees Bake Honey.
24. Tell Me. The Vamp.
25. Nestin' Time. I Lost My eHart.
26. There's a Long Long Trail
27. Nelly Was a Lady.
28. Dreaming of Home and Mother.
29. Somewhere a Voice is Calling.
30. Aloha Oe. Better Hurry. First come first serve.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hamilton have as their guests this week Mrs. G. W. Womack and children of Harlingen, Texas, and Mr. W. H. Everiett, of Pleasanton, Texas. The former and the latter made the trip by auto, driving from Pleasanton, which is 30 miles south of San Antonio to Merkel from five o'clock in the morning until six in the evening. A distance of 320 miles.

Mr. E. Doyle Garrett who has been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett has returned to Waco where he is attending Baylor University.

Misses Boog Sears and Grace Lee Cranston have returned home from school at McMurry College at Abilene.

Miss Gladys Middleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton, returned last week from Denton where she has been attending C. I. A.

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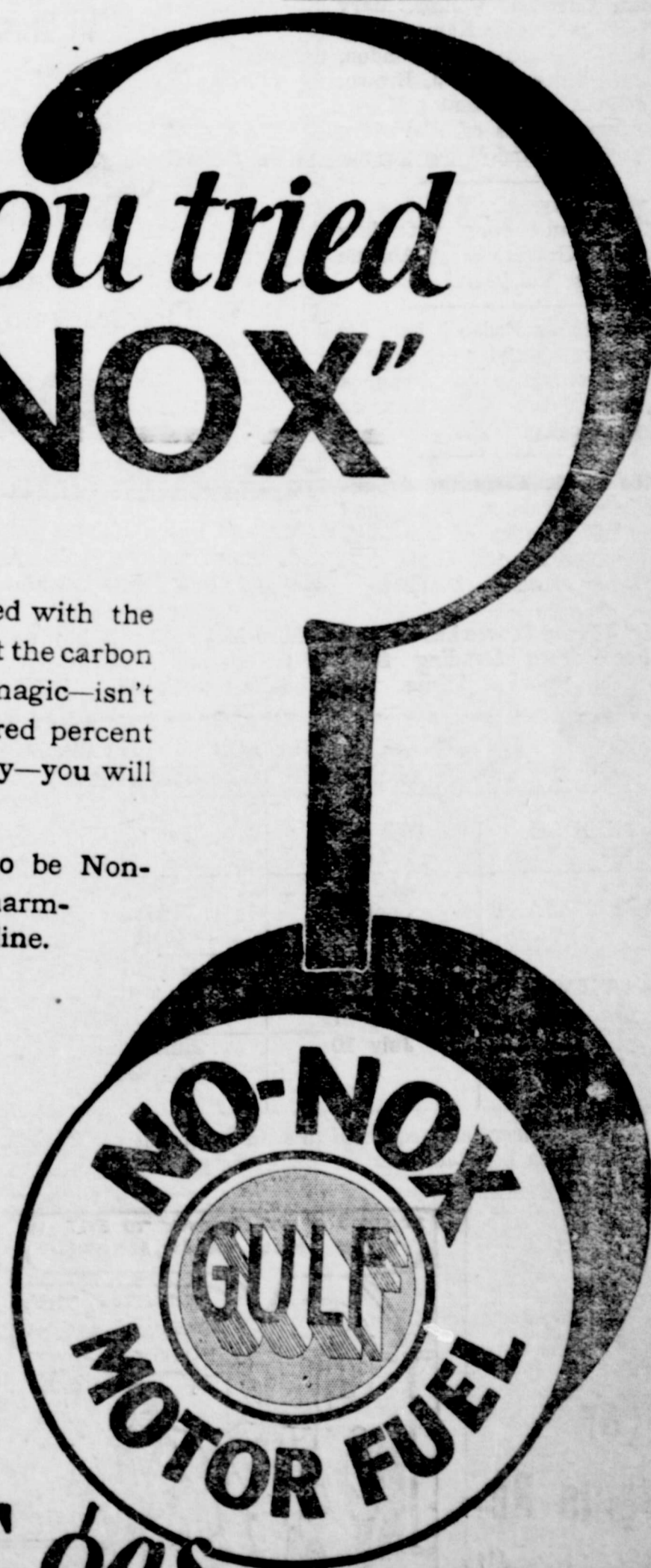
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**EDITORS AND FAMILIES
RETURN FROM TRIP**

Thos. Durham, wife and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham, returned Tuesday night from their trip to San Antonio where they attended the 47th annual gathering of the Texas Press Association.

The San Antonio meeting was by far one of the best held for many years. The attendance was larger, there being about 500 in attendance. And to say that we enjoyed the occasion would indeed be insufficient. Besides the meeting we enjoyed very much the unexcelled hospitality of the great city of San Antonio. It is no doubt the finest city in the South for one to spend a week or two; in fact a week is just too short, for there is too much of interest to witness in that city in so short a time.

We also drove on down to Corpus Christi and had a fine swim in the bay, as well as an all-day boat ride over to Port Aransas. In all we had a very pleasant vacation.

Let us thank our good friends and patrons for their loyalty and cooperation given the paper during our absence. We also appreciate the many compliments given the boys in charge for the good paper they published during our absence.

Idlewise Club

Mrs. Roy Largent was the charming hostess to the Idlewise Club Wednesday afternoon in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider. The lovely home was gaily decorated with colorful glassware and cut flowers. After enjoying a number of interesting games of bridge the hostess served dainty refreshments to Misses Mary Cleo Booth, Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Evelyn Hamm, Ruby Hamm, Mesdames Sie Brandon, George White, W. S. J. Brown, Earl Baze, and guests: Misses Kathryn Saffles of Plainview, Julia Martin, and Willie Swann.

Miss Gladys Mayfield has returned home from attending Simmons University at Abilene the past school year.

Miss Althea Boden is here for a few days visit with her parents before returning to Simmons University for the Summer School Session.

Mrs. L. A. Watts and daughters Misses Lillian, Edna and Ruth left Tuesday of last week in their car for St. Louis Mo. and other places in the East.

Mr. Willard Reeves has returned home from attending Simmons University at Ailene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Partridge were recent visitors to San Angelo and other points south.

Messrs. R. O. Anderson and W. F. Patterson are transacting business this week at Plainview.

Miss Mary Ellen Ashby visited friends and relatives in Colorado last week-end.

Have just received good supply of ZIP Poultry Tonic. W. F. Hamblet.

Idlewise Club

The members of the Idlewise Club enjoyed their bridge games in the cooler hours of the morning this week with Miss Mary Eula Sears as their hostess. The party was perfect in its appointments. Places were found for the games by matching the predominant color of the tally with that of the table cover, each table emphasizing a different color. At the culmination of the games a most refreshing ice and dainty pink angel food squares were served, completing an harmonious color scheme of the paler pastel shades. Those who enjoyed this delightful morning party with Miss Sears were Misses Annie Mae and Willis Swann, Christine Collins, Boog Sears, Ruby Hamm, Julia Martin, Lorena Dry, Mesdames George White, Earl Baze and the Hostess.

Mrs. J. W. Moore and daughter, Miss Delphine, Mrs. W. E. Lowe and son Jack, and Mr. G. W. Cox, left this week for a trip to points in California.

T. G. Bragg, L. W. Cox, Dee Grimes and others whose names we did not learn, returned yesterday from an outing and fishing trip.

Mr. James Harris was here for a few days the past week visiting his parents before returning to Lubbock where he has been attending the Texas Technological College.

Mr. Sie Hamm, manager of the Hamm Drug Company, was in Fort Worth and Dallas this week on business and to attend the State Pharmaceutical Convention at Dallas.

**JONES DRY GOODS
Sale On Dresses**



50 Fine Silk Dresses

Georgettes, Flat Crepes and beautiful Printed Crepes all go on sale at prices that will surprise you.

All Dresses Values up to \$14.75 on sale at **\$9.75**

All Dresses Values up to \$19.75 on sale at **\$14.75**

All Dresses Values up to 35.00 sale price **\$19.75**

All Sunbeam Rayon and Silk Pongee Dresses values up to \$7.50 go in this sale at **\$4.98**

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REVISED SCHEDULE FOR TAYLOR COUNTY AMATEUR LEAGUE

	At Noodle	At Mt. Pleasant	At View	At Trent
NOODLE	WATCH THE	June 19 July 5 July 24	June 26 Aug. 28	July 31 Aug. 21
MT. PLEASANT	Aug 14. Sept. 4	MAIL FOR	July 10	June 12 July 17 Aug 7
VIEW	June 12 July 17 Aug. 7	July 31 Aug. 21	RESULTS OF	July 5 Sept. 4
TRENT	July 10	June 26 Aug. 28	June 19 July 24 Aug 14	THESE GAMES

The official scorers are requested to send a copy of their score card to the statisticians by mail or otherwise so a box score can be made for publication.

Birthday Party

On last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George L. Reeves, a birthday party was given celebrating Othell's sixth birthday.

The guests arrived at three o'clock. Various games were played which kept each one present laughing. Featuring the afternoon's entertainment was a contest in which Alday Grayson won the prize.

The guests were then invited into the dining room where birthday cake was served with ice cream.

The host received many little gifts and as each little guest left they assured him they had never had a more enjoyable afternoon.

Buy your pies, cakes and dressed chickens from Presbyterian Ladies at West Company Saturday, June 19.

See Campbell's Cash Grocery before you sell your chickens. All kinds of chickens wanted. It

Mr. Earl Walker, who underwent an operation June 5, is improving. His many friends are hoping that he will soon be well again.

Miss Gladys Mayfield is in Knox City this week to attend the wedding of Miss Sadie Sue Hardburger to Mr. Darnell of Abilene.

Sheriff H. T. O'Bar, accompanied by deputy Whaley, was here yesterday shaking hands with supporters and friends in his race for re-election.

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Misses Fannie Belle Boaz and Gladys Acuff are this week visiting the former's grandmother at Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Pribble of Dallas who formerly lived in Merkel, are here visiting J. S. Thomas and family, and other relatives.

Buy your feed at Campbell's Cash Grocery. We have the stuff.

Mrs. Duncan Briggs and little daughter returned to their home here this week from a visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

The BULL'S EYE

Manager



The Farmer Can't Stand Much More Help Like He Has Been Getting

Congress say they are helping the Farmer. They are in Washington ON salary. He is home trying to pay it.

Farmers have had more advice and less relief than a wayward son. If advice sold for 10c a column, Farmers would be richer than Bootleggers.

And when they get all through advising, there is just one thing will help the Farmers. That is eliminate some of the middlemen and let the two ends meet. The Consumer and the Producer are two men in America that have never even seen each other.

Cut out the middle and tie the two ends together.

When a steer starts from the feed pen to the table, there is about 10 to take a bite out of him, before he reaches the family that pay for him.

Who wears the best clothes or drives the best car, the fellow who raises a bushel of wheat, or the working fellow who goes up to buy a sack of flour? Why neither one of them. The ones in between these two have their private Tailor and "Straight Eights."

The Government just told Agriculture, "You are in a hole." They didn't offer to pull them out, but they did say, "We will get down in there with you."

I want to tell you right here, I don't know what would have happened to the poor farmer if it had not been for his old friend, "Bull" Durham. It's the only thing he has been absolutely able to rely on. And I want him to know that myself and "Bull" Durham are with him right to the poor house door.

Will Rogers
P.S. There will be another piece here a few weeks from now. Look for it.



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