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CHURCH OF CHRIST REVIVAL MEETING

Every since I was a small boy I have known there was a place in the world called Merkel, but never had the pleasure of visiting the place until last spring. While here one night I was asked to help in a revival meeting and was glad of the invitation and looked forward to the time for the meeting, thinking I would enjoy the stay, but I really never thought I would be made to enjoy a stay so much. Not only have the members of the Church of Christ treated me kindly, but all that I have met, the business men have been very courteous to me, while we have not asked them to close their stores yet I suppose they would have if we had asked that of them. But my purpose is not to force any one to come to church. I especially invite all to come and will try to bring a message of love in each sermon, and I know the people appreciate it, for our crowds are growing at each service, all of which is certainly appreciated.

We have had five confessions and baptisms so far and expect many more as we continue to preach the gospel for the gospel is the power of God to save and when people hear it they will obey it. Subjects for the remainder of the week:

Friday night: "Preachers Examination."

Saturday night: "Baptism".

Sunday morning, 11:00 a. m.: "How often should Christians take the Communion."

Sunday night, 8:15 p. m. "Why we do not use instruments of Music in our Worship."

You are invited; we want you.
J. L. Pummill, Minister.

PRESIDENT WEST CALLS COMMITTEE

Mr. Henry C. West, the energetic and wide-awake president of the Merkel Luncheon Club, and also president of the Merkel Community Fair, realizing that the time for holding our annual Community Fair is drawing near, and that in order to make the same the success that every enterprising and public spirited citizen should want the Fair to be, asks this paper to announce a call meeting of the members of the Executive Committee of the Merkel Community Fair, for next Tuesday evening at the City Hall. As Mr. West states, there is much to be planned and accomplished if our Fair is to be the success desired, hence he urges that every member of the committee be present if possible.

The executive committee is composed of the following gentlemen: H. C. West, T. J. R. Swafford, Taylor F. Davis, R. A. Ellis, Dee Grimes and J. R. Masterson.

RETURNS FROM RED RIVER CO.; SAYS IT'S FOR "MA"

Mr. Joe Holmes, one of this community's very best and well known citizens, returned recently from Red River County, where he had been to visit his daughter who had been very sick but who he reported as improving nicely when he left.

In speaking about the political situation as regards the governor's race, Mr. Holmes stated that he was told that Red River county would go overwhelmingly for "Ma" Ferguson for reelection.

ANOTHER OIL TEST PLANNED HERE

From Mr. Tom Largent we learn that the Southern Petroleum Company, of Abilene, which is recommended to be thoroughly reliable and capable of putting down an oil test in a first class manner, is planning to put down another deep test for oil in this immediate section, provided the necessary acreage can be secured. According to Mr. Largent, it seems almost certain that the acreage will be secured, only a few blocks of leases that are wanted not yet being secured.

It is stated that the lease contract calls for spudding in the test not later than October 10, provided the acreage is secured.

It is also stated that sufficient acreage has been secured in this section to guarantee other tests which may start within the next few months.

The well now being drilled by the Phillips Petroleum Company ten miles northwest of Merkel in the Shiloh community, is reported to have reached a depth of around 800 feet, with drilling going forward in a satisfactory manner.

VOTE EARLY MEANS EARLY RETURNS

Let every citizen who can possibly do so go to the polls on next Saturday as early as possible and cast their votes. To do so will not only help to insure earlier returns, help the election officials, but will avoid a mad rush at the last minute.

Late voting has been the fad for many years, especially since the ladies vote, for they naturally prefer to get their house work done in the morning and vote in the afternoon. So every man and woman who can should vote as early in the morning as they can possibly do so.

Mr. W. Ferguson of Hamilton county is here this week for a visit with his brother, Mr. T. G. Ferguson.

WE PREDICT THESE CANDIDATES WILL LEAD IN GOVERNORS RACE WITH DAN MOODY IN FIRST PLACE



DAN MOODY



MIRIAM A. FERGUSON

MELLINGER WILL ERECT 3 BUILDINGS AT TABERNACLE

From Mr. Max Mellinger, one of our progressive and enterprising merchants, we learn that he expects within the next few days to let the contract for the erection of three handsome and modern new brick store buildings on the vacant lots where last year a fire destroyed several buildings.

The plans and specifications for the new buildings have already been drawn by the architect and accepted by Mr. Mellinger, and the contract will be let within a short time, and actual work will likely start in the next thirty days.

Mr. Mellinger also states that he has recently leased the building he now occupies with his dry goods stock for the next five years and that the new buildings will be for rent. He did not state whether either of the buildings had been rented or not.

This is one of the very best business blocks in the city and every one will be glad to learn that Mr. Mellinger has fully decided to build on them at once.

Call 61 to place a want ad in the Mail or give us a news item.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT CONVENTION, AT WHICH DELEGATES WILL BE ELECTED TO THE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN ABILENE ON JULY 31, WILL BE HELD AT THE TABERNACLE IN MERKEL ON NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT TWO O'CLOCK.

The meeting will be called to order by the present precinct chairman, Mr. W. O. Boney, following which the qualified voters present will elect their own chairman and secretary, and proceed with the order of business.

Each precinct is allowed one vote at the county convention for each 25 votes cast in that box for governor in the general election last year. As many delegates as is desired may be elected to the county convention, but only one vote for each 25 votes cast for governor in the general election, as stated above, will be counted.

Judge Jas. P. Stinson asks that every voter who can attend the precinct conventions.

Miss Autry Porter spent the last week end in Dallas visiting friends.

W. T. FAIR OFFERS \$100.00 FOR MAIZE

The West Texas Fair to be held at Abilene from September 20 to 26 will again award a lump sum of \$100 for the best entry of 10 heads of maize by any person, man, woman, boy or girl. Either white or red maize may compete. More than one entry may be made by the same person. This contest is open to the world.

The West Texas Fair Association will also award \$100 to boy and girl club members, working in conjunction with either a county or home demonstration agent, who enter the best 10 heads of maize, to be divided as follows: First prize \$25, second \$20, third \$10, fourth \$9, fifth \$8, sixth \$7, seventh \$6, eighth \$5, ninth \$4, tenth \$3, eleventh \$2, twelfth \$1. Boys and girls must register their names, if they have not already done so, with the county or home demonstration agent, not later than August 1. More than one entry may be made, but only one premium of this special club member will be awarded to the same person.

The Western Produce Company will award \$100 to boy and girl club members for the best entries of breeding pens of poultry, which is four females and one male, from Taylor County only. The amount will be divided in the same twelve premiums that are to be paid to boy and girl club members who enter maize, as is enumerated above.

J. R. Masterson, Supt., Agricultural Department, West Texas Fair.

TELLS JURY HOME BREW TO BE TESTED

THE GRAND JURY
J. A. Nobles, Ovalo, foreman; Booth Warren, Merkel secretary; R. C. Tittle, E. L. Young, M. A. Patterson, Frank Antilley, J. A. Cumby, Fred Rucker, James Gilbrath, T. H. Spears, Preston Clark, Jim Shelton.

Home brew taken by officers in this county in connection with arrests for violations of the prohibition laws will be tested to determine whether it is intoxicating. Judge W. R. Ely told the grand jury for the July term of forty-second district court in his charge delivered from the bench Monday morning.

Covering all phases of law violations which have come before the officers since the April grand jury convened, Judge Ely laid special stress upon the importance of finding indictments for manufacturing home brew, as well as other intoxicating liquor. He also urged indictments in cases where it believed there is ground for conviction for statutory offenses, taking cognizance of eleven examining trials held since the past term, in which such charges were made.

Citing the economic and social benefit of prohibition the judge declared that he believed the nation in the enforcement of the prohibition amendment has been its greatest deed as a nation.

To Test Liquor.

The local judge mentioned the recent statement of Judge Pippin of Dallas in which it was said that convictions for the manufacture or sale of home brew are very hard to obtain because that county has appropriated no fund for having chemical analysis made of liquor used in evidence.

S.M.U. ENTERTAINERS HERE TUESDAY

On next Tuesday evening at eight-thirty, at the Presbyterian church, the people of Merkel and surrounding country will have the opportunity of attending one of the finest and most interesting entertainments given in our city, when, under the auspices of the Thursday Club, the "Spectacular Four", Miracle Boys Radio Artists, from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, will appear in a program of varied musical numbers.

These artists are famous throughout the South and are making their third tour of this country, and their entertainment will no doubt be of the highest class and please every one attending.

They come to our city through the efforts of the Thursday Club and the proceeds will go toward the Cemetery Arch and Gate Fund, a worthy cause, and should meet with the hearty cooperation of every one. Let's all be there.

LUNCHEON CLUB SOCIAL A SUCCESS

The Luncheon Club social meeting, held last Tuesday evening at Shannon's Lake, which was attended by the members and their wives and sweethearts, was without doubt one of the nicest and most appreciated social meetings of the citizenship attending, of any similar gathering here for many months.

The meeting was just a real social and friendly get-together, the only entertainment feature of the evening being a brief but highly interesting and appreciated address by Mr. H. C. West, president of the Club.

The ladies of the Thursday Club served the fine meal, consisting of a delicious chicken dinner and everything that goes with same, such as the trimmings. Every one present declared the occasion to be very enjoyable in the extreme.

Only fifty cents was charged for the nice dinner and the proceeds are to be used by the Thursday Club in their efforts to help build an attractive and beautiful arch and gate way at the entrance of the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Fleming are entertaining a 10 pound boy since July 12th.

He declared that the practice of the local district attorney of having such liquor tested to determine its alcoholic content will be continued.

Eighty-one examining trials in felony charges have been held since the last grand jury was convened. Twenty-one of these were for prohibition violations and eleven for statutory offense. Fifty-eight of the trials were held before Justice of the Peace P. B. Ford at the courthouse.

They were for the following offenses: Burglary 4, theft of property valued at more than \$50, 14; swindling, 1; prohibition violations, 21; statutory offenses, 7; failing to stop and render aid following an automobile collision, 1; driving an automobile while intoxicated, 1; assault with intent to murder, 1; seduction, 1.

The court announces to counsel that setting of the docket for the term of four week will be attended to at 9 a. m. Tuesday.—Abilene Reporter.

"The Wreck of the Hesperus"



CHURCHES

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BAPTIST REVIVAL CLOSES A SPLENDID SUCCESS

The Scarborough revival at the Baptist church in this city came to a close on last Sunday evening with a great crowd present and a gracious closing service.

For ten days Dr. Scarborough president of the Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, and one of the most able and noted ministers of the Baptist denomination in the South, delivered most logical and convincing gospel messages, and as a result of his devoted and conscientious efforts there were some fifty additions to the church, with over half the number for Baptism.

And besides the many new souls brought to Christ, the entire Christian citizenship of the city has been revived and brought to closer Christian fellowship.

We are informed that as a token of their appreciation of the able service and work of Dr. Scarborough, a check for \$1000 was handed him for the Fort Worth Seminary.

PRESBYTERIAN CAMP SPLENDID SUCCESS

Rev. Chas. H. Little and family returned Wednesday from Buffalo Gap, where they, with many other members of the Presbyterian church, attended the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Young People's Encampment, which closed Wednesday night.

Among those we learn of attending the meeting we note: H. C. West and family, Marvin Smith and family, Jas. H. West and family, N. A. Dowell and family, W. M. Elliott and family, L. L. Murray and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. West, A. B. Cranston and family, Mr. and Mrs. John R. West, S. F. Haynes and son Hollis, and others whose names we did not learn. All report the encampment well attended and a splendid success.

Senior League Program

Leader, Juanita Beene.
 Hymn; scripture lesson, Duet, 5:15; 16:11-12, by leader.
 Subject: "The Negro in America."

Topics for discussion:
 1. Having the right attitude, Castle B. Ellis.
 2. Christ's attitude toward race and class, Rosie Laney.
 3. What does the negro want, Wrenn Durham.
 4. Adventures in Good will, by Doris Pike.

Hymn; benediction.
 League at 7:00 o'clock. Every one on program be sure and be present and on time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott and friends composed a party visiting Christoval last week-end.

Miss Marjorie Frazzell of Knox City is visiting Miss Gladys Mayfield this week.

Is your subscription about to expire to the Mail. Look at the label on this paper and see.

REV. McCARTER OCCUPY HIS PULPIT SUNDAY

A letter from Rev. W. R. McCarter, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, who, with his wife, is visiting their children in California, states that the minister expects to arrive home from their visit on next Saturday, and will occupy the pulpit in his church on Sunday morning.

Bro. McCarter stated that they made the trip to the Golden Gate State safe and sound and were having a fine time. He sends kindest regards to all their friends here.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m.
 Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 7:30 p.m.

Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

Choir practice Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.

Ladies Missionary Society at 3:30 Monday afternoon.

We trust every one will make a special effort to be in their places for Sunday School promptly at 10 a.m. Reports from the Young People's Conference will be made at this service.

The evening service will be held on the church lawn. We cordially invite the public to worship with us at all the above services.

Chas. H. Little.

BROTHER PARRACK HOLDING EAST TEXAS MEETING

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist Church, left first of the week for Godley, Johnson County, where he will conduct a ten days revival.

During his absence his father, Rev. J. B. Parrack, also of this city, will occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

MOODY LEADS IN GRAND JURY VOTE

According to reports a straw vote among the grand jurors in session in Abilene this week gave Dan Moody ten votes, Lynch Davidson one and Mrs. Ferguson one.

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RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$261,937.29
Overdrafts	161.00
Warrants (Merkel Ind. School)	26,989.02
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,650.00
Other Resources	338.56

Cash, Sight Exchange and U. S. Bonds 192,609.32

Total \$491,797.69

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	10,539.98
Circulation	5,950.00

Bills Payable..... None
 Rediscounts..... None
 Other Borrowed Money..... None

Deposits 410,307.71

Total \$491,797.69

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier



THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

MERKEL TEXAS

'SINCE 1904'

Miss Bobby Williams of Mineral Wells, who has been visiting Misses Evelyn Curb and Melba West, returned home this week. Mr. J. B. Bragg and wife, of Waco, were here first of the week for a visit with the former's brother, Mr. T. G. Bragg and family.

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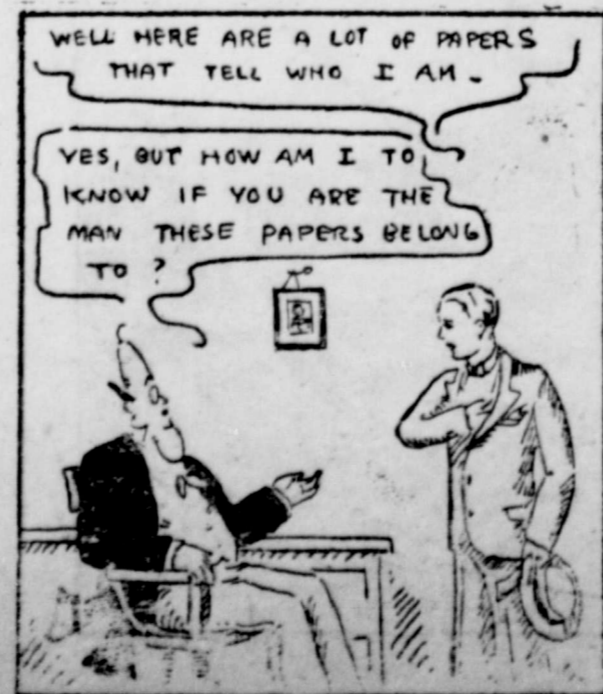
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OFFICIAL BALLOT

Democratic Primary, July 24th, 1926

For Governor:

LYNCH DAVIDSON of Harris County
 DAN MOODY of Williamson County
 MIRIAM A. FERGUSON of Bell County
 KATE MILLER JOHNSON of Bexar Co.
 O. F. ZIMMERMAN of Morris County
 EDITH E. WILMANS of Dallas County

For Lieutenant Governor:

BARRY MILLER of Dallas County

For Attorney General:

T. K. IRWIN of Dallas County
 THOMAS SIMPSON CHRISTOPHER of Dallas County
 JNO. W. HORNSBY of Travis County
 CLAUDE POLLARD of Harris County
 JAMES V. ALLRED of Wichita County
 CHAS. L. BRACHFIELD of Rusk County

For Comptroller of Public Accounts:

S. H. TERRELL, of McLennan County

For State Treasurer:

G. E. JOHNSON of Jones County
 LON GARNER of Stephens County
 W. GREGORY HATCHER of Dallas Co.
 GEORGE G. GARRETT of Dallas County
 J. R. BALL of Fannin County
 ED. A. CHRISTIAN, Jr., of Bexar County.
 GROVER CLEVELAND HARRIS of Dallas County.

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction:

J. A. HUMPHRIES of Hockley County
 W. W. BENNETT of Dallas County
 S. M. N. MARRS of Travis County

For Commissioner of Agriculture:

T. R. BOLIN of Morris County
 P. B. TERRELL of Titus County

For Railroad Commissioner:

ROBT. E. SPEER of Dallas County
 C. V. TERRELL of Wise County
 CHARLES E. BAUGHMAN of Brown Co.

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court:

WILLIAM PIERSON of Hunt County

For Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals:

LEE P. PIERSON of Dallas County
 F. L. HAWKINS of Ellis County

For Congress 17th Congressional District:

THOS. L. BLANTON of Taylor County
 J. R. SMITH of Burnett County

For Chief Justice of Civil Appeals, 11th Supreme Judicial District:

WILLIAM PANNILL of Erath County

For Associate Justice Court of Civil Appeals of the 11th Supreme Judicial District, Place No. 1:

JNO. B. LITTLER of Eastland County
 W. P. LESLIE of Mitchell County

For Associate Justice Court of Civil Appeals of the 11th Supreme Judicial District, Place No. 2:

J. E. HICKMAN of Stephens County
 TOM B. RIDGELL of Stephens County
 GEO. L. DAVENPORT of Eastland Co.

For District Attorney of the 42nd Judicial District:

MILBURN S. LONG of Taylor County

For State Representative of 116th District:

E. S. CUMMINGS of Taylor County

For District Clerk:

BELLE WELLBORN

For County Judge:

LEE R. YORK
 CARLOS D. SPECK
 TOM K. EPLEN

For County Attorney:

FRANK E. SMITH

For County Clerk:

W. E. BEASLEY
 W. P. BOUNDS

For Sheriff:

H. T. O'BAR
 JOHN S. BOND

For Tax Assessor:

W. J. GANN
 CLARENCE W. BOYCE
 J. T. HOWARD

For Tax Collector:

EARL HUGHES
 R. A. McCLAIN

For County Superintendent of Public Instruction:

M. A. WILLIAMS

For County Treasurer:

AUSTIN FITTS

For County Surveyor:

H. J. BRADSHAW

For County Commissioner of Precinct No. 2:

PHILLIP A. DILTZ

For Public Weigher Precinct No. 2 (Merkel):

B. M. WILLIAMS
 HUGH E. CAMPBELL
 T. A. BEARDEN

For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5:

W. W. WHEELER

For Chairman of the Democratic County Executive Committee:

JAS. P. STINSON
 HENRY STEEN

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R. A. McCLAIN

...CANDIDATE FOR...

TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. McClain has been a resident of Taylor County for 21 years. He was in the drug business at Merkel for a number of years and was city secretary of Merkel at the same time. He also engaged in the drug business at Abilene and Buffalo Gap. He has spent the last twelve years in Abilene. Mr. McClain has had long years of experience as a bookkeeper, and is thoroughly familiar with the type of office work required of a tax collector. He has had banking experience and has served in a clerical capacity in the tax assessor's office. He is now bookkeeper with the Harvey Hays Drug Co. He says his experience as a druggist has taught him the value of accuracy, and he will carry that knowledge with him into the tax collectors office, if elected. His claims should receive the careful consideration of the voters. Two years ago when a candidate for this office Mr. McClain received a handsome vote, amounting to about 40 per cent of the total vote cast.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

If elected to the office of Tax Collector of Taylor County my aim shall be to put all the energy I possess into the work of this office to give the people of this county

EFFICIENT SERVICE

Which means that the books of this office shall be kept in good shape, immediately placing to each designated fund its prorata and to avoid as far as possible any annoyance or failure to give proper credits when paid.

Over thirty years of experience in book-keeping in various offices would certainly be sufficient evidence that I am qualified for this position.

If you honor me with this office I promise for myself and deputies Courteous Treatment which means that we will at all times treat you pleasantly, assisting you in every way possible, realizing at all times that the office belongs to you and not us. I wish to thank the people of Merkel and surrounding territory for the handsome majority given me two years ago and will doubly appreciate your support this time. Thanking you for your vote on July 24th and your influence between now and that time, I am yours to serve.

R. A. McCLAIN
 Candidate for **TAX COLLECTOR**
 Taylor County, Texas

A business man of Slaton, a former citizen of Merkel, and a man who is an ardent supporter of the Fergusons, was here first of the week, and in speaking of the political situation stated that it seemed certain that Moody would carry the Plains country overwhelmingly.

Mr. J. W. Wheeler and family left this week for a trip to Tennessee, where they will visit for some time among friends and relatives in the country of their early childhood.

Mr and Mrs. Chas. H. Jones and daughter left first of the week for a visit with friends and relatives in East Texas.

25 per cent reduction on all Bathing Suits and Caps. Hamm Drug Company. It

Sylvia and James Alford from Houston are spending their vacation with their grandmother, Mrs. L. Cade, of the Shiloh community, and were week-end guests of Dorris and Clyde Brown.

Mr. C. A. Branton, clever and efficient bookkeeper for the West Texas Utilities Company in this city, with his wife, returned first of the week from a visit with relatives at Tuscola, Ballinger and Miles, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper McCoy visited in Cross Plains first of this week.

My grocery stock is complete and prices right. Try a sack of Amaryllis Flour. Campbell's Cash Grocery. It

TOM K. EPLEN

Candidate for **COUNTY JUDGE**

To The Voters of Merkel—

I want to express my appreciation for the encouragement given me thus far in your community. I have not been able to see each of you personally. However I want to say that I appreciate your vote and good will and shall remember it always whether I am elected or not.

I do not ask your vote because I have been reared in your County; nor because I have worked my own way, nor because I am a young man. I ask your vote only on the basis that you have confidence in my ability and service. I laid my platform before you last Saturday here in Merkel. Other things being equal, if you think I can render you the service, then I do ask your support.

Your own boys and girls, whom you are educating, will soon ask for a chance from someone. If elected I will repay your confidence by an administration that you will endorse.

Respectfully yours,

Tom K. Eplen

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The many friends of Mrs. M. R. Woodrum will regret to learn that she has been very ill for the past few days, but at this time, Thursday afternoon, is resting better. We join many friends in the sincere hope that she will soon regain her former good health.

**FIRST REPUBLICAN PRI-
MARY WILL BE SUCCESS**

The first Republican primary to be held in Texas will be held July 24th, 1926, without expense to any one, all officers and election clerks serving without pay.

The time is very apparent when Texas must become a two party state, according to Republican leaders, who are going to exert every effort to elect a Republican governor this year. A complete state ticket is out for state offices, some having more than one aspirant. County tickets will be had in more than 100 counties with candidates for all important places.

The campaign of villification now being carried on in the present Democratic Governor's race is plain evidence that the state Government must come to more business like methods in order that the best interests of the people may be served. Our government will be better, more efficient, economical and honest, with two evenly balanced parties in the state to watch each other and guard the people's interest.

Republicanism in Texas is HOME GROWN. ALL party leaders are native Americans and Texans, fully awake to the needs and best interests of the state. They believe in Texas and in the adage that a campaign should be run upon party issues and principles rather than upon personalities. —Political Adv.-It

Mrs. C. B. Smith of Waco came in this week for a visit with her niece, Mrs. T. G. Ferguson, who has been quite sick for several days, but who, we are glad to learn, is resting better at this writing.

Mr. "Choc" Jones was operated on first of the week at the Baptist Sanitarium, Abilene, for appendicitis, and at last reports was getting along nicely.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

**NEW MEXICO FARMERS
CHALLENGE TEXANS**

Fifty farmers and business men of Curry County, New Mexico, hereby issue a friendly challenge to all the counties in the states of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico, for the purpose of showing the Banner Wheat county of the four states for this 1926 crop.

On the basis of the greatest number of bushels and highest test, produced on the best one hundred thousand acres, non-irrigated, non-fertilized land in any one county.

Any county wishing to accept this challenge, through its agent or representative, will please write E. W. REAGAN, Clovis, New Mexico.

Some Fine Cucumbers

This office is very grateful to Mr. N. A. Dowell, the Auto Top and Paint man, for some of the largest and finest cucumbers ever grown in this part of the state, which, as Mr. Dowell intimated, came from the splendid garden of his wife. They were grown without any irrigation whatever and from the natural soil with fertilization, all of which speaks well for the fertility of our soil.

Mr. Dowell and family had just returned from attending the Presbyterian Young People's Encampment at Buffalo Gap, and reported the same to have been very largely attended and a success in every respect.

The Dowells conducted a confectionary stand at the encampment and besides the sale of many different kinds of drinks, ice cream, etc., they sold 2,064 bottles of soda pop, which was carried out through the great crowds, without the loss of a single bottle.

Sister Dies at Wolfe City

Wolfe City, July 20.—Mrs. Samuel W. Maloney, 79 years of age, widow of one of the pioneer residents of Hunt County, died at her home here Monday after a lingering illness. She had lived here since her marriage in 1868. Mr. Maloney, who died in 1921, was one of the builders of this city.

Mrs. Maloney is survived by five sons and four daughters, W. P. Maloney of Dallas, Louis Maloney of Waxahachie, Mrs. Ed Howard of Wichita Falls, Henry M. Wade and Leon Maloney, and Mrs. I. M. Rynnion, Mrs. Roscoe Reed and Mrs. Era Caldwell of Wolfe City.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. R. M. Bennett of Arlington will conduct the services. Burial will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Mrs. Maloney was a sister of our fellow townsman and most excellent citizen, Mr. B. M. Black and we join a host of friends in extending deepest sympathy during his sad bereavement.

The writer, who was reared at Wolfe City, has known the Maloney family since childhood, the families of our father and the Maloneys being brought up in nearby communities. And we consider them among the best people of this state.

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP

Statement of the ownership, management, etc., required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912, of The Merkel Mail, published weekly at Merkel, Texas, for April 1st, 1926.

The State of Texas, County of Taylor.

Before me, a notary public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Thos. Durham, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor, publisher and owner of the Merkel Mail and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodi-

ed in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form.

1. That the name and address of the publisher, editor, managing editor and business manager is:
THOS. DURHAM, Merkel, Tex.

2. That the owner is: (give names and addresses of individual owners, or, if a corporation, give its name and the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of the total amount of stock).
THOS. DURHAM, Merkel, Tex.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgages, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities, are:
Walter Jackson, Abilene, Tex.
THOS. DURHAM.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of April, 1926.
R. O. Anderson,
(Seal) Notary Public.
My commission expires June, 1927. It

Mr. Dee Grimes, of the Bragg Dry Goods Company, with his family, left first of the week for a short vacation trip to the Plains country.

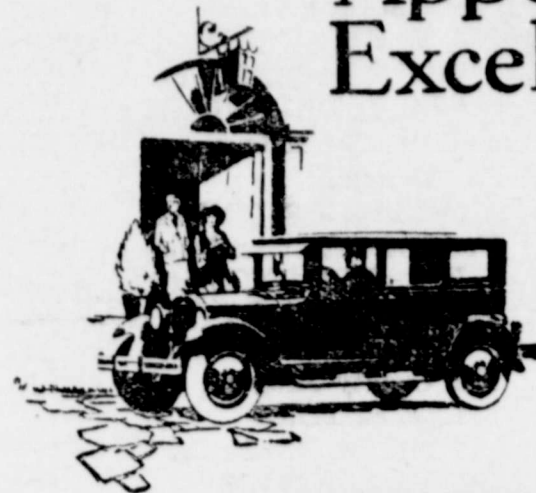
Cake and Pie Sale

The Radio Class of the Methodist church will have a cake and pie sale in front of Max Mellinger Dry Goods store, Saturday, July 24th.

Mr. A. J. Canon and family, who have been on the Plains the past two months, looking after their farm there, returned Wednesday to spend some time at home.

Mr. C. T. Derrick and family returned last week from a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Collin county.

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Body finished in Maxine blue lacquer, black above belt line, with silver gray striping and lustrous black enamel shields and fenders.

Upholstery—silver gray genuine mohair velvet with seat backs and cushions in the latest custom paneling.

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LOCAL MEN DONATE TO FUND FOR LEON, MEXICO

The Blue Cross of Mexico collected from the following for the benefit of the homeless and suffering of Leon, Mexico, where the great flood left several thousand homeless.

W. A. Wozencruff .25, C. F. Rasenberry \$1.00, J. F. Hodo 50, McDonald & Collum \$1.00, L. C. Patton 50, Geo. Brown 25, Geo. Henry 25, Joe Cypert 25, I. S. Simpson 25, A. B. Rose 25, J. D. Porter 25, Claud Perry 50, J. A. Woodard 50, N. E. Peebles 25, W. S. J. Brown 25, Peob Martin Grocery Co. 50, J. W. Teaff 1.00, J. B. Ferrier 50, Baker & Wheeler 50, Max Mellinger 25, A. R. Booth 50, Crown Hardware Co. G. M. Sharp 50, W. W. Wheeler 50, J. P. Sharp 10, Seth Hamilton 25, H. C. Floyd 10, Eli Case 10, P. J. Gibson 25, Mrs. Asa Sheppard 25, Jones Dry Goods Co. 50, J. T. Dennis 25, West Company 1.50, L. A. Freeman 25, Joe Holmes, Jr. 50, A. Morton 50, Mrs. N. A. Dowell 50, Jim Meeks 1.00, Mrs. J. A. Holloway 15, B. F. Yates 55, G. F. Woods 1.00, Abilene: Jas P. Stinson 25, J. C. Cummins 25, A. P. Bodoni 40, H. L. Sprule 50, R. D. Jordan 50, E. C. Byers 50, Keep U Neat Tailors 50, Philip Skultz 25, H. A. Mansil 50, Clay Jones Market 1.00, Young's Toggery 1.00, C. M. Presley 1.00, W. S. Patterson 10, Chester Doyle 1.00.

We thank each one of you and may God's blessings rest upon each of you.

Presidenta de la Cruz Azul Mexicana, Facunda G. Uda de Saldana. adv-1t.

Baptist Meeting at Shiloh

We are requested to announce that the Baptist revival at Shiloh will begin next Sunday evening. A cordial welcome is extended to one and all to attend and take part in same.

Mrs. L. J. Renfro is visiting in Putnam while her husband is at the National Guard Camp.

THE DEMOCRATIC ELECTION PERSONNEL

For holding the Democratic primary election in Merkel, Mr. W. O. Boney is the presiding officer, with Messrs. J. S. Swann and J. P. Sharp, Judges, and Messrs. I. L. Jackson, Holland Teaff and Jack Durham, and Mrs. Holland Teaff and Miss Lucy Tracy will compose the clerical force.

J. W. Foster, twin brother of Mr. S. F. Foster, of this city, was here first of the week from his home in Vanzandt county.

Mr. C. P. Hendricks and little son, Benny, left first of the week for a visit to the state of Arkansas.

DEPUTY SHERIFF LANEY TO ARIZONA FOR PRISONER

Deputy Sheriff W. M. Laney, acting for sheriff H. T. O'Bar, left Tuesday for Phoenix, Ariz., where he went for a prisoner, indicted in this county at the April term of District court, and lately apprehended in that state.

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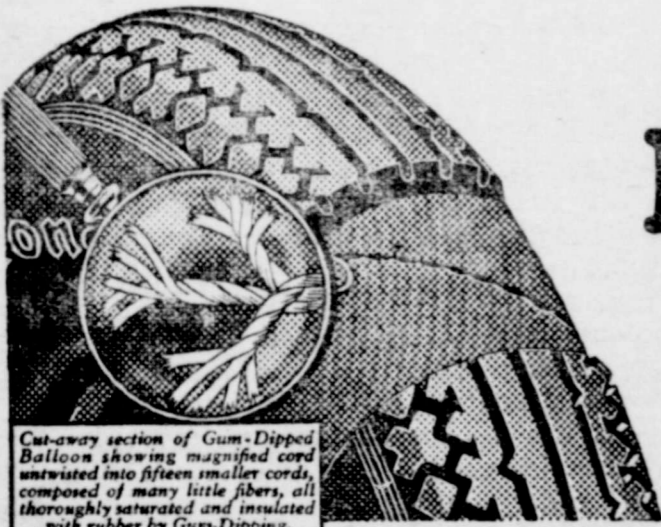
By looking at this machine you will see that it is more simple because of fewer parts and easy adjustments.

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30x3 1/2 Reg. Cl. Cord . . 8.95	29 x 4.95 Balloon . 16.45
30x3 1/2 Ex. Size Cl. Cord . 9.95	30 x 4.95 Balloon . 17.25
31x4 S. S. Cord . . . 15.75	30 x 5.25 Balloon . 18.15
32x4 S. S. Cord . . . 17.25	31 x 5.25 Balloon . 19.05
32x4 1/2 S. S. Cord . . . 23.35	32 x 6.00 Balloon . 22.95
33x5 S. S. Cord . . . 29.50	33 x 6.00 Balloon . 24.10

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EVERY QUALIFIED VOTER SHOULD CAST BALLOT

On next Saturday, July 24, there will be held throughout this state two primary elections, a Democratic and a Republican, the latter party only having candidates for state offices on the ticket in this county. The Democratic Election will be held as usual, at the City Hall, while the Republican voting place will be at the Darsey Furniture Store, in the rear of the building.

This is the first time the Republican party has ever held a primary in this state, which will make it possible for every qualified voter in the state to go to the polls and cast a ballot for their choice at the same time. And every Democrat should go to the polls and support his candidate; likewise every Republican should show his loyalty to his party and the principles for which it stands. The occasion should at least give every one an opportunity to vote his sentiments straight, which should define the real, honest, strength of both parties in this state, and thereafter settle the question of who's a Democrat and who's a Republican. If you are a Republican, vote that ticket; if a Democrat, vote that ticket.

Notice to School Patrons

The time for making your transfers from other districts to the Merkel Independent district will expire Aug. 1, 1926. If you have a boy or girl who is under 18 years of age on Sept. 1, and wish to transfer them to this district, now is the time. If they are 18 years of age or over on Sept. 1, nothing can be gained by transfer.

The transfer will entitle the boys and girls so transferred to four months free tuition in this district, after which they must pay tuition monthly in advance at the usual rate according to the grade, \$3.00 in the primary, \$4.00 in the intermediate grades,

and \$5.00 in the high school.

You can get your transfer blanks at the Merkel Mail office or from the Secretary of the Board, Mr. W. O. Boney.

If you live out of the district now is the time to save yourself the extra expense of tuition. Remember the date, any time between now and Aug. 1st.

Irvin L. Jackson, Supt.

Mr. G. W. Moore, who last fall purchased one of the nicest homes in the city, moving to home a short time ago with his splendid family, in speaking about crops, stated that he had the best crop prospect he ever had at this time of the year. We are glad to add Mr. Moore and his family to the citizenship of our city.

We regret to learn that Mrs. W. D. Haynes, who had been at the Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene for some time for treatment had failed to get relief there and was carried to Dallas Thursday, where she will be under the treatment of specialists for some time.

JACKSON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LUEDERS CAMP

At the election of officers of the Lueders Encampment for the ensuing year, Mr. Walter Jackson, education director of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, and Dean of the Study courses of the encampment, was elected president for the ensuing year.

Mr. Jackson, formerly editor and owner of this paper, and a prominent church worker in this city, is without doubt one of the most successful and outstanding lay workers connected with the Baptist church in West Texas. The Lueders Encampment, already perhaps the largest summer church encampment in all the west, is sure to continue its growth and usefulness under his able leadership.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stevens had as their guest this week Mr. Lankford McCracken, of Hamlin, who returned to his home on Wednesday.

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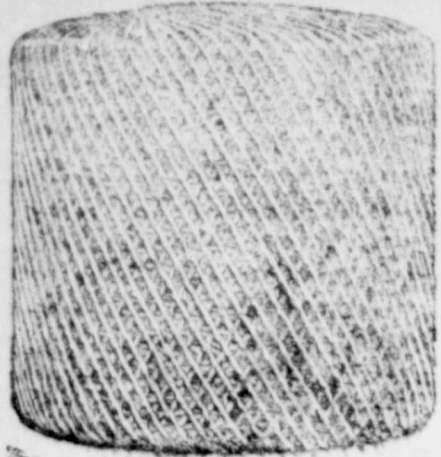
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International Harvester twines have not to be good. The Harvester Company is the only company making both binders and twine. Poor twine would reflect on binder performance. All the reputation of McCormick-Deering machines is linked with the sterling reputation of the twine. Fifty-four lines of farm machinery are tied up with the quality of the old reliable twine. That is the best twine insurance.

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Miss Loyce Dry, who for the past several months has held a position on the Clarksville Times arrived first of the week for a two weeks vacation with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry. Her many friends here are delighted to have her home for a visit.

Mrs. J. E. Hendrix and grandson, Harold Reece, came home first of the week from their visit with relatives at Lamesa.

Revival Announcement

The announcement is made that Evangelist C. D. Record will begin a meeting at the Cross Roads Church of Christ, one mile south of Nubia, Saturday night, July 24th. Everybody is invited to attend.

Just received a car of that good old Amaryllis Flour at Campbell Grocery & Cafe. It

**REPUBLICAN BAL-
LOT FOR JULY 24**

The Republican primary will be held in Merkel in the rear end of J. T. Darsey Furniture store, Saturday, July 24, 1926. H. C. Floyd, precinct chairman, will be presiding officer, together with G. E. Comegys and others as assistants.

The Republican ticket is as follows:

"I am a Republican and pledge myself to support the nominee of this primary."

For Governor:

H. H. Haines, Harris County.
E. P. Scott, Nueces County.

For Lieutenant Governor:

W. H. Holmes, Potter County.
For Attorney General:

Caswell L. McDowell, Bexar County.

For Comptroller of Public Accounts:

Riley A. Hamrick, McLennan County.

For State Treasurer:

J. A. Keelman, Parker Co.

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction:

C. Garrett, Travis County.
A. A. Lindsey, Franklin Co.

For Commissioner of Agriculture:

Robert H. Coston, Rusk Co.

For Commissioner of the General Land Office:

Helen M. Reynolds, El Paso County.

For Railroad Commissioner:

Wood Durrett, Dallas County.

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court:

G. N. Harrison, Brown County

For Associate Justice of the Court of Criminal Appeals:

J. D. Dodson, Bexar County.

For Congressman, 17th District:

Herbert B. Tanner, Eastland County.

For County Chairman of Taylor County:

T. S. Rollins, Taylor County.

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John Bond, candidate for sheriff of this county, was a resident of the Merkel community before moving to Abilene a few years ago. Mr. Bond was known in his community for his fearless nature when it came to a matter of duty. He believed that the word "duty" was one of the sublime words of the English language. He further believed in law and order and was willing to help enforce the law whenever necessary, even in the face of danger.

John S. Bond has made hundreds of friends since coming to Abilene, and his earnest desire to maintain law has made him the same name here as at his old home at Merkel—the name of being fearless, honest, faithful, courteous, efficient, impartial and a friend to all, as far as the duties of the office would permit.

Mr. Bond has been sheriff of Taylor County, is acquainted with the duties of the office, has been agreeable, fair and impartial, honest and clean, high-minded, and fair to all including prisoners while confined in jail and that he has never had a case that was too hard for him to handle or one that necessitated drastic means to handle, that he has attended personally to the office in a way that demands not only admiration and respect but merits the vote and earnest consideration of all alike who believe in law enforcement in this county, knowing that the office will have the best humanly possible for a friendly business man to render to a people knowing that he will cooperate with all other officers to enforce the law.

Because of his strong belief in the law and its powers, he will continue to do the same thing in the future, if elected, that he has done in the past, and the people can be assured of a good, clean, conscientious sheriff who can neither be tempted nor bluffed into doing anything other than his duty as he sees it. When the voters go to the polls on the 24th, it will be a good thing to remember his past record and what it has meant to the county.

**JOHN S. BOND, Candidate for
SHERIFF**

Missionary Society Notes

The Womens Missionary Society of the Methodist Church had a splendid meeting on last Monday afternoon. Mesdames Armstrong and Rainbolt had arranged a splendid program for the afternoon which was much appreciated. Some of the numbers on the program deserving especial mention were vocal solos by Misses Sallie Brown and Boog Sears, and a reading by little Miss Mildred Richardson. During the social hour those present enjoyed a contest. Misses Sallie Brown and Mary Hutcheson were the first to finish and were awarded a banana for their efforts. A delicious refreshment plate of sandwiches, cake and iced tea prepared by Mesdames Armstrong and Rainbolt, was served. This was a very enjoyable meeting and we only wish a greater number had been present. On next Monday there will be a lesson from the Missionary Voice. Four o'clock is the hour of the meeting.

Reporter.

Program

1. Song.
2. Bible lesson, "If Jesus came today would we let him use our resources?" Mrs. Hutcheson.
3. Prayer.
4. Special topic, "Christ in China. (a) What is the anti-Christian education movement in China? How is it manifesting itself? Mrs. H. C. Williams. (b) What is the challenge in this movement for the missionaries and for mission boards?" Mrs. Rainbolt.
5. Child labor in China, Mrs. McSpadden.
6. News from Missionary Bulletin.

Miss Mildred Swafford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford, returned home from the College of Industrial Arts at Denton last Friday. Miss Swafford expects to return to this school for the fall term.

Mrs. George White, accompanied her mother, Mrs. Wes Edwards, to Arlington for a short visit with Mrs. Edwards' mother.

Master Bob White of Stamford is visiting in the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, this week.

Mrs. W. R. Atkins, who has been here for some time visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, left yesterday for Bonham, where she will visit before returning to her home at Telephone, Texas.

No. 366

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

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1926, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 23rd day of July, 1926.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$451,458.00
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	8,023.00
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	936.35
Bonds, stocks and other securities	1,500.00
Customers' Bonds held for safekeeping	58,650.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	15,200.00
Other Real Estate	11,282.51
Furniture and Fixtures	5,430.00
Cash on hand	41,419.92
Due from approved reserve agents	24,701.74
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	8,422.66
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	5,955.92
TOTAL	\$632,980.16

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, net	9,000.00
Dividends unpaid	2,500.00
Individual Deposits subject to check on which no interest is paid	362,150.76
Individual Deposits on which interest is paid or contracted to be paid	25,519.00
Time Certificates of Deposit	25,485.46
Public Funds on Deposit (City)	9,170.74
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	5,504.20
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	58,650.00
TOTAL	\$632,980.16

STATE OF TEXAS,)

County of Taylor)

We, R. O. Anderson, as Vice-President, and W. L. Diltz, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. O. ANDERSON, Vice-President
W. L. DILTZ, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of July, A. D. 1926. Willie Toombs, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

CORRECT—ATTEST: David Hendricks, J. S. Swann, J. C.



W. E. Beasley

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Nowadays, men are specially trained for specific duties. Large business corporations and business concerns very often start an employee at the bottom and then gradually promote him as his ability and efficiency develop, until finally he becomes the head of such organization. Especially is this true of Railroads and far-sighted business concerns.

The real test of success in the business world is thorough training, together with an honest, sincere execution of that training.

Public office is the people's business. The same efficient training and preparation is required and demanded by the thinking public, as is required by the successful business concern. A business man does not train an employee and discharge him, because someone else wants his position. Trained and efficient employees are assets to any business-going concern.

Therefore, I feel that my special training for seven and one-half years as Deputy County Clerk of Taylor County, Texas, together with the time I have been County Clerk, have amply qualified me efficiently and effectively to discharge the duties of County Clerk. I am thoroughly familiar with the records and laws, pertaining to this office, and feel that I am therefore better qualified to render Taylor County and her constituents real effective service as County Clerk than any unexperienced man.

If elected, I pledge my best efforts to serve the people in an efficient, courteous and honest manner, with special favors to none.

W. E. Beasley

Candidate for Re-election

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TO THE VOTERS OF JONES AND SHACKELFORD COUNTIES—

In announcing my candidacy for the office of Representative from the 115th Legislative District of Texas, composing Jones and Shackelford Counties, I do so without an apology to any one, yet realizing the importance of the place that I am aspiring to fill and I believe a duty that I owe to every voter within said Legislative District is to apprise them briefly of a few principles and issues that I shall stand and contend for if elected and to better acquaint the people with me as well as myself with the people.

I am uncompromisingly opposed to any secret organized form of government. I am not a member of the Ku Klux order, never have been and never expect to be. I am in favor of and shall advocate the good road movement in Texas to the end that Texas will ultimately be traversed from border to border with a system of organized highways. But I believe that such roads should be built and maintained in a more economical manner than we have at the present time.

I am in favor of and will advocate the repeal of the automobile tax and then in turn pass a

law placing the required tax upon gasoline and oils in order that the man that burns the greatest amount of gas and oil and uses the roads most will pay his proportional part of the upkeep of such roads. Because it is unfair to require the farmer that only uses his Ford car to carry his family to church, to pay as much as the man that burns the greatest amount of gasoline and drives his car every day.

I am in favor of any legislation that has for its purpose the betterment of the school system of Texas, be it rural or independent districts.

I shall discuss from time to time before the primaries other issues that may present themselves, but by way of introduction permit me to say that I am a young man, 23 years of age, and now engaged in the newspaper business at Anson, ambitious to complete my college course in the state university.

I promise if elected to render the very best service that I am able to render, and solicit your support in the coming primary.

Yours respectfully,
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In This Paper

Miss Gladys Mayfield Entertains

On last Wednesday evening Miss Gladys Mayfield entertained a group of the younger set with a picnic swimming party at Shannon's. This party was to honor Miss Marjorie Frazzell, of Knox City, who is visiting Miss Mayfield. Swimming, victrola music and games formed the entertainment for the evening. A picnic supper consisting of sandwiches, potato chips, olives and soda pop was very much enjoyed after the swim. Those attending were Misses Johnnie Sears, Lola Dennis, Mildred Matthews, Melba West, Dorris Durham, Marjorie Frazzell and Gladys Mayfield, Messrs. Clyde Matthews, Marvin Mayfield, Hubert Blair, Wrenn Durham, Edward McCrary, and Castle Ellis.

Try a sack of that Amaryllis Flour at Campbell's and be convinced. It

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Jackson, accompanied by Miss Ouida Campbell, returned first of the week for a visit with friends and relatives at Stamford.

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Rev. Gaston Foote Given Trip to The Holy Land

Rev. E. Gaston Foote, pastor of our church at White Deer, has been given a trip to Europe and the Holy Land by his congregation, and is now on his journey. White Deer is not a large congregation, its membership numbering only 176. It is doubtful if there is another church in the connection with less than two hundred members that has given its pastor a trip to the Holy Land. Another feature in connection with this fine gift on the part of the church to their pastor's future usefulness and increased power is that it is done both in his first year as their pastor and in his first pastoral charge.—Texas Christian Advocate.

Idlewise Club

The Idlewise Club had an enjoyable meeting Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Jack Durham. When the guests were assembled interesting games of bridge progressed on the cool, delightful and spacious porch. The hostess, assisted by Miss Doris Durham, served a delicious plate to Misses Lucy Tracy, Ruby Hamm, Mary Eula Sears, Evelyn Hamm, Christine Collins, Mesdames Emmett Grimes, Earl Baze, Warren Smith, W. S. J. Brown. Guests were Misses Loyce Dry, Clarksville, Lorena Dry, Boog Sears, Johnnie Sears, Tommie Durham, Mrs. Jerome Hutcheson.

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

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

AN OPPORTUNITY; WILL WE USE IT?

To the people of this country has come a time and an opportunity to line up and step forward in life's path of progress. The people of this territory have been blessed with a bountiful prosperity and the promise of more. The financial condition of the country is good. Many of the people are land owners. The population is permanent and not transient. These things need no discussion; we know it. There is no reason why we should not avail ourselves of these opportunities while they are ours. Some one has painted a picture of opportunity as a man whose hair all grows on his forehead and hangs down in front, signifying that if we are to take advantage of "opportunity" we must do so before it has passed. The opportunity to do a thing with the minimum effort seldom comes twice.

We now have the opportunity of building a school system here that will stand as a monument to the foresight and ambition of worthy patrons, and noble parents. It was a wise man who said "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the nation". This was meant that the persons who were responsible for the training of our youth were the ones who direct the destiny of the nation. In the home is the place to begin. In the school is the place to cultivate the soul and direct its course toward good citizenship. I wonder if the fathers and mothers today can see the drift of conditions as I see them. I am not an "alarmist," but I'm not a fool. I sometimes wonder if we, both as parents and teachers, realize the importance of the responsibility resting on our shoulders. There is a serious situation facing us; if we fail to meet it in the sound and safe way then our homes, our government, our schools, our nation is dangerously near the roughs upon which other nations have gone to pieces. We people of the United States are too satisfied with our leadership in the world. We fail to see the responsibility that goes along with our opportunities.

This condition cannot be remedied by law, nor the governor's race—it must be done at home and in the school. The foundation of a republican form of government is based on the education of the masses. The founders of our nation saw that. The founders of our own state took cognizance of that fact when they set aside the school lands of Texas. Can we afford to ignore what these great men have done? No! We must carry forward the ideals of our forefathers and preserve our nation.

To preserve the nation we must make the individual more self sustaining. He must see his responsibility and be able to meet the situations of life. He must first be able to make a living and be able to care for his dependents. Then he must be informed in civil or civic affairs so that he can help direct the government policies. He must know what to do with his leisure time. This is the aim of our schools. We want our students to go out from Merkel knowing something and being willing to take their place in the community.

We people here now have the opportunity to take a long step in this direction. If we consolidate these school districts we can offer more work and better work to a greater number at a cost of less money per student. That is our opportunity. That is our responsibility.

I would not have you do anything just because some one else has. But our duty is our duty, whether any one else has done a similar thing or not. This consolidation has been effected in a number of places. If you have read your paper you have seen where our neighboring county of Fisher has done this on a large scale and consequently are



Could You Save a Life?

This is the time of year when the old swimmin' hole is at the height of its popularity. There is nothing quite so refreshing as a plunge into cool water in the heat of the dog days. It is great sport. But like most other sports, swimming is fraught with danger. And in your newspaper nearly every day at this season of the year you may read where some life has been lost through carelessness or mischance in the water.

Many, many of those who are lost in this manner every year could and would be saved if prompt and intelligent rescue and first aid were at hand.

Every boy and girl, every man and woman should know first of all how to swim. And in addition every one of them should know how to rescue others from the water and what to do to revive a drowned person.

If you do not know how to go about reviving a victim of drowning, learn how. Learn how by all means! On your knowledge may depend some day the life of a friend or a brother or a little child.

Every regular employee of this company knows how to apply the prone pressure method of artificial respiration. And that method will save a victim of electric shock, drowning, or gas asphyxiation if anything can save him. Ask any one of them to show you how it is done. You can learn it in five minutes so that you will never forget. Then practice until you are expert.

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stepping forward and giving their boys and girls the best advantages in school. They are no more able or willing to do the right thing than our own Merkel territory. This is not the only case; almost every day you see where a similar thing is being done.

We want this done in time for our 1927 term. We can't very well do it now but in time we want to prepare. There are several things necessary to the full rounding out of plans that we need to consider and organize

hence we want this annexation done soon so as to become effective in 1927.

The election is soon over and we can get back to earth for a while, so "let's do things like ourselves".

IRVIN L. JACKSON.

Miss Virgie Mae Campbell left last week for Clint, Texas, where she went to accept a position with the First State Bank of that city.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Radio Class Enjoys Picnic

The members of the Radio Class of the Methodist Church enjoyed a picnic at Mulberry Tuesday evening.

The class first held a business meeting, and the following officers were elected: president, Emma Toombs; vice-president, Gladys Milliken; secretary-treas. Anna Lou Russell; reporter, Salie Brown. Other business was discussed and then a picnic lunch was enjoyed by all who were present.

Methodist Revival In Progress at Blair

Rev. R. E. L. Stutts, pastor of the Merkel Circuit, announces that the revival meeting is now in progress at Blair, and cordially invites every one who can to attend the meeting.

He is being assisted by Rev. Marvin Williams, the Cowboy preacher, and is well pleased at the progress of the meeting this far. He announces that the meeting at Mt. Pleasant will begin on Friday, July 30th.

SUBLETT REUNION HELD FRIDAY, JULY 16TH.

The annual reunion of the Sublett and relatives was held near Lake Trammel at the Mace Sublett picnic grounds on Friday, July 16.

Picnic dinner consisting of barbecue, fried chicken, chicken pie, baked chicken, veal loaf, roasting ears, fruit salad, pickles, pies and cakes, ice tea and soda pop was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Scott and son, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Mace Sublett and daughter, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hedrick and 5 children, Sweetwater; Mrs. Hedrick and Mrs. J. C. DeBusk and two children, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Russell and two children, of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Huchins and two children, of Sweetwater; Mr. R. R. Hampton, Homer Baker and J. N. Helm, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Osborn and six children, Blair; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Sublett and two daughters, Copperas Cove; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walker, Miss Opal Polk, Lorenza, guest of Miss Oneta Russell; Mrs. Mollie Dodd, Weatherford; Lanier and Max Bennett, Abilene; Miss Maurine Tyler, Abilene; Misses Myrtle and Irene Sublett, Abilene; Mrs. Mollie Starkey, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hicks, Merkel; Mrs. B. T. Sublett and three children, Merkel; Mrs. Edith Gilmore, Merkel; Miss Beryl Hunter, Merkel; Mrs. Lula Fortenberry and four children, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hays and six children, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sublett, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett and daughter, Merkel.

Politics was the main topic of interest, discussed throughout the afternoon, Dan being the leading man.

Miss Oneta Russell, teacher of expression favored us with 3 readings, very much enjoyed by all.

Little Miss Jeanette Hays gave a reading. Mrs. A. H. Huchins favored the crowd with two readings also.

Mrs. Mollie Starkey gave several numbers on the violin. Several numbers on the violin by Mr. Charlie Russell were also appreciated.

There were seventy-seven present, every one promising to be present at the next reunion. Practically the same crowd took dinner at the H. R. Hicks home Saturday the 18th, as a few from Merkel were unable to attend at Sweetwater.

The next reunion will be held the 15th day of July, 1927, at the Mace Sublett picnic grounds.

NAZARENE CHURCH CLOSURES SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

The Nazarene Revival closed with great success, said by some to be the best meeting they ever attended. Sunday, the last day, was one of the greatest days in the history of the church. The lecture in the afternoon was said to be the greatest they ever heard delivered on the subject. Good crowds all day, old fashion dinner on the ground, how the people enjoyed it. People were here from various parts of the county and out of the county. Beautiful harmony prevailed, old time shouts of victory roled. Between fifty and sixty prayed through in the old time way. A nice class come into the church with more to follow later.

Many said the evangelist delivered some of the greatest sermons ever heard in Merkel. Everybody highly pleased with the work done. We want Rev. Ellis to return another year. He will always be welcome here, and we pray for his success as he goes to Lubbock for his next campaign. Meet us at the church from time to time.

R. B. Williamson, pastor.

Messrs. A. B., Homer and Herbert Patterson, with their families, returned Wednesday from an extended trip to Corpus Christi and other South Texas points. They report a very pleasant and enjoyable vacation. Their many friends welcome their return.

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