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ABILENE GETS CARRIERS MEETING '27

Mr. R. L. Adcock, efficient and accommodating carrier of the local office on route 1, accompanied by Mr. Owen Holly of Potosi and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally of Trent, have just recently returned from the state meeting of the Texas Rural Letter Carriers Association held at Nacogdoches, Texas. Mr. Adcock is the Secretary of the 17th District of Texas Carriers and attended the convention as a delegate from this district.

Through the efforts of Mr. Adcock and Mr. and Mrs. Nalley of Trent, Mrs. Nalley deserving credit for the nominating speech which gave Abilene the meeting against Congressman Eugene Blount of that place making the speech for San Antonio, the State Association of Carriers will meet in Abilene next July. They pulled the meeting to Abilene against the bids of San Antonio, Houston and Athens, Houston withdrawing early in the game in favor of San Antonio. These carriers are to be highly commended for their services in helping West Texas get this meeting and especially should Abilene be thankful.

Mr. Adcock states that the state meeting of Rural Carriers in Louisiana and Oklahoma will be held at practically the same time as the Abilene meet and that it will be probable that high officials from Washington, D. C. will be present during the meeting. Mr. Earl Slater of Clyde was re-elected president of the Association.

The party was exceptionally proud of their visit to this part of Texas and commenting upon the country said: "We saw pine trees only two or three feet in diameter which were so tall that they tickled the feet of the angels".

It will be remembered that Nacogdoches is a very historical town and it was there that the first Protestant sermon was ever preached in the Lone Star State before its origin under the Dominion of Spain, a missionary coming there and holding his first meeting under a huge oak tree which is still standing. A gavel was hewn out of this tree and made into one of the finest relics and presented to Earl Slater, president of the association, on behalf of the citizenship of Nacogdoches, for their remembrance of the meeting and of the town. Here also is located the Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College which has an enrollment of 1000 or more students, being only three years old.

Mr. Adcock states that he is very proud of being able to get back to Merkel after having driven something over 800 miles going and coming from the convention.

The carriers of the Seventeenth District of Texas will meet in Merkel May 30, 1927, sometime before the State meeting in July at Abilene.

Mr. B. C. Gaither returned Tuesday night from an extended visit with friends and relatives in Tennessee. He reports a very pleasant and enjoyable trip among the scenes of his old boyhood home.

Mrs. Bob Russell, of Imperial, California, arrived first of the week for a visit with her mother, Mrs. M. R. Woodrum, who has been quite sick, but is said to be improving nicely at this time.

Mr. John Labbait and wife of Anadarko, Oklahoma, are here this week for a visit with their grandson, Mr. L. E. Scott.

REPUBLICANS MAKE SMALL SHOWING IN FIRST PRIMARY

The Republicans of the state in their first primary ever held in the state, made a very small showing as will be observed in their own contest for the nomination of their candidate for Governor. The vote for the two Republican candidates over the state, with only 101 counties complete, is as follows:

Haines 7,108
Scott 3,368
Eighteen votes were polled at Merkel for the Republican candidates for governor, and only 55 votes over the county.

According to past history in the general election the Republicans usually poll about 75,000 in the general elections. In which party did they vote this time, and for whom did they cast their vote? Where will they vote next November, in which party?

COUNTY CONVENTION DELEGATES ELECTED

At the appointed hour, two o'clock, on last Saturday afternoon, at the tabernacle, the Democrats of the Merkel voting precinct met in convention and elected the following as delegates to the County Democratic Convention which meets in Abilene on next Saturday at two o'clock. They are:

H. C. West, J. S. Swann, J. L. McRee, W. M. Hayes, L. W. Cox, W. O. Boney, Booth Warren, S. A. Coats, Jess Higgins, H. W. Hester, W. W. Wheeler, T. D. Compton, H. M. Mayfield, J. C. Mason, R. B. Wells, D. I. Shelton, H. H. Toombs, Thos. Durham, T. J. Toombs, W. L. Diltz, Sr., Gene Patterson, John S. Hughes, J. T. Warren.

J. C. Mason was elected chairman of the convention and Thos. Durham Secretary. The delegation from Merkel was uninstructed.

Some Fine Peppers

This office is thankful to Mr. J. W. Moore for a big, fine green pepper weighing 10 ounces. Mr. Moore, who specializes in raising peppers and other garden truck, states that his crop this year is fine indeed.

MOODY'S MAJORITY IS 2,816 THURSDAY

Tabulations by the Texas Election Bureau up to Thursday afternoon showed Dan Moody to have a majority over all opponents of 2,816. Returns from 250 counties with only 188 complete ran the total vote up to 802,428, by far the largest vote polled in a Texas Election of any kind.

George B. Terrell, Commissioner of Agriculture, received the largest vote of any candidate on the ticket, 453,197. Pollard leads Allred for attorney general by only about 6,000 votes.

For Governor:
Moody 402,622
Ferguson 274,088
Davidson 120,677
All Others 5,049

For Attorney General:
Pollard 134,172
Allred 128,131
Brachfield 121,476
Irwin 102,441
Hornsby 86,306
Christopher 38,522

For State Treasurer:
Hatcher 190,613
Ball 125,518
Garrett 71,504
Johnson 59,442
Harris 49,445
Christian 46,807
Garner 34,193

For State Superintendent:
Marrs 323,740
Bennett 151,816
Humphries 139,698

* ELECTION RETURNS *
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MR. MELLINGER IN EASTERN MARKETS

Mr. Max Mellinger, proprietor of the Mellinger Dry Goods Store in this city, left first of the week for New York and Saint Louis, where he will personally select the big fall and winter stock of goods for his store.

Since crop prospects are so flattering at this time it is likely that Mr. Mellinger as well as the other merchants of our city will buy the largest and most complete line of fall merchandise ever before purchased by him for his store here.

WORK STARTS ON 3 NEW BUILDINGS

As per announcement in this paper last week, Mr. Max Mellinger has let the contract to an Abilene firm for the erection of three handsome new brick business buildings, and already work has been started on the foundations of same.

We are informed that at least one of the buildings has been rented and it is possible that all three will be rented by the time they are completed.

The building of these handsome new buildings will add much to the attractiveness of the city and be of help in a business and commercial way.

MAJORITY RECEIVED IN WEIGHER'S RACE

Complete returns from all seven boxes in this precinct showed Bearden to have a majority of 121 over his two opponents, B. M. Williams coming second and Hugh E. Campbell third. The official vote by boxes is as follows:

	Williams	Bearden	Campbell
Merkel	229	405	80
Trent	25	72	42
Blair	4	18	79
Nubia	13	39	40
View		86	
Tye-Merkel	7	33	9
Caps-Merkel	9	6	6

Baptist Revival at Compere

The Mail is requested to announce that the Baptist Revival at Compere will begin next Sunday afternoon to continue for one week at least.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, the able pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, will do the preaching. A cordial welcome is extended every one to attend any and all services.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Jones and daughter, Miss Mona Margaret, returned Wednesday from a pleasant visit with friends and relatives at Texarkana, Texas.

MOODY CARRIES HOME WARD OF MRS. FERGUSON

Temple, Texas, July 27.—The count of Saturday's Democratic vote compiled in Temple Monday night showed that Dan Moody carried Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson's home ward by a vote of 495 to 192. Lynch Davidson received fifty votes in the ward.

Every ward in Temple was carried by Moody, who also carried Bell County by 4,947 to 3,935 for Ferguson. Davidson got 1,081 votes in the county.

CHURCH OF CHRIST REVIVAL CONTINUES

The revival at the tabernacle will continue until Sunday night. Large crowds and good interest prevail. There have been a number of conversions and many more are almost persuaded.

Subject for Friday night: "The Lost Christ."
Saturday night: "Believing a Falsehood".

Sunday, 11 a.m.: "What is that you hold in your hand."
Sunday night: "Heaven."

Services each day at 10 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. If you love the Lord and are interested in the salvation of souls and love to hear the gospel, we want you to come.

BLANTON MAJORITY OVER THREE TO ONE

A majority of over three to one for Thos. L. Blanton, incumbent, over his opponent, J. R. Smith, of Burnet county, in the race for congress from the 17th district is indicated on the face of the latest figures from the Texas Election Bureau.

These figures, including reports from all 19 counties, of which only seven are complete, stood as follows at 10 a.m. Tuesday:

Blanton 38,578
Smith 12,749

Married Here Sunday

On last Sunday Rev. J. B. Perack pronounced the words that bound in marriage Mr. Ottis S. Lester and Miss Alma Patton. The ceremony took place in front of the Baptist church in the presence of a few friends of the contracting parties.

W. I. Cogburn and wife have just returned from a week's visit to Fort Worth and Cleburn and Grandbury. They report corn and small grain very fine and a stalk in edtion with nothing on it, also a fine fruit crop. They visited their son, J. E. Cogburn in Fort Worth, who is in the grocery and meat business and says he has all the business he can handle. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Henslee, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cogburn. All had a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook left this week for their home at Port Arthur, after a visit here for some time with the latter's parents, Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Huddleston and little son, of San Diego, California, are here for a visit in the home of Mrs. Huddleston's parents, Mr and Mrs. S. G. Tipton.

Messrs. A. R. Booth, Fleming and Matlock are spending a few days this week outing and fishing on the San Saba.

NEW FEATURES FOR COMMUNITY FAIR

That the coming Merkel Community Fair will be by far the best and most interesting ever held here, seems certain already. At least that is the hope and intention of the president and the executive committee. This was evidenced and determined at the meeting held on Tuesday evening of this week.

Besides the agricultural, livestock and many other usual departments, the committee added an "Educational Feature," with Superintendent I. L. Jackson in charge. This will no doubt prove one of the best and most interesting departments of the Fair, and should have the interest and support of every one. Mr. Jackson is already making his plans on this work and will have some announcements in this paper soon about it.

Let every man, woman and child talk and think constantly of the coming Community Fair.

WILL GO TO MARKET NEXT WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg expect to leave last of the week for a day or so visit at Glenrose and Dallas, after which they will leave for the big Eastern markets, where they will personally select the big fall and winter stocks of merchandise for the Bragg Dry Goods Company.

With the fine crop prospects now prevailing in this section, it is highly probable that they will make extensive purchases in every department of their store, including millinery. They will be away about two weeks.

Mrs. Roy Adams and baby, accompanied by her mother, left over the Sante Fe yesterday for Temple, where Mrs. Adams is expected to undergo a minor surgical operation at the Scott sanitarium. We join Mrs. Adams friends in the hope that the operation will be successful and that she may enjoy instant and permanent relief from same.

Mrs. W. R. McCarter left Tuesday for Grapeland, Texas, in response to a message announcing that her mother residing there was seriously ill. We join her many friends here in the sincere hope that she found her mother improving upon her arrival at her bedside.

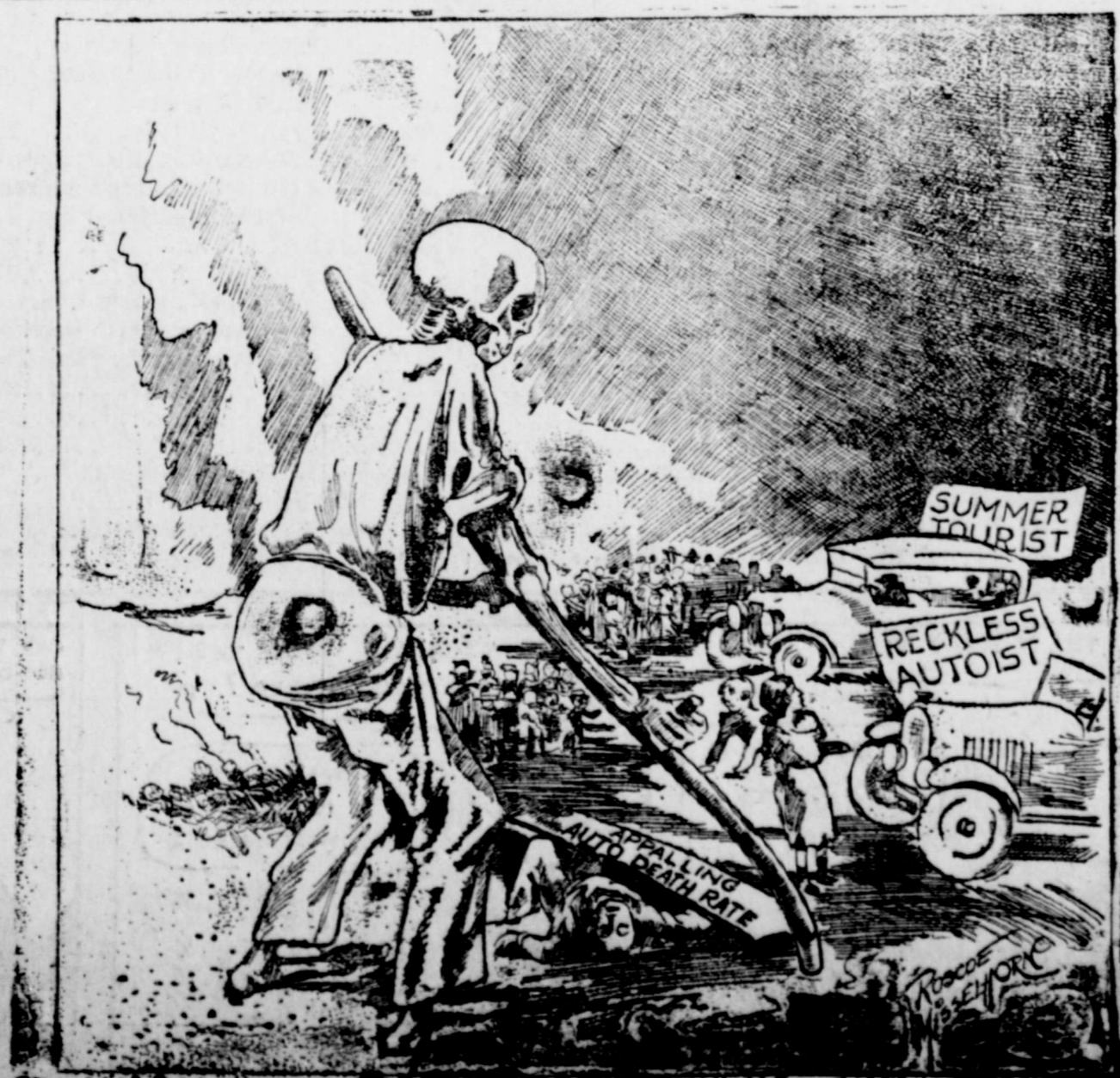
Miss Mossy Sears and Mrs. C. V. Touchstone returned last week from a visit to friends and relatives at Whitewright, Dallas, and Farmersville, Texas. On their return they were accompanied by their sister, Mrs. Campbell, of Paducah, who had also visited with them in the above mentioned cities.

Miss Vannie Hamblet, daughter of Mr. W. F. Hamblet, who finished her high school education at Water Valley, Mississippi arrived home this week. She will spend the summer vacation with home folks and likely attend college this fall.

Mr. John Sears and daughters, Miss Johnnie and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, accompanied by Miss Lola Dennis, left this week for a trip to Whitewright, Texas.

Mr. E. H. Patterson, one of the successful route three farmers, reports a fine two inch rain this week, and crop prospects of every kind very flattering at this time.

"The Busy Harvest Season"



FURTHERING COMMERCIAL PROGRESS

OUR BUSINESS IS TO ASSIST IN THE SOUND DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR CLIENTS' INTERESTS; THAT MEANS KNOWING "HOW," FINANCIALLY SPEAKING, AS WELL AS POSSESSING THE REQUISITE RESOURCES AND FACILITIES.

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 J. C. Mason, V. Pres.
 W. L. Diltz, Cashier
 Herbert Patterson, Assistant Cashier
 Dallas Scarbrough
 David Hendricks

Mrs. Hollis Smith of Mexia came in this week for an extended visit with her parents, Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert, and friends.

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

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

Expecting car of Hulls Friday. Swafford, phone 44. 1t

The New Drop Center Rims for Ford cars require no tools to exchange. Merkel Motor Co. 1t

HEAT—Is what you want when you buy coal. Summer prices now. Swafford, phone 44. 1t

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Come in and look over our stock

If you need an iron wheel truck WE HAVE IT

SECOND PRIMARY RACES IN TAYLOR COUNTY ARE SHOWN IN FINAL COUNT

Complete returns from every voting box in Taylor county show Dan Moody to have lacked only 124 votes of polling a two to one majority over all opponents in the race for Governor in this county.

W. E. Beasley was re-elected county clerk over W. P. Bounds by 643 votes.

H. T. O'Bar was re-elected sheriff over John Bond by 571 votes.

Earl Hughes won the tax collector's race over R. A. McClain with a lead of 1,076 votes.

Tom K. Eplen led his two opponents in the county judge's race, with a plurality of 373 votes over Carlos D. Speck, the incumbent, Lee R. York being 608 votes behind Speck. Eplen and Speck go into the run-off primary.

Howard led Boyce in Saturday's election by 299 votes, with W. J. Gann running third.

T. A. Bearden won a majority over both opponents in the race for public weigher here.

Congressman Thomas L. Blanton came near to polling four times as many votes in the county as did his opponent, J. R. Smith.

T. S. Christopher led the ticket for attorney general with a slight lead over Allred.

TAYLOR COUNTY, Complete.

For Governor:
 Davidson 728
 Moody 3714
 Ferguson 1181
 Johnson 2
 Zimmerman 5
 Wilmans 4

For Lieutenant Governor:
 Barry Miller 6015

For Attorney General:
 T. K. Irwin 1077
 Thomas Simpson Christopher 1691
 Jno. W. Hornsby 291
 Claude Pollard 512
 James V. Allred 1299
 Chas. L. Brachfield 212

For Comptroller of Public Accounts:
 S. H. Terrell 6104

For State Treasurer:
 G. E. Johnson 2207
 Lon Garner 266
 W. Gregory Hatcher 1501
 George G. Garrett 134
 J. R. Ball 276
 Ed. A. Christian, Jr. 98
 Grover Cleveland Harris 129

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction:
 J. A. Humphries 1503
 W. W. Bennett 941
 S. M. N. Marrs 3065

For Commissioner of Agriculture:
 T. R. Bolin 1653
 Geo. B. Terrell 3492

For Land Commissioner:
 J. T. Robison 3096
 P. B. Terrell 2037

For Railroad Commissioner:
 Robt. E. Speer 1326
 C. V. Terrell 1518
 Charles E. Baughman 1857

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court:
 William Pierson 6190

For Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals:
 Lee P. Pierson 2669
 F. L. Hawkins 2355

For Congress 17th Congressional District:
 Thomas L. Blanton 4672
 J. R. Smith 1277

For Chief Justice Court of Civil Appeals 11th Supreme Judicial District:
 William Pannill 6157

For Associate Justice Court of Civil Appeals of the 11th

Supreme Judicial District, Place No. 1:

Jno. B. Littler 2042
 W. P. Leslie 3150

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

J. E. Hickman 2169
 Tom B. Ridgell 630
 Geo. L. Davenport 2360

For District Attorney of the 42d Judicial District:
 Milburn S. Long 6330

For State Representative of the 116th District:
 E. S. Cummings 6245

For District Clerk:
 Belle Wellborn 6298

For County Judge:
 Lee R. York 1578
 Carlos D. Speck 2086
 Tom K. Eplen 2459

For County Attorney:
 Frank E. Smith 6071

For County Clerk:
 W. E. Beasley 3398
 W. P. Bounds 2755

For Sheriff:
 H. T. O'Bar 3485
 John S. Bond 2914

For Tax Assessor:
 W. J. Gann 565
 Clarence W. Boyce 2566
 J. T. Howard 2865

For Tax Collector:
 Earl Hughes 3548
 R. A. McClain 2472

For County Superintendent of Public Instruction:
 M. A. Williams 6178

For County Treasurer:
 Austin Fitts 6313

For County Surveyor:
 H. J. Bradshaw 6414

For County Commissioner of Precinct No. 2:
 Phillip A. Diltz 1163

For Public Weigher Precinct No. 2 (Merkel):
 B. M. Williams 287
 Hugh E. Campbell 256
 T. A. Bearden 664

For Justice of Peace Precinct No. 5:
 W. W. Wheeler 966

COMPLETE VOTE OF MERKEL BOX FOR ALL OFFICES; 749 CAST

Statement of the Condition of THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK At the close of business June 30, 1926

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	1,950.00
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'

Humphries 199	For District Clerk:	Belle Wellborn 709
Bennett 113	For County Judge:	York 54
Marrs 325	Commissioner of Agriculture:	Speck 184
Commissioner of Agriculture:	Eplen 346	
Bolin 186	For County Attorney:	Smith 647
Terrell 391	For County Clerk:	Beasley 422
For Land Commissioner:	Bounds 276	
Robison 309	For Sheriff:	O'Bar 386
Terrell 275	Bond 343	
For Railroad Commissioner:	For Tax Assessor:	Gann 15
Speer 180	Boyce 39	
Terrell 204	Howard 646	
Baughman 198	For Tax Collector:	Hughes 466
For Associate Justice:	McClain 229	
Pierson 702	For County Superintendent:	Williams 665
For Judge of Court of Criminal Appeals:	For County Treasurer:	Fitts 732
Lee P. Pierson 254	Bradshaw 723	
Hawkins 339	For Commissioner, Precinct 2:	P. A. Diltz 726
For Congress, 17th Dist.:	For Public Weigher (Merkel):	Williams 229
Blanton 540	Williams 80	
J. R. Smith 159	Bearden 405	
For Chief Justice Court of Civil Appeals 11th Supreme Judicial District:	For Justice of Peace, Precinct 5:	W. W. Wheeler 717
William Pannill 701	For Chairman Democratic County Executive Committee:	Jas. P. Stinson 744
For Associate Justice Court of Civil Appeals 11th Supreme Judicial District, Place 1:	See our New Style Straight Side Drop Center Rims, in stock now.	Merkel Motor Company. 1t
Littler 209		
Leslie 375		
For Associate Justice Court of Civil Appeals, 11th Supreme Judicial District, Place 2:		
Hickman 222		
Ridgell 86		
Davenport 231		
For District Attorney:		
Milburn S. Long 724		
For State Representative:		
E. S. Cummings 676		

The JUDGE
 "Only 50 Per Cent Witness"
 By M. B.



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WARREN NEWS

By Vera Jones

The farmers all enjoyed the nice shower which fell Monday.

The health of the community is good at present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick visited Mr. and Mrs. Shouse of Trent Sunday evening.

Mr. Ottis Jaynes is visiting his sister, Mrs. Annie Harris, this week.

Miss Azline Sumpter spent Saturday night with Miss Ruth Chancey.

Mr. Robert Sumpter spent Saturday night with Messrs Wilmer and Wilbur Criswell.

Misses Lois Jaynes, Cordie Ellington, Lottie Gressett spent Sunday with Misses Vela and Vera Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gressett visited in Bradshaw Sunday.

Miss Willie Numan spent Monday night with her brother, Mr. Arthur McCoy.

Mrs. G. E. Ellington visited her daughter, Mrs. Kelsoe Sunday.

Messrs Wilmer and Wilbur Criswell, Boyd Dobbs and R. V. Jones visited Robert and Zebbie Sumpter Sunday afternoon.

Mr. T. B. Hobbs spent Sunday with Mr. Odis Thompson.

Mr. Sumpter visited in Anson Saturday night.

Mr. Ottis Jaynes spent Saturday night with Mr. Oddis Jones.

Mrs. Willie McCoy spent Friday night with Miss Willie Newman of Merkel.

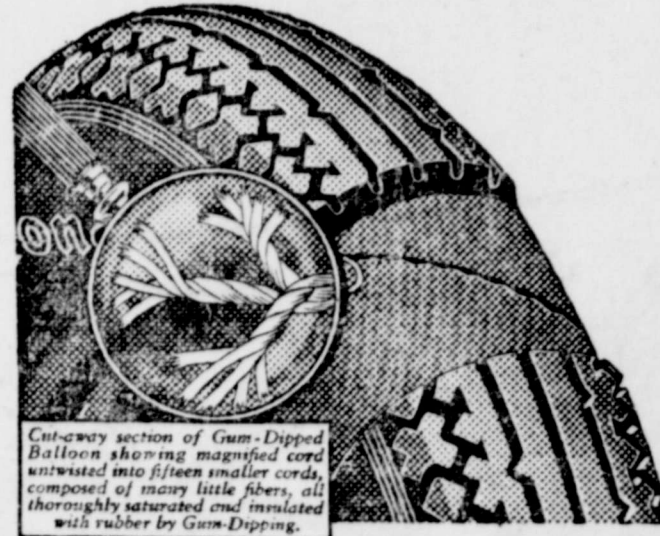
Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jaynes, of Salt Branch.

The Baptist revival at Stith ended Sunday night with a great success, and the Methodist meeting has begun. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy left Tuesday morning for New Mexico, where they will visit for some time.

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Take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to equip your car—right at the height of the summer season—with these long-mileage Gum-Dipped Tires at our new low prices. Buy your tires from us and you'll be sure of complete satisfaction—with the comfort, safety and long mileage that only Gum-Dipping can give.

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

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TO THE TAYLOR COUNTY VOTERS:

I wish to take this means of expressing to the Voters of Taylor county my deep appreciation for their vote and influence, and for the handsome majority which I received. I shall use my best efforts to render the entire citizenship of this County honest, efficient and courteous service during my tenure of office, the same as I have endeavored to do heretofore, and I take this opportunity to invite you to visit me. Respectfully,

W. E. BEASLEY,

County Clerk, Taylor County.

THANKS VOTERS

I wish to thank the voters of precinct five for the support given me in the recent primary election. I appreciate very much every vote and act of any person who assisted me in any way in my campaign for public weicher.

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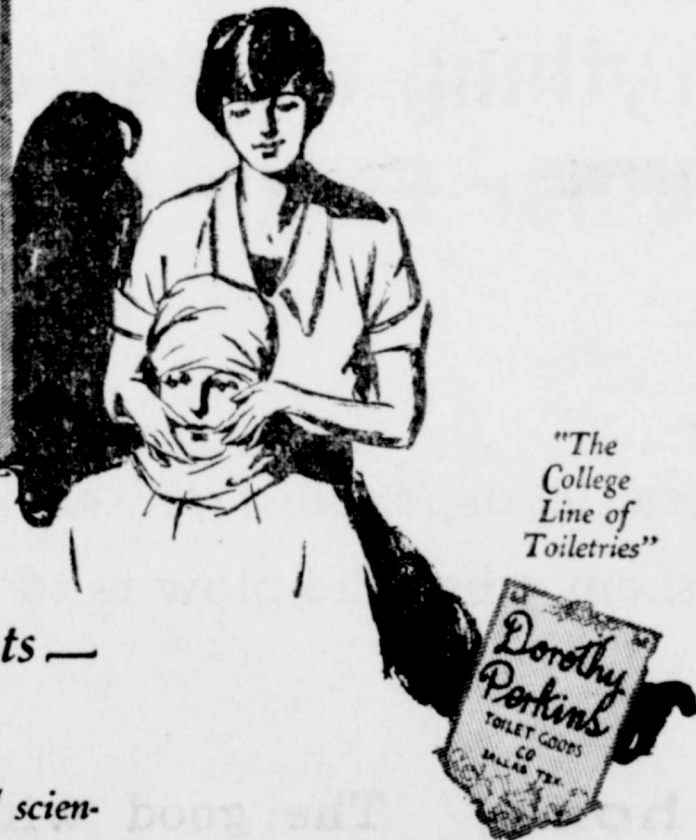
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- How to remove tan and freckles.
- How to reduce a double chin.
- How to reduce the unbecoming droop under the chin.

If you wish to avoid the possibility of waiting, phone for APPOINTMENT

COMPERE NEWS

By Alma Stout

Crops are looking fine in this section although we need a rain.

A large crowd attended preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and night.

There is a B.Y.P.U. training school being conducted at Compere this week. Every one is invited to attend as it is free to all.

Some from here have been attending the meetings at Stith and Truby this week.

Rev. Bryant, Mr. Wells and daughter, Floy, took dinner with Mr. Allred and family Sunday, and all attended singing Sunday afternoon.

Misses Alma and Lorene Stout spent Sunday with Mrs. Altha Howard.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family have been attending the revival meeting in Merkel some.

Mr. Charlie Allred and Mr. Emmitt Howard motored to Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Miss Bernice Merritt visited Miss Essie Bond Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Boyd Tarpley was carried to the Sanitarium in Abilene one day last week where he remained a few days for treatment. He came home Sunday and is able to be about now.

Little Neva Dell Spurgin is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and family from East Texas visited their relatives in this community for a few days and returned home last week.

Mr. Mat Randolph was a visitor in this community Sunday night.

Mrs. Hobbs and Ella Hobbs spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Stout.

Miss Lavern Bond spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Opal Rister.

Mr. Raymond Stout and Burling Bond spent a few days this week at Hawley, Texas, working.

Those enjoying a fishing and picnic trip to Sweetwater Creek Tuesday were Mrs. R. R. Spurgin, Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin,

and baby, Mr. Ed Spurgin and family, Mr. Robinson and family, Mr. J. W. Stout and family, Mr. Rains, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Armstrong and Dr. Hulsey and family from Merkel. All had a fine time.

Messrs. Matt Randolph, Jesse and Jimmie Bass were visitors in this community Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Foster and baby left last Thursday for a week's visit with Mrs. Foster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey, at Thornton, Texas. They are expected home some time this week.

Rev. Bryant took supper with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Spurgin Sunday. Some of the young folks from here attended the party at Warren Friday night.

Mr. W. L. Cook, Clark Monday and brother visited Mr. Hall Hobbs Saturday.

Sunday night is singing night at the Presbyterian church, B.Y.P.U. at the Baptist church.

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THANKS TO VOTERS

Through the Mail I want to express to the voters of Merkel my deep appreciation for the magnificent vote given me on the 24th. Considering the worthy opposition which I had I feel highly complimented. I placed my claims before the people on the basis of ability and service, and the response which I received in Merkel and the surrounding community is indeed gratifying. To those who voted against me I want to say that they voted for good men and I am thankful for any consideration which they gave my claims. We now go into the second primary. I solicit the continued good will and vote of every voter in the Merkel community, and I hope that the time will never come when the people of Taylor county will have cause to feel that their trust has been misplaced.

Sincerely yours,

TOM K. EPLEN. 1t

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IN ADVANCE

TELEPHONE No. 61

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Lynch was a "cinch" when it came to landing in third place.

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The best feed crop the Merkel community ever raised seems certain. And the largest cotton crop the community has ever known seems possible. If both mature great prosperity and happiness should be the lot of the majority of the population.

The July 24 primary has come and gone and we can again settle down to the regular routine of life. If your favorite candidate in the great political battle has been successful be charitable and reasonable in your crowing and rejoicing. Next time the tables may take a turn on you, and then you will appreciate the victors being charitable to you.

Under the banner of "honesty in office and good government" Dan Moody has apparently won the nomination for Governor of this state with the largest vote ever given a candidate for this high honor. Being elected by the people of this state on such a platform, much will be expected of the young nominee. His future depends upon the record he is to make in this position. The people have the utmost confidence that he will make good. His past life and official record as attorney general give them that hope.

MR. DILTZ THANKFUL FOR LARGE VOTE

I take this method of thanking the voters of this precinct for their very kind and liberal vote in the recent Primary, and will say that the fact that I did not have an opponent in the campaign does not make me less appreciative in the least.

It shall also be my desire and intention to render to you the very best and most efficient service of which I am capable. I shall always appreciate your council and cooperation, to the end that I may render the best service possible in behalf of all the people. Respectfully,
P. A. DILTZ, County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2. 1tp

Rev. W. R. McCarter, pastor of the First Methodist Church of this city, with his wife, returned last Friday from their trip to California, where they had been to visit their children. They report a very pleasant trip and visit.

Mrs. Magness and daughters, of Dallas, are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble this week.

Mrs. R. A. McBean and baby are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, parents of Mrs. McBean.

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Miss Lucy Blair of Austin was here this week, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Emmette Grimes.

Mr. A. L. Douglas, of Denison, was a guest here this week of his sister, Mrs. Frank Sears.

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THANKS TO VOTERS

To my friends in Taylor county who stood by me in my campaign for Tax Collector, and who by their liberal vote aided me in securing a majority vote for this office in the recent primary, I wish to extend my deep appreciation and sincere thanks.

It shall be my pleasure to so conduct the affairs of the office in a manner that will be both pleasing and in keeping with the laws governing the duties of it.

Again let me thank each and every voter, and say to those who did not support me, but saw fit to vote for my honorable opponent, that I am your servant also, and will bend every effort to serve one and all alike.

Respectfully,
EARL HUGHES. 1t

I THANK YOU

I take this method of extending to every one who saw fit to vote for and support me in the recent primary election as a candidate for Public Weigher, my most profound thanks and appreciation, especially am I grateful for the nice majority given me, thus doing away with the necessity of a second primary contest. To those who saw fit to vote for either of my opponents I have the kindest feeling and promise you that I shall endeavor to serve you with the same degree of fairness and efficiency as if you were my most ardent supporter. In fact the office is yours and I am your servant—the servant of all. Again I thank you, one and all.

Yours truly,
THOS. A. BEARDEN. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston are this week enjoying a visit from their daughter-in-law, Mrs. C. F. Huddleston, who is from California.

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Mr. Urban Shannon, of Memphis, Tennessee, is here for a visit with home folks and friends, Mr. Shannon, formerly connected with the local post office, is now in the terminal post office in Memphis.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sears were here over Sunday from their ranch visiting among friends and relatives.

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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	\$451,458.06
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
Bills Payable	65,000.00
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. Mason, Directors.

CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH

The State elections are now in the past. We had our own favorite candidates and rightly so. Some of them were elected and others defeated.

Let us all now look to our own campaign, one in which we have a personal interest, one in which the issue of life and death is involved, and give all diligence to making our calling and election sure.

We invite you to attend our services at the Methodist church Sunday. Worship at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Bring your visiting friends. W. R. McCarter.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 7:15 p.m.

Session meeting Monday 8:15. A cordial welcome to all. Chas. H. Little, pastor.

Intermediate League Program

Subject: "What we learn from out-of-doors."

Leader, Lynn McSpadden.

Song, Prayer.

Scripture reading, Matt. 6:24-34; Ps. 19:1-6.

Near, Eleanor Mae Hamilton. Almighty, Pauline Toombs. True, Nadine Tippett. Unchangeable, W. A. Whitely. Righteous, Thelma Leach. Eternal, Ethel Hamilton.

Mrs. J. E. Hendricks is spending a few days this week in Abilene, the guest of Mrs. Wilson, who formerly resided here.

Bring your cream to Merkel Produce on Kent street, beginning Friday. Itp

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

The pastor, Ira L. Parrack, will be back here for Sunday morning service. He expects to start a meeting at Comere Sunday afternoon.

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11. B.Y.P.U.' at 7:30. A warm welcome.

Senior B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: Waiting on the Lord. Leader, Mildred Hamm.

Introduction by leader. 1. What says the word, Mary Ellen Ashby.

(1) Old Testament teachings, Joe Hartley.

(2) Texts from new Testament, Stella Wilson.

3. Two currents tug at us, by Lewis Giles.

(2) The Current of Righteousness, Effie Grayson.

4. True and False prosperity, Ray Garrett.

5. Prosperity as promised, Rubyjo Higgins.

6. Envy the man whose end is peace, Thelma Copeland.

All young people are urged to attend the B.Y.P.U. at 7:30 Sunday evening.

Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program

1. Opening with prayer.

2. President, 3 Group Captain.

4. Program.

a. Geography of Jerusalem, Ruby Lee Slater.

b. Some Heroes of Jerusalem, Vera Richie.

c. Remarkable Events, Louise Booth.

d. Jesus in Jerusalem, Oleta Moore.

5. Closing with prayer.

Mrs. B. H. Riney and daughter, Billie Joe, left Wednesday morning for Center, Alabama, to visit relatives.

Senior League Program

Lessons from Birds and Flowers. Leader, Hallie Pike. Hymn.

Scripture: Matt. 6:24-31; Isa. 40:6-8, by leader.

Lord's Prayer.

1 and 2, God's care and joy and praise, Inice Brown.

3 and 4, Our Cowardice and God's forgiveness, and God's favored of all creation, Doris Durham.

Flowers: 1 and 2, the transitory nature of life and the glory to Jesus, Elizabeth Harkrider. 3, 4, and 5, Close to Jesus, Bubbles and poppies, be natural, Cora Lee Hulsey.

7 and 8, God's word shall stand the mysteries of life, Tommie Durham.

Hymn; benediction. Every one come at 7:30 p.m.

Missionary Society Notes

On account of the rainy weather last Monday afternoon there was no meeting of the missionary society. On next Monday afternoon the same program that was to have been given on that Monday will be rendered. The time of the meeting is four o'clock. We are hoping for a good attendance at this meeting.

Presbyterian Missionary Program

Subject: China.

Bible study, Mrs. G. F. West.

Prayer.

The challenge of the Oriental, Mrs. Elliott.

Little Samuel, Mrs. Marvin Smith.

The children of China, Mrs. S. G. Russell.

The Oriental girl in the Occident, Mrs. John West.

Business session.

Expecting car of Hulls Friday. Swafford, phone 44. It

Sunday School Class Entertainment.

On last Friday evening Miss Dorothy Higgins entertained the Philathea Sunday school class with a lovely lawn party. When the guests were assembled on the lawn, the delightful and spacious lawn, victrola music and unique games formed the entertainment for the evening. Delicious ice cream, cake and lemonade were served to Misses Gladys Mayfield, Thelma Copeland, Mary Alice Johnson, Flossie Campbell, Mary Parrack, Effie Grayson, Emma Toombs, Godie Richie, Lois Leslie, Ruby Joe Higgins, Nealy Hudson, Dorothy Higgins, Maxie Banner, Lois Higgins, Autry Porter, and Messrs Edward McCrary, Marvin Mayfield, Joe Hartley, Charlie Knight, Herman Askins, Ivy Daniels, Gerald Garner, Cowan Hudson and Joel Brown.

Miss Sears Hostess to The Philathea Class

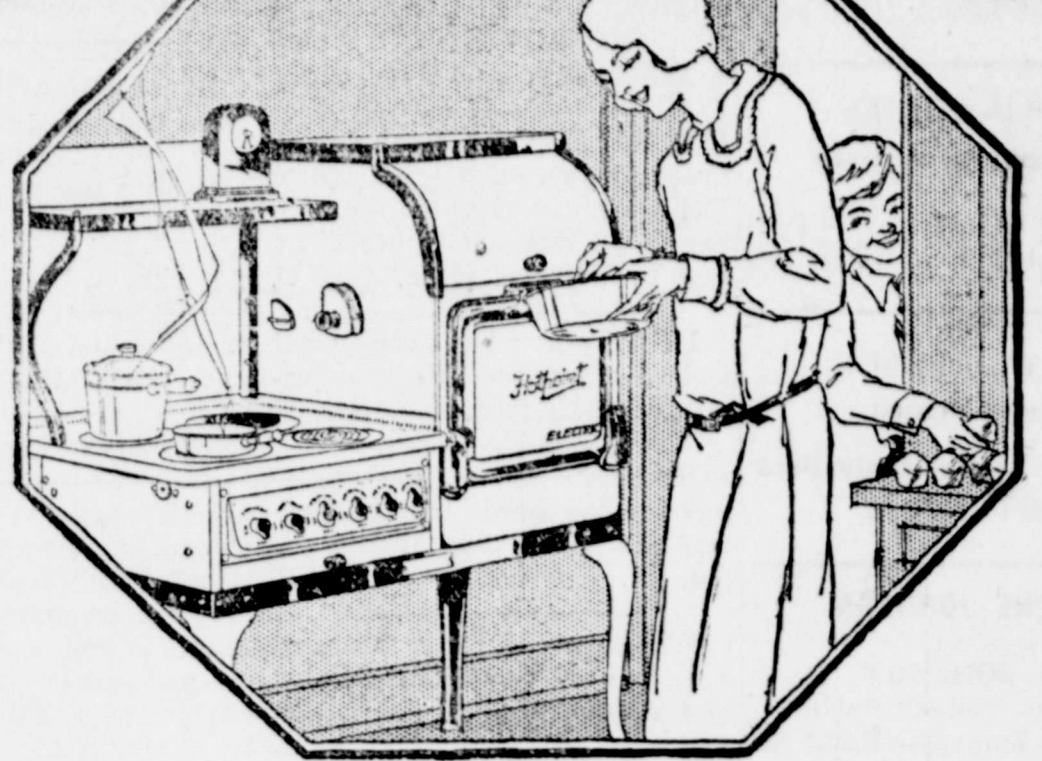
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Miss Ruby Faye Golloday entertained on last Tuesday evening with a watermelon feast out at Shannon's pool. Those enjoying the feast and hospitality of the hostess were: Misses Flora Frances Anderson, Margaret Eckerd, Mrs. Acuff, Gladys Acuff, Bessie Westhoyer, Juanita Beene, Anna Lou Russell, Mildred Hamm, Elizabeth Harkrider, Mary Alice Johnson, Autry Porter, Thelma and Dorothy Magness.



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WEDDING PRISES MANY FRIENDS

The marriage of Miss Beatrice Burrows and Mr. Eldon Acuff, last Thursday afternoon, July 22 was a distinct surprise to the many friends of the bride and groom. The ceremony was read by Rev. M. B. Harris, pastor of the Central Christian Church, in his study. Mr. and Mrs. Acuff left at once for Merkel, where they will reside. Mr. Acuff being employed at Moran. Mr. Acuff, who calls Merkel his home, spent many years in Stamford, and there he met his bride. Mrs. Acuff has spent her entire life in Stamford, with the exception of last year, when she went to the Rio Grande to spend the winter. She is the daughter of Mr. Walter Burrow, of this city and a niece of Mr. Ben Burrow. Having graduated from High School last June, Mrs. Acuff had planned to enter Simmons in September.

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BEAUTY SPECIALIST HERE NEXT WEEK

The Merkel Drug Company announces that next week, beginning Aug. 2 and on through the week, they will have with them a Beauty Specialist, and extend a cordial invitation to the ladies of the town and community to visit their store during the time. Read their advertisement in this paper. Adv.-1t

Mrs. John Duke, of Burkley, California, is here for a visit with her brother, Mr. C. E. Conner. Also Mrs. J. G. Barker, of Abilene, is visiting her brother, Mr. Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears and baby and son, H. H., left Tuesday for a visit to friends and relatives in Alabama. They are making the trip in their car.

Will pay Cash for a few used cars in good condition. Merkel Motor Company. It

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither and baby daughter were here Wednesday enroute home from a vacation trip to Oklahoma. They left Wednesday afternoon for their home in San Angelo.

J. A. Jaynes, one among the successful and splendid farmers of the Salt Branch community, reports his crops very fine.

Mr. G. R. Gazzaway of Happy, Texas, was here first of the week on business. He reports

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest. It

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell had as their guests first of the week, Mr. and Mrs. Sam White of Stamford.

Expecting car of Hulls Friday. Swafford, phone 44. It

Mr. H. F. Jones, wife and children, of Tulsa, were here last week guests of Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty left this week for a trip to the Rio Grande Valley.

Mrs. W. V. Cranford and daughter, Mrs. L. D. Gaither, left first of the week for a visit in Oklahoma City.

The Mail is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the price of a subscription to the paper from Mr. Joe Riney, now residing in Abilene. Joe came over last Saturday to cast his vote for his favorite in the election.

Mr. C. L. Brown, one of the real pioneers of the West, who for more than forty years has resided in Mulberry Canyon, southwest of this city, has our thanks for two subscriptions to the Mail, one for himself and one to a relative.

If you need the use of a binder see John Dunn, Merkel, route No. 2. Itp