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DO YOUR DUTY AS A CITIZEN—VOTE

The Fergusons, after having broken their pledge to get out of office should Dan Moody lead them by just one vote in the July Primary, as well as having made the statement that "notwithstanding how the final count showed up, meaning that even should Moody fail to have a majority vote when the final count was made, they would not continue to be candidates in the run-off primary, they evidently entered the August Primary with the idea that they might slip in on a number of counts and isms, one of which was that since Moody had only liked about 1700 votes of having a clear majority over all in the first election, that the people would look upon his victory as so certain that thousands would not go to the polls to cast their ballots in the August primary, that is the Moody supporters, and that he (Ferguson) could count on his full strength going to the polls as usual, and he would therefore have a slight chance to win.

Hence, it behooves every voter, men and women, who favor Moody to let nothing keep them away from the polls next Saturday. In fact every man and woman who is tired of the Jim Ferguson mis-use of public office, his mud slinging and political rot, and who want to see honest, stable and responsible government restored in Texas, should absolutely lay aside everything and go to the polls and vote for Hon. Dan Moody for Governor.

The Fergusons have dug up the old Ku Klux fight, a fight that Dan Moody, more than any other one in Texas, help to kill. This issue is a dead issue. The Ku Klux has no business in politics, neither has any other secret organization. And when any man votes for any man for office just because he happens to belong to his church or the secret order of his liking, that man is a dangerous man in any community. No, the Ku Klux as a political factor in Texas is dead, but they are no deader than will be the Fergusons after August 28th, if the people of Texas turn out and vote next Saturday as they did on July 24. Every man and woman who voted for Moody in the first Primary should also vote for him on next Saturday.

No one doubts but that Moody will be elected by a strong majority, but if the people are tired of Fergusonism they should so declare it at the ballot box on next Saturday.

Mrs. H. A. Deavers and children returned first of the week from Fort Bearden, New Mexico, where they had been for a visit with a son and brother residing there for his health, and whom they report improving nicely at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldyd L. Grayson of Burleson, Texas, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson. They were accompanied by Mrs. Grayson's sister, Miss Thelma Beavers, and Mr. Ernest Hill.

MASONIC NOTICE Royal Arch Masons

Regular meeting night has been changed to the first Thursday night in each month. Thursday night, Sept. 2, is meeting night. We must have a good crowd present. M. C. Graham.

H. R. Hicks, Secretary.

Mrs. C. B. Smith and family have moved back to their home in this city from Stamford, where they have been for the past year.

BOY SCOUTS IN CAMP AT BUFFALO GAP, TEX.

The Boy Scouts of the Chisholm Trail Area, composed of eight counties, are now in session at Buffalo Gap for a ten-day encampment.

From the Merkel troop which has sixteen scouts who have passed requirements, twelve of these are in camp there, and have been under the guidance of Scout Master Herbert Patterson, assisted by Rev. Chas. H. Little and Chas. H. Jones. Mr. Jones is also vice-president of the Chisholm Trail Area.

The boys are having a fine time and as next Sunday is visitors day they are looking for a number of their friends to pay them a visit. Every father and mother interested in the welfare of the boys should pay them a visit on this day.

Hawley Couple Married Here

Rev. Ira L. Parrack pronounced the words that made Mr. R. D. Green and Miss Jessie Milner, of Hawley man and wife, on last Monday evening at 7 o'clock. The young couple will make their home at Oiney, Texas.

2ND. AND 3RD. BALES RECEIVED

On Tuesday of this week Mr. I. I. Vancil, who resides beyond Noodle, brought to this city the second bale of 1926 cotton, which was ginned by the Planters Gin Company, and purchased by Mr. Booth Warren for 18 1/2 cents per pound. The bale weighed 515 pounds, and a premium of \$33.15 was given Mr. Vancil.

On Wednesday Mr. John Meeks, Merkel, route 5, brought in the third bale, which weighed 523 pounds, and was also purchased by Mr. Booth Warren, who had purchased the first and second bales, at 18 1/2 cents per pound. Mr. Meeks was given the third premium by the business men, amounting to \$22.10.

The first bale, brought in by Mr. M. G. King, was given a premium of \$55.25.

Mrs. Lillian Bumpas and sons of Oklahoma City are here visiting Mrs. Lucy Bumpas.

WILL OPEN NEW TAILOR SHOP HERE

Messrs. W. A. and Lloyd Elliott, sons of Mr. F. M. Elliott of this city, who have recently moved here, one from the Dora community and the other from Lamesa, have leased one of the Rainbolt buildings just opposite the Merkel Mail office, and are preparing to open in a few days a new and up-to-date Tailor Shop.

They state that a new dry cleaning plant and complete tailoring outfit has been ordered, and that when it has been installed they will be in position to give the people of Merkel as good as the best in this line.

Read their advertisement in this paper.

RATTLER BITE FATAL TO CAROL JOINER

We regret to learn just as this paper is going to press of the death of Carroll Joiner, 17-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Joiner, of the Teaff or Cross Roads community, at about 4:00 a.m. Thursday.

We are informed that the young man was heading maize on his father's farm when bitten four times by the reptile on last Tuesday. He was immediately carried to the Baptist Sanitarium where his death occurred early Thursday morning.

The deceased was a brother of Mrs. Bill Haynes of this city, and was known as one of the finest young men in the country. His sudden death is indeed mourned by the entire community.

Mr. and Mrs. Joiner are pioneers in this part of the state, and this paper joins the entire community in extending to them deepest sympathy during their sad hour of bereavement.

Messrs. J. T. Warren, H. H. Coombs, Dee Grimes, S. D. Gamble, Dr. R. I. Grimes and Beoth Warren were among those from here who drove over to Cisco to attend the all West Texas Moody Rally Thursday.

PLANS MATURING FOR MERKEL FAIR

We learn from Mr. H. C. West, president of the Luncheon Club and also president of the Merkel Fair, that every detail for the work of carrying the Community Fair to a completion has been worked out. The manuscript for the Catalogue has now been completed and is in the hands of the printer and within a few days will be mailed out to every farmer located in the Merkel Trade Territory. It will be a neatly printed and bound book of about fifty pages, containing the list of splendid premiums offered, and it is hoped that every farmer and every person interested in entering the contests for the various premiums offered will begin at once to make their plans for entry at the proper time.

The Community Fair, which is sponsored by the Luncheon Club and the business men of the city, is for the benefit of the farmers of this community, and will give each one the opportunity to show what he can do in the way of raising fine crops of various kinds, as well as livestock, etc. Every one is thus given an opportunity to see just what his neighbor is doing. In other words you will be able by observation to make improvements upon your own efforts by bringing the products of all into an exhibit such as will be shown here on September 16, 17 and 18.

When you have studied the catalogue, make your plans to enter something at the Fair. In fact don't wait—do it now.

BARROW FURNITURE CO. MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

The Barrow Furniture Company of this city has this week completed adding to the interior of their splendid store a large Chappel, nicely furnished, which may be used in holding small funerals. They have also added more room to the display room of the Undertaking Department and made other changes which add much to the appearance and attractiveness of this splendid store.

Mr. Marion Johnson, of Denton was here last week guest of friends.

COLORED PREACHER LECTURES HERE

Editor, Merkel Mail,
Dear Sir:

I went to hear the lecture on the Holy Land given at the tabernacle last night by the old darkey preacher, Rev. L. R. Gaylor, from Jasper, Texas, and was so favorably impressed that I want to give a little account of it. You may use it in your paper if you will.

In the first place Rev. Gaylor having served in the World War as Chaplain and afterwards traveled in Palestine, is a man far above the average in experience. His description of the Bible land was both vivid and accurate and the applications he made and lessons he gave were some of the best I have ever heard. His sweet Christian spirit and ambition for his own race is magnificent. His loyalty to the American Government and his urgent appeal to his own people to take advantage of the opportunity the State of Texas is giving them, ought to be heard by every negro in the state, and it would do a great many white people good to hear and take heed to it.

Having studied a great deal, the race problem, and having worked with different races for several years, I feel Rev. Gaylor could be used in a great way for the betterment of the negroes of this country, and that he should have every encouragement from the white people so long as he speaks as he is now speaking. I should also say that the speaker both opened and closed the service with prayer and with loyalty to the Bible in everything he said. The singing was splendid and inspiring.

(Signed) J. WALTON MOORE
Returned missionary from China

FIRE WHISTLE IS REMINDER TO VOTE

This paper has been informed that arrangements have been made with the proper authorities whereby during the day on tomorrow, Saturday, the city fire siren will blow either every thirty minutes or one hour for the purpose of reminding the voters in and about the city who have not voted to go at once to the polls and cast their ballot.

This is being done at many points in Texas, for the reason that every qualified voter should go to the polls and cast a ballot, which will mean that a majority of the people may have a voice in the very important election being held throughout the state.

So don't become alarmed at the fire whistle, which will only be sounded for a moment at each thirty minute or hour period. But go vote. Tell your neighbors to vote. Urge the ladies to vote. They should vote; every person should vote who is qualified under the law to vote in a Democratic primary. If you are a Republican, you have no business in this primary. You have had your own primary in July.

Mrs. J. T. Anderson of Abilene was a guest of her son, Mr. R. O. Anderson, vice-president of the Farmers State Bank. She left yesterday for Sweetwater, where she will visit her son, I. N. Anderson, who is with one of the banks in that city.

AUTO RACING AT WEST TEXAS FAIR

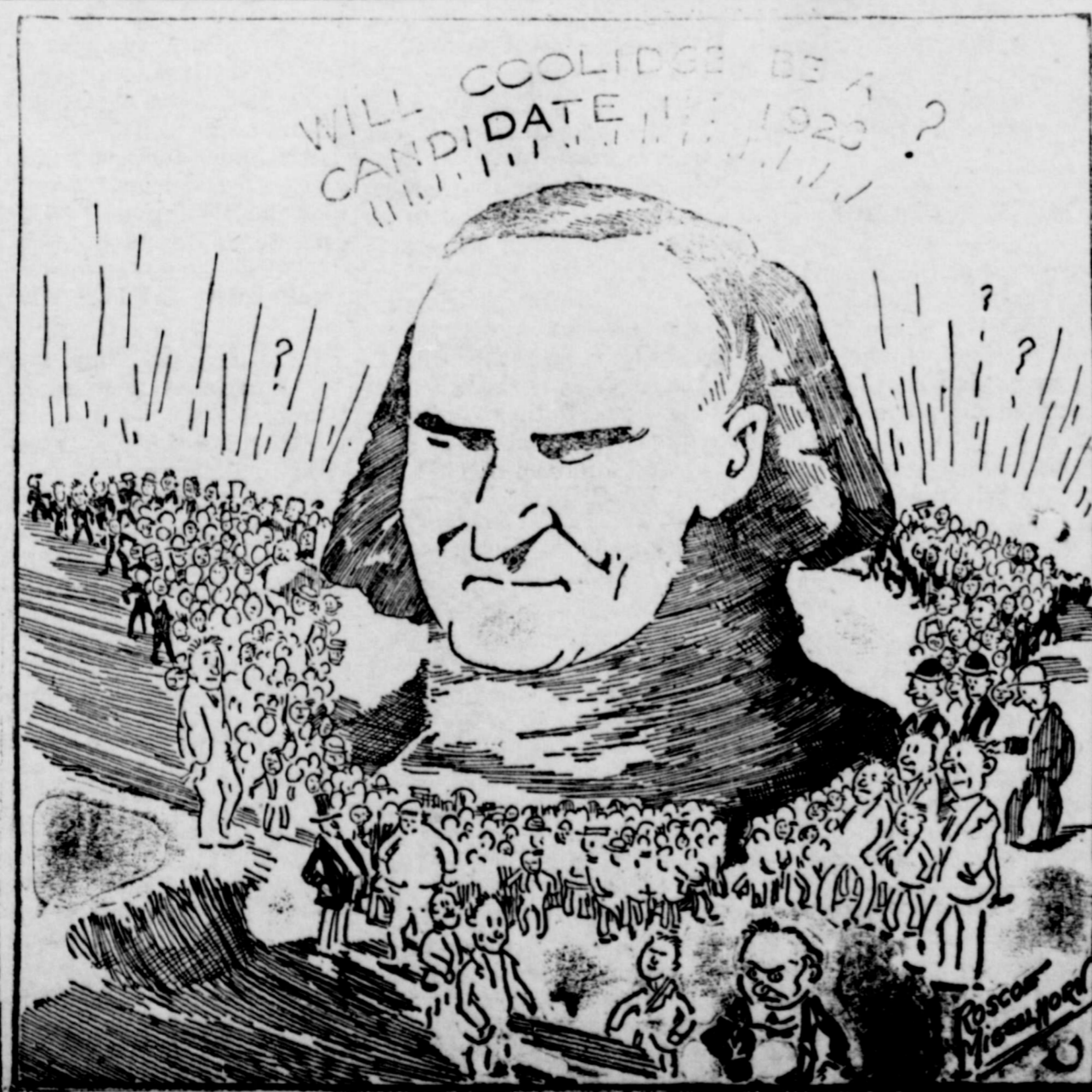
The West Texas Fair is offering a big automobile racing program during the week of the Fair, September 20 to 25, 1926. The track is recognized as one of the best dirt tracks in America. The race meet held at this track July 5th fully demonstrated the value of the extensive improvements made during the early part of the year. Drivers from all parts of the country were loud in their praise of the high banked turns and the firm, dustless condition of the track. Frank Lockhart lowered his own record for two laps around the oval to 65 seconds.

Mr. C. J. Jones, Secretary of the West Texas Fair, has had many requests for entry blanks from prominent drivers and confidently believes that the list of entries for the two days, September 22nd and 24th, will be the best ever assembled in West Texas. A purse of \$6,000.00 is being offered for six events each day. The program is so arranged that rebuilt stock cars and special built cars will compete in their class, except that the fastest of the rebuilt stock cars will be allowed to compete with the high-powered, special built thoroughbreds of the automobile racing world. Racing for the love of the game and for whatever of fame and fortune that may come their way, these daring reckless drivers of converted stock cars furnish real thrills and from their ranks come the stars of tomorrow.

Active preparations are under way at the grounds of the West Texas Fair and the visitor this year will be greeted with many surprising changes and a class of entertainment far surpassing former Fairs. Exhibit spaces will be crowded and the numerous entries already received bespeak the unusually prosperous condition of West Texas.

Miss Leta Coppenger of Cross Plains visited Miss Eda Marie Johns this week.

"The Sphinx"



To Our Patrons

Commencing September 1st. this Bank will

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and will be here to serve you from that time on.

Bring us your Cotton Checks we will supply you with plenty of change to pay your pickers.

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

Miss Evelyn Curtis, of Vernon, is here for a visit with Miss Ruby Walton. She will return to her home the first of the week.

Mr. Maynard, who is planning to establish a jewelry shop in Merkel, left first of the week for Itaska on business.

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

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott and son, Burneal, left the early part of this week for a ten-days-vacation trip to points in South Texas.

To The Automobile Trade

I have opened a filling Station in the old Woodrum Stand which will be known as the "Blue Front Service Station."

I will carry a complete line of

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and will appreciate a part of your business, promising you prompt and courteous service.

Blue Front Service Station
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TO VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

As Commissioners elected by the voters of Taylor County and having served with Judge Carlos D. Speck during the period of time the highway construction has been underway, the administration of which is now being attacked and adversely criticised by his political opponents, and in the interest of fairness to an honest and faithful public servant, we feel it our duty to say to the voters of Taylor County that Judge Speck is being done a rank injustice in these attacks; knowing as we do from our actual knowledge that the delay in road work has not been caused by any fault of his, but on the account of a series of obstacles thrown in the way of the work by certain local citizens, delays between the other official departments, unusual right-of-way troubles, apportionment of funds and the saving of valuable roadbeds, which has not occurred in other counties where entire cooperation has been had. This lack of cooperation HAS NOT BEEN the fault of Judge Speck, and the voters of Taylor County, and especially those of Abilene and Merkel, should not be misled into causing another delay to our highways by defeating a man who has overcome all these difficulties and now has in prospect the construction of our highway project, merely because someone else wants the office of County Judge. We feel that the interests of our road building will be best subserved by the reelection of Judge Speck. We are unqualifiedly for him and those of us in office will continue to cooperate with him if he is reelected.

- P. A. DILTZ, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2.
- J. R. TRAMMILL, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3.
- H. A. HEMBRY, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.
- W. H. FRAZIER, Ex-Commissioner Pre. No. 2.
- S. J. WALDROP, Ex-Commissioner Pre. No. 3. (Political Advertisement. 1t)

DAVENPORT ENDORSED BY LAWYERS

Aug. 25, 1926.

We, the undersigned lawyers and officers of Jones County, were neighbors of Judge George L. Davenport, who practiced law in this county many years.

Judge Davenport is a Christian gentleman, a profound lawyer, an honest, experienced and impartial judge.

In the first primary, Judge Davenport carried Jones County and eleven other counties out of the nineteen counties in the district.

Judge Davenport is qualified to be Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals of this district, and we recommend to the voters of this district that they cast their votes for Judge Davenport for this high judicial office in the second primary on next Saturday.

W. R. Chapman, H. G. Andrews, Jno. B. Thomas, Walter S. Pope, J. F. Lindsey, F. A. Arnold, Brooks, Smith & Robinson.

E. V. Hardwick, County Attorney.

Clem Calhoun, District Attorney.

T. P. Hudson, Sheriff.

J. Spurgeon Reeves, District Clerk.

Owen Thomas, County Judge.

W. F. Wright, County Clerk.

W. H. Griffith, Tax Assessor.

Luella Hawk, County Supt.

A. S. Reaves, Tax Collector. (Political Advertisement 1t)

Ask for our Special Cozy Theatre Tickets, given FREE with each purchase of 50c or over. Good on any Tuesday or Thursday until Nov. 25, 1926. Four tickets limited to any one purchase. BLUE FRONT SERVICE STATION, Roy Adams, prop. 1t

Our old Apple Man and friend, R. H. Dean, will be here about the 20th of September with his first shipment of the season of the famous Arkansas Apples. Watch for further announcements. 1tpd

CHURCHES

ELDER CYPERT TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

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

He extends to every one a very cordial invitation to attend the morning service. It is also announced that there will be singing at the church at the evening hour.

METHODIST CHURCH

The services at the Methodist church were better attended last Sunday. With the return of cool, pleasant weather, we hope to have a great day next Sunday with a large attendance at all the services.

It would be well to begin with the Sunday School at 9:45. Be on time and greet your friends and welcome visitors.

Three distinct features are provided for in the Sunday school, viz: Worship, Study and Service. First and most important is Worship, and the first fifteen minutes of each session is devoted to song, prayer and Bible reading. Each member of the school should be present and take part in the service.

W. R. McCarter.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Parrack is back on the job after the summer campaign, and is rejoicing over the good results of the meetings. He preached in four meetings this summer in which there were 125 additions to the churches, 85 of

them for baptism.

Let's have a full attendance Sunday at all services.

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

B.Y.P.U.'s 7:00 p.m., merging into the evening preaching service.

In the afternoon there will be held in Sweetwater a Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. rally and it is hoped that a number of our workers will attend.

The local Baptist Church extends a cordial invitation to all Baptists as well as all others who have no church home in Merkel, but live in our vicinity, to come and worship with us.

Do not let interest in the election keep you away from church Sunday, but "Rather brethren give diligence to make your calling and Election sure". II Peter, 1:10.

Missionary Society Notes

We had a nice meeting at the Missionary Society last Monday afternoon, but we hope to have a better one next Monday. We will have a lesson from the study book, "Looking ahead with Latin America". This is a very interesting book and we feel sure every member of the society will enjoy studying it. The meeting will be at four o'clock. We wish every member of the society would come and bring a visitor. Vacation time is practically over so let's take up our work with renewed courage and try to make the remainder of the year count for much. Reporter.

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Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

For August 29, 1926.
Subject: "Into the Desert for Christ." Leader, Juanita Harmon.

1. Introduction by leader.
2. James Gilmore's boyhood days, by Harold Boney.
3. A happy home, by Dot Swafford.
4. The Heathen world calls, by Louis Simpson.
5. Into the Desert for Christ, by Christine Rister.
6. The house by the side of the road, by Joyce Wheeler.
7. A wandered over the desert, by J. R. Lassiter.
8. Doctor and preacher and teacher, by Sarah Sheppard.
9. Faithful in the hour of sorrow, by Mattie Lou Largent.
10. Back home again, by L. V. Moore.

All Junior boys and girls are given a cordial invitation to attend the B.Y.P.U. at 7:30 o'clock each Sunday evening.

Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program

- Missionary to Burma, 1812-26.
1. Ann's conversion, by Louise Booth.
 - Part 2. Meeting Mr. Judson, by William Sheppard.
 - Part 3. A long good-bye, by Maurine Davis.
 - Part 4. Arrival at Rangoon, by

- Vera Richie.
- Part 5. Enduring suffering, by Ruby Lee Slater.
 - Part 6. Mr. Judson in prison, by O. B. Boden.
 - Part 7. The heroine of Ava, by Claude Cash.
 - Part 8. Mrs. Judson's death, by Ralph Cook.

Senior League Program

- Subject: "Wise and Unwise Decisions."
Hymn.
Lord's Prayer.
Scripture lesson John 15:12-15
Leader, Rosie Laney.
Part 1, Sallie Brown.
Part 2, Doris Pike.
Part 3, Mary Hutcheson.
Part 4, Dorris Durham.
Saxophone solo, Eva Mae Johnson.
Hymn; Benediction.

Intermediate League Program

- Subject: "Wise and Unwise Decisions."
Leader, Ethel Hamilton.
Song; Prayer.
Scripture 1st Kings 3:5-13; Genesis 13:5-13.
Tested by the Bible, Dahlia Watkins.
When Decisions are made, by Theima Leach.
Song; benediction.

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William Fox Presents

BUCK JONES

—in—

"THE DESERT PRICE"

Also Universal Presents

William Fox Presents and Eileen Sedgwick in

"STRINGS OF STEEL"

Chapter Three

"Fighting for Love"

With Universal 2-Reel Comedy

"UNCLE TOM'S GAL"

Admission10c and 25c

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, Sept. 1-2

William Fox Presents

MARY BRIAN

With an All-Star Cast

—in—

"MORE PLAY AND LESS WORK"

A Clever Comedy Drama

With Universal Comedy

"A BED TIME STORY"

Also International News No. 55

Admission10c and 25c

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Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippett, of San Angelo, who have been here for a visit with friends and relatives, returned to their home this week.

Master James West is spending the week-end with his aunt, Mrs. W. B. Brown, at Anson.

Good clothes to make a man, Good Signs to make a business, Let me sign your Fair Advertising. ED RISTER.

Mr. E. F. King and family of Slaton were here this week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King.

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ELLIS COUNTY PLANS BIG STATE FAIR SHOW

Plans for the comprehensive agricultural exhibit to be made at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 9-24, by Ellis county, anticipate contributions to the general exhibit by every community in the county.

W. B. Sims of Ennis has been named as general chairman of the Ellis County Exhibit committee, and has announced an executive committee composed of C. H. Pigg, Waxahachie; W. M. Love, county agent; Jelks F. Castellaw of Ennis, secretary of the Ellis County Fair, and Hanks Davis of Waxahachie. A publicity committee with a personnel of a dozen prominent men, and an exhibit committee numbering more than twenty, have also been named. The publicity body will be on hand at the Ellis county exhibit all the while, to give information, either verbal or written, to all who may inquire.

STATE MANUFACTURERS TO MEET AT STATE FAIR

Announcement is made by G. M. Knebel of San Antonio, vice president and general manager of the Texas State Manufacturers Association that the annual meeting of the association, that was to have been held at Houston the latter part of May, will now take place during the State Fair of Texas, at Dallas, Oct. 9-24 next. The session will be incident to the holding of the Texas Industrial Exposition during the State Fair. All officials and managers of Texas Industries will be invited and there will be addresses by prominent industrial leaders. The exposition will run for eighteen days. On one day alone, in 1925, 150,000 people visited and studied the displays maintained throughout the exposition.

WHO SAID FARM RELIEF? NOT TEXAS FARMERS!

Texas farmers, as a rule, aren't much concerned by all this "holler" about "farm relief."

That man who gets out and hits the ball, most generally, doesn't need any relief—he works out his own salvation.

At the State Fair of Texas, every year, there's a comprehensive demonstration and proof of the manner in which Texas farmers accomplish this, through the attractive, edifying, instructive county agricultural exhibits, and there'll be more of them this year, Oct. 9-24, than ever before.

OLDHAM COUNTY AGENT BUSY ON FAIR EXHIBIT

Harmon Denton, Oldham county agricultural agent, isn't letting any grass grow under his feet, in anticipation of Oldham county's agricultural exhibit at the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 9-24. As early as June 1 Mr. Oldham was active in selecting various small grains which will go into the exhibit, and he is confident that Oldham county's showing will be up in the first rank when the scoring records are made.

C. JOURN CHAMBER AFTER BUCHNER COUNTY EXHIBIT

Johnson county and Cleburna, through the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce, aren't going to overlook their opportunity for showing the diversified agricultural abilities of their section at the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 9-24 this year. The Cleburne Chamber, early in June, issued a call for samples of the oat and wheat crop of Johnson county to be brought in, in connection with preparations for the State Fair exhibit. It is declared that the oats and wheat crops in Johnson county this year are better than for some time, and the belief is strong that first place for these grains could easily be taken.

Millions in Pearls



This pagoda, a part of the Japanese exhibit at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, is made entirely of pearls and its value exceeds \$1,000,000. The exposition continues until December 1.

Jones Dry Goods

Have just returned from market where we bought the largest and most complete stock we have ever carried. In addition to our full stock of Ladies and Misses Coats Dresses, Hats, and Piece Goods, we bought a full line of Men's and Boys' Clothing.

Lots of New Goods Arriving Daily!

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Jones Dry Goods

W. J. SHEPPARD, Mgr.

DAVENPORT ENDORSED BY COUNTY BAR

Aug. 5, 1926.

The undersigned members of the Taylor County Bar endorse the candidacy of Judge George L. Davenport for Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals at Eastland.

Judge Davenport practiced law in this Judicial District for more than 20 years and has been District Judge for the past six years. He is a very able and studious lawyer, and a fair, impartial, experienced and seasoned Judge. Judge Davenport possesses all the qualifications to be desired in an Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals.

Ben L. Cox, John Sayles, Thos. E. Hayden, Jr., C. G. Whitten, E. N. Kirby, R. W. Haynie, J. M. Chandler, E. S. Cummings, Bruce E. Oliver, R. M. Wagstaff, W. C. Lasley, H. A. Tillet, Harry Tom King, E. M. Overshiner, T. P. Davidson, E. L. Harwell, L. S. Wise, T. A. Bledsoe, Chas. E. Coombes, W. J. Cunningham, J. M. Wagstaff. It

(Political Advertisement)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I give this notice to the public not to hire my son, Jessie Price, for he is under age. W. E. Price, Merkel, route two. 1tp

Mrs. Lillian Bumpas and two children of Oklahoma and two here for a visit with Mrs. Lucy Bumpas and W. L. Burns and family.

Mr. Loring Hamblet of Breckenridge is here for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblet, and many friends. Miss Vannie Hamblet, who had been visiting in Breckenridge, returned with him.

Mr. W. A. Clarkson and wife of Chickasha, Oklahoma, were here last week guests of Mr. T. L. Grimes, and other relatives.

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THE FERUSON TICKET

According to the Ferguson Forum dated August 26, which paper is owned and edited by Jim Ferguson, the Ex-Governor and present governor by proxy, has printed in bold type the following ticket which he urges his friends and supporters to vote:

For Governor:

MIRIAM A. FERGUSON.
For Attorney General:
CLAUDE POLLARD
For State Treasurer:
J. R. BALL

If you are for Ferguson and his tactics, if you want to vote for Mrs. Ferguson and allow the state to be run by her husband, the former impeached governor, then vote that ticket.

However, in fairness to Mr. Pollard, who states that he never voted for the Fergusons in a primary, and we doubt that he is now in favor of Ferguson in the least, we want to say that Jim just hates Jas. V. Allred just a little more than he does Pollard. We would not line up Mr. Pollard in the least with the Fergusons, but leave that race to you to make your own selection, as we believe either of these gentlemen would make a good attorney general.

In the race for State Treasurer, Mr. W. Gregory Hatcher, the present incumbent, has made a very fine officer and has had the office but one term, and were it not that Jim Ferguson just can't run that office while

Mr. Hatcher is in charge, along with that of governor, Mr. Hatcher would have no opponent. Mr. Ball is running at the instigation of Jim Ferguson, and if he is elected Jim would be Governor and State Treasurer also, in the event his wife should be elected. However, there is no likelihood of either being elected, but let every voter go to the polls next Saturday and vote. There should be a big vote, just as many as were cast in the July primary.

MR. FERGUSON AT TEMPLE

Having gleaned the field of possibility, Mr. Ferguson has gathered four emaciate reasons which his hardihood is capable of offering to the people of Texas as an excuse for his wife's candidacy against Mr. Moody. One is the existence of the Ku Klux Klan, magnified by his imagination many fold, combined with the assumption that most of its members, exercising a Hobson's choice, have preferred Mr. Moody's candidacy to that of his wife, which is his own fourth term candidacy by proxy. Another is the fact that in some counties the vote cast in the gubernatorial contest exceeded the vote cast in any of the other contests, a common phenomenon which Mr. Ferguson would have the gullible believe proves that fraud was practiced in behalf of Mr. Moody's candidacy. The third is that in the event of Mr. Moody's being nominated, the Republicans might successfully challenge his eligibility in the courts on the ground that he had been the recipient of campaign contributions forbidden by law, in which case the defeat of his wife, as Mr. Ferguson presents the alternative, would eventuate in the election of the Republican party's nominee. The fourth of his reasons is that only the nomination and election of his wife can save the 1,300,000 school children from the three

or four-month term with which they are menaced largely because of his failure or refusal to make available to their needs the funds which were sufficient in amount to prevent the crisis that now exists. The plight of the schools is chargeable to Mr. Ferguson and his wife more than to any one else, and more than to all others; yet Mr. Ferguson is capable of the effrontery of turning that dereliction into a reason in support of his wife's candidacy. If the schools are rescued from that plight it will have to be done during the special session of the Legislature to begin next month. Mrs. Ferguson will be Governor then, despite her obligation to resign. Whether the apportionment shall be \$11.50, to which Mrs. Ferguson, under the direction of her husband, has allowed it to drop, or whether it shall be \$14 or \$15, can not, therefore, be affected by the outcome of the contest to be decided next Saturday.

But to expose the sophistries and hypocrisies of Mrs. Ferguson's campaign is a waste of time, as well as something of an affront to the intelligence of the ordinary man and woman. To decorate the lily is not the height of futility. It is equaled in the illumination of pretenses so transparent as those which Mr. Ferguson has offered in excuse of his wife's candidacy to be Governor.—The Dallas News.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cox and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall of Sweetwater, Texas, were here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis and family Sunday.

WARREN NOTES
By Vera Jones

The farmers of this community are all poisoning worms and are hoping to get a good rain.

The health of the community is good at present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jaynes visited their daughter, Mrs. Arnie Harris Sunday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy.

Miss Willie Newman visited her brother, Mr. Hollis McCoy Saturday night.

Mr. Albrt Criswell visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Gressett Sunday.

Miss Lorene Ellington spent Sunday with Miss Violet Jones.

All who attended the party at Mrs. Light's Saturday night reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Reb Tarpley visited Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tarpley Sunday.

Mr. C. T. McCormick visited Mrs. Dave Tarpley Thursday.

Mr. Hobson Robertson visited Mr. Harvell Sunday evening.

Miss Willie Newman spent Sunday with Miss Vela Jones.

Mrs. G. E. Ellington-visited in Abilene last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Higgins visited Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Evers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McClain visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Higgins Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shouse and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Davis visited Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick Sunday.

Miss Helen McCormick spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Jannita Payne, of Trent.

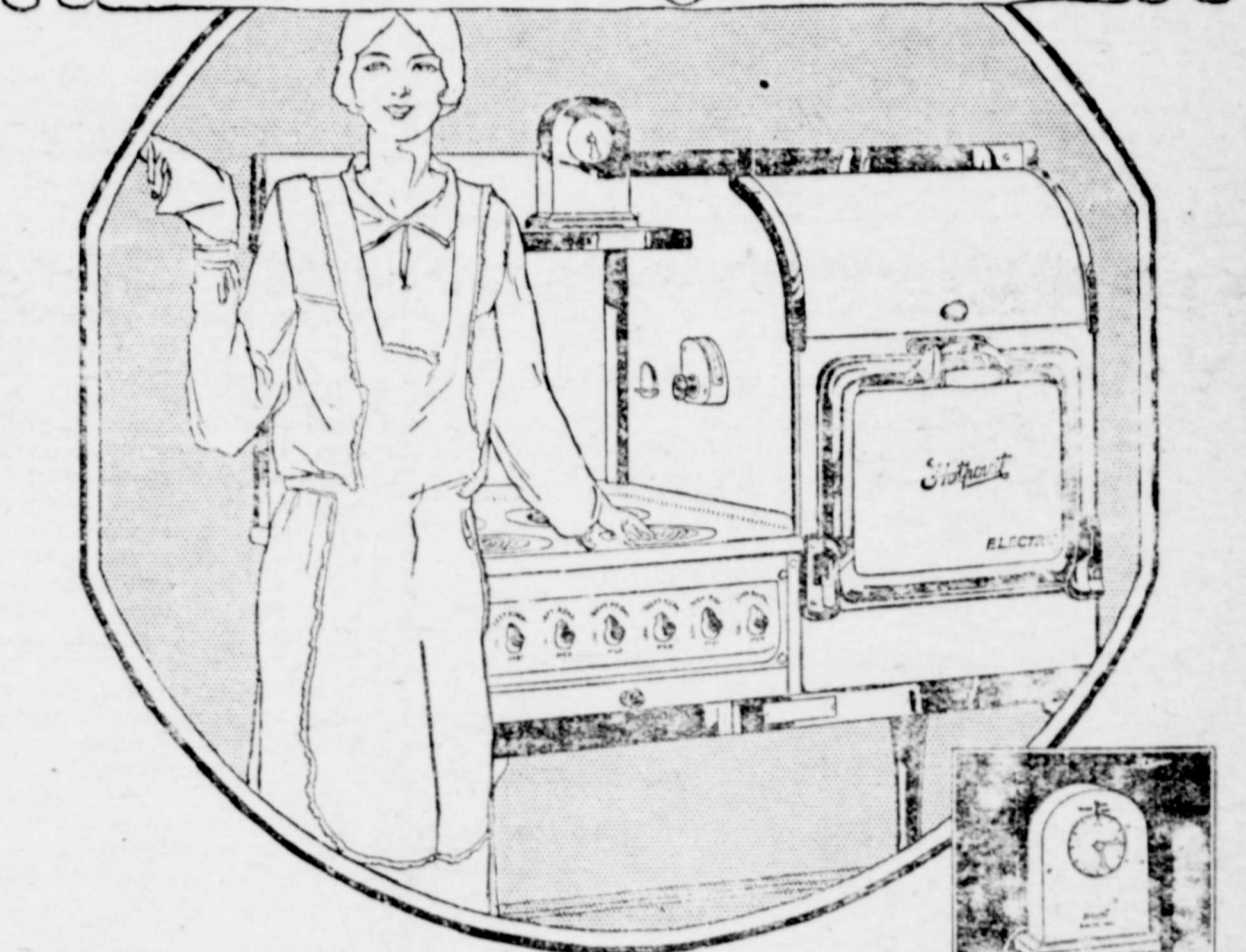
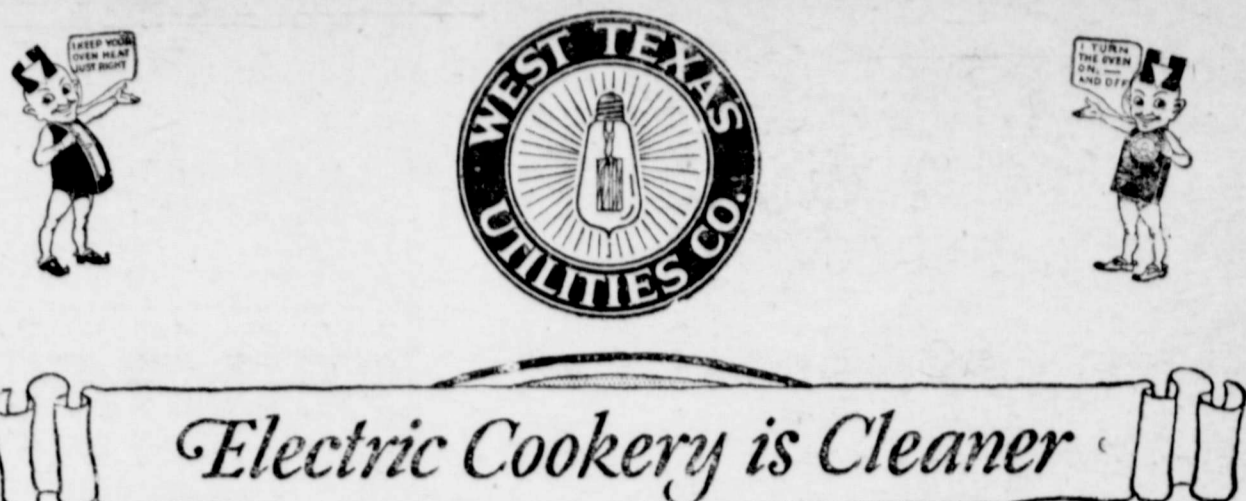
Miss Ruth Chancey spent Friday evening with Miss Artie McCormick.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS
By Shorty

The Baptist meeting closed Sunday morning. There had been a large attendance each service. Rev. Howell conducted the services.

Those spending Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rolan were Bro. Howell and family, Dave Anderson and family and Mrs. Anderson and sons, Calvin and Jesse.

Mr. Jesse Anderson spent Sun-



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day afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Craig Humphreys.

Mr. Horace Hogan of Sweetwater spent last week-end with his mother, Mrs. Betty Hogan.

Mr. Fine Hogan and family and Miss Anna Bess Darden visited in the Canyon Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Street and little daughter of O'Donnell have been visiting relatives here and at Tye.

Mr. Jim Ford of Denton is visiting his sister, Mrs. Ford Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell spent Monday night with the latter's mother and father.

Mr. Lonnie Williams of Clyde was the guest of Cody's here this week-end.

Messrs. Walker and Reeves of Salt Branch attended preaching here Saturday night. We were glad to have them.

Mrs. Nila Roland had her father and mother visiting her.

Messrs R. S. Tony and Lee Darden left Monday for a short trip to Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis of Nubia visited in this community Sunday.

Miss Bink Hogan stayed over Monday with her cousin, Miss Shorty Darden.

B.Y.P.U. Program for Sunday night, Sept. 5th. Subject: "Living Right." Leader, Anna Bess Darden. Introduction, by leader.

Get right with God, Bink Hogan. Saved by grace, George Crow Jr.

Keep right with God, Mrs. Crow. End right with God, Jesse Anderson.

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

Everybody is awfully busy, as well as the cotton worms, which seem to be pretty busy even though the weather is warm and dry.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grayson Mr. Ernest Hill and Miss Thelma Beavers of Burieson, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson this past week.

Mr. F. L. Rutledge near Post City and Mr. and Mrs. Belve Rutledge of Oklahoma have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rutledge. They are going on to visit Mr. Hardie Rutledge at Post City and on to Texico, N. M. to visit Mr. Earnie Rutledge, a brother, who they haven't seen in twelve years.

Mrs. Alice Lewis, of near Brownwood is visiting Mrs. B. L. James.

The party at the home of the Writer Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Conder of Merkel spent Saturday night in the home of ye Scribe.

A nice crowd enjoyed the singing Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown.

The home of Mrs. Pheobie Greene was a scene of pleasure and much joy on last Sunday when all the children and grandchildren of Mrs. Greene were present for a family reunion. Thirty-nine were present for the happy occasion. There was a most delicious dinner of which there was a bountiful supply.

Mr. Rodden of Merkel came out and made pictures of the family. Those enjoying this happy occasion are as follows: Mrs. Mary Boone and four children of Best, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Rapp Greene and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pomroy and five children; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greene and baby, of Lamesa; Mrs. Nancy Vessel and three children of Abilene; Mr. and

dent will be admitted to the Senior Class who does not have 12 credits.

Every one wishing to take the examinations will please see me some time before the day of the examinations.

The examinations for the Grammar grades will be given at the same time. All subjects that are asked for in advance will be given so please get your bid in early.

Remember school opens Sept-6th at 10:00 for pupils.

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Examination Announcement

On Thursday and Friday, September 2 and 3, examinations will be given at the high school building for pupils entering from the rural and unaffiliated schools English and History examinations will be given on Thursday and the Mathematics on Friday at 9:00 o'clock.

These examinations will also be available for any student in town or rural communities who wants to make up a subject on which they have previously failed.

I would be glad if many of the students would take advantage of this opportunity if you wish to be seniors this year and have not the full -12 credits. No stu-

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Mr. and Mrs. Noah Maynard spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt James spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson.

Sunday school next Sunday at 10 a.m. A hearty welcome to all.

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COMPERE NEWS
By Alma Stout
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Health of this community is good at present.

Most of the farmers in this section are through heading maize. Some are preparing to start picking cotton Monday.

The meeting is progressing nicely at the Presbyterian church, although there is only a small attendance on account of every one being so busy in their crops.

Mr. Allred, Harvey and Charlie Allred, and Mr. Tarvin returned Tuesday from McKinney, Texas, where they spent the last few days. Mr. Tarvin was accompanied home by his daughter Mrs. Nora Lanier and baby.

Mr. Roy Keener and Jake McDonald are visitors at Mr. Stout's at the present.

Miss Juanita Winters and brother, George, are spending the week with their aunt, Mrs. Lou Allred.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs, Ella and Hall Hobbs spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Cook.

Mrs. Ola Spurgin and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Stout and family and Hall Hobbs enjoyed a trip to Lueders about two weeks ago. Mrs. Ashby visited at Mrs. R.

R. Spurgin's Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Pearl Allred spent last week with Mrs. Allred and family.

Mrs. J. H. Hobbs and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Stout and family.

Little Neva Dell Spurgin is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ashby.

Misses Ollie Hobbs and Rose Ellington spent Monday night with Miss Ella Hobbs.

The many friends of Mrs. T. K. Marshal surprised her with a birthday dinner Sunday. The dinner was prepared and a very large crowd gathered there to enjoy the occasion with Mrs. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas spent Saturday night with Mrs. Adkins and family.

Mrs. Ola Spurgin had as her guest last week, her niece from Anson.

Miss Zenobia Lucas spent last

week with her mother Mrs. Marshall.

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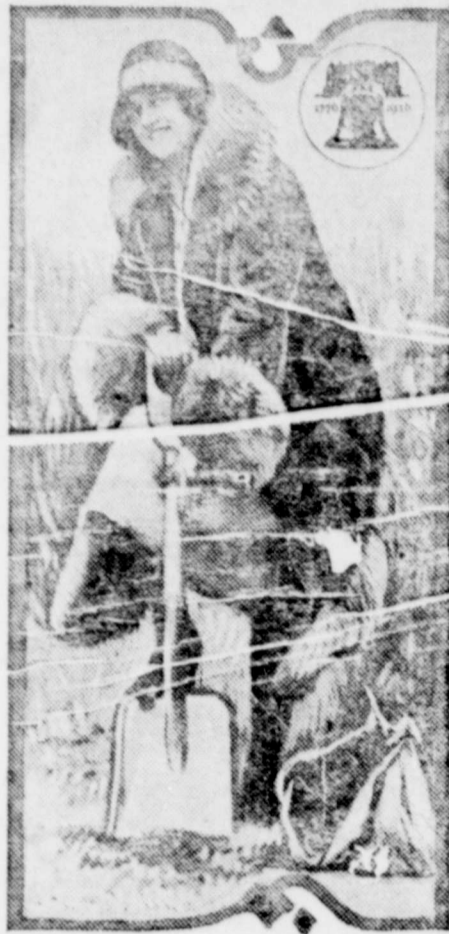
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THRILLING FREE ACTS BEFORE GRANDSTAND TO BE STATE FAIR FEATURE

In addition to the free band concerts to be offered by the Thavlu Russian band in the new Auditorium at the 1926 State Fair, Oct. 9-24, there'll be a number of spectacular free attractions, day and night, before the grand stand. Thrills galore are promised.

Visitors will note a big change in the grounds around the grand stand. The fence which heretofore encircled the race track, has been torn down completely, along with the bleachers, formerly situated just south of the race track grand stand.

Within the enclosure directly in front of where the bleachers formerly stood the forty-odd attractions of the famous Morris and Castle Shows will be located, permitting more room than was possible under the old arrangement of putting the shows alongside the old-time "Midway." The change will also do away with the crowding of the permanent amusement devices—including the ten big "rides"—located in Fair Park. All these attractions will be in operation throughout the duration of the 1926 State Fair, with plenty of elbow room for those who visit them.

The several big free acts will be presented in front of the grand stand, just as has been done in the past, but there'll be no admission charge.

FINE HEREFORD SHOWING EXPECTED AT STATE FAIR

Anticipating the most noteworthy collection of Hereford cattle in its history, and that the competition will be the keenest of record, officials of the State Fair of Texas are preparing for a Hereford exhibition at the 1926 exposition, Oct. 9-24, which will prove of paramount interest.

It is announced that Albert K. Mitchell of Albert, N. M., junior member of one of the largest firms of breeders in the Southwest, will judge the Hereford classes. Mr. Mitchell is well known, both as a breeder and as a just and fair official.

John C. Burns of Fort Worth, superintendent of the Hereford division, points out that due to the prevalence of quarantine no livestock, save horses, has been shown at the State Fair of Texas since 1823, which itself was a notable Hereford year. In 1923 there was a total of 144 head shown by breeders from Colorado, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, the entries being made up of 59 bulls, 66 females and 19 steers. All these exhibitors, with many more, according to Burns, are expected to show in 1926.

Latter-day porcelain collectors prize most highly china vases of the Ming dynasty. Several thousand years hence, maybe, collectors will prize Texas vases made from kaolin, or china clay, found in Real, Edwards and Fayette Counties. Something else that could be exhibited to advantage at the 1926 State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 9-24.

Plan Prehistoric Park

Twenty-seven acres of land just south of Hollywood will be converted into a prehistoric park by the Los Angeles Museum of History, Science and Art. A large number of bones of prehistoric animals have been found in the asphalt beds in this small area. If the plans work out, the park will be planted with trees and shrubbery as nearly as possible like those which grew there when the saber-toothed tiger, Imperial-tusked elephant and their contemporaries roamed in the jungles of southern California. Prehistoric animals, reproduced in stone, will be placed in this reconstructed jungle.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Earl Foxe



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Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Raughton of Port Arthur, after a visit here with the latter's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Cypert, returned this week to their home.

J. Greenfield and wife returned recently from a visit with relatives at Colorado.

Fly-Tox the cows before malking.

Chicken Feed—Have some good headed Maize for sale at \$1.00 per hundred pounds of heads. See J. S. Hughes. 2714p

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Eldridge and daughter, of Clyde, were here this week for a visit to their daughter, Mrs. E. L. Ash.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dry, of Dublin, Texas, are here this week for a visit with the former's mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry.

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Public Relations Commission, American Bankers Association.

ARTICLE NO. II

I FIRMLY believe that promoters and high-pressure salesmen are becoming more and more crafty. Shrewder ways are being resorted to in order to trap the novice investor. It is deplorable that the investor does not profit by experience and is victimized a second time in his endeavor to recover that which he has already lost. It is the old, old story of trying to recover, but in the attempt losing. This very hour thousands of hard-earned dollars have slipped from the grasp of the calloused hands that earned them into the clutches of unscrupulous skin-game artists. Tomorrow the scenes of today will be re-enacted with a new and larger list of victims. A month from today depositors will still be pouring an ever increasing volume of their savings into the hopper of unwise investments. A year from today the same tragedy will be re-enacted unless our savings bankers come to the rescue and help to stop this nefarious business of defrauding and swindling our savers of the fruits of their labors.

Here is a typical case. A group of men undertook to promote a vending or self-serving machine. Their plan called for the sale of \$37,000,000 worth of leases in the United States. Similar projects previously started throughout the United States had failed. As a matter of fact, the average daily sale of one of these self-service machines was only \$3.10, which in itself made it impossible for a machine to produce sufficient revenue to make it profitable. Servicing the machines was another obstacle which had not been successfully overcome. In three months the promoters were successful in selling over \$2,500,000 worth of rights to use these machines.

Here is how it catches its victims. Each victim pays \$4 and receives three one dollar coupons which she must sell to her friends, and the friends must come in and pay down \$4 each, get three coupons each which they must sell to three friends and then these friends must perpetuate the scheme by selling coupons to their friends and so on indefinitely.

Here is where the promoters make a clean-up. One of the conditions which must be met before the young woman who purchased the first coupon receives her \$10 worth of hose for \$1 is that all three to whom she sold her three coupons must come in, pay down \$4 each for three more coupons and then go out and sell them. Before the three have done this, one or perhaps all three get "cold feet" on the proposition and, rather than go out and "soak" three of their friends \$1 each, they simply give up the job and charge the loss to experience. But in doing so they also block the girl who purchased the first coupons from completing her contract, and of course she, too, loses the money she invested in the scheme.

At a glance the loss appears to be small, but the truth is the scheme is capable of such great expansion that it soon takes in hundreds and thousands of victims. This is but one of many endless chain schemes in use today in the United States.

(Article III will deal with land syndicates and loan shark plans for robbing people of their savings.)

MRS. HOOVER TURNS BRICKLAYER



Mrs. Herbert Hoover, wife of the Secretary of Commerce in President Coolidge's cabinet, is shown laying the cornerstone for the model home being erected by Better Homes in America organization at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, in Philadelphia, June 1 to December 1 to celebrate 150 years of American Independence. Opposite Mrs. Hoover stands Mrs. Vance McCormick of Harrisburg. The Girl Scouts grouped around the women will operate the house.

WE ARE NOT IN POLITICS BUT
HERE'S OUR
PLATFORM

A SQUARE DEAL TO EVERY CUSTOMER

WE WANT EVERY CUSTOMER WHO MAKES A TRANSACTION WITH US, NO MATTER HOW SMALL OR LARGE, TO FEEL THAT HE HAS HAD A SQUARE DEAL. WE WANT THE "AUTOMOBILE" PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT WE WOULD NOT BETRAY THEIR TRUST IN US.

Try Our Filling Station Service
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"A COMPLETE SERVICE"
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Judge:
TOM K. EPLEN
CARLOS D. SPECK

Jeff Petty and family visited Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Campbell last week.

Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Market. 1f



You Can Easily Kill and Prevent Bed Bugs

You can't be too careful about these horrid pests. No home is safe unless you take the right precautions. But Bee Brand Insect Powder will keep them out and it's safe and easy to use. Sprinkle thickly on springs and mattresses, into cracks and crevices. It's a clean powder that can't rust springs or stain fabrics. Better be safe than sorry. Use Bee Brand before bed bugs come. It also kills Aunts, Flies, Fleas, Mosquitoes, Roaches, Water Bugs, Moths, Lice on Fowl, and many other house and garden insects. Get Bee Brand in red and white top cans at your grocery or drug store. Household sizes, 10c and 25c. Other sizes, 50c and \$1.00. Puffer gun, 10c. If your dealer can't supply you, send us 25c for large household size. Give dealer's name and ask for free booklet, "It Kills Them," a guide for killing house and garden pests. **MCCORMICK & CO., Baltimore, Md.**



Bee Brand
INSECT POWDER

Primary School Open Sep. 6

Mrs. W. A. McSpadden announces the opening of her Primary School Monday, September 6th, at her home. Phone 115. 1t

Mrs. Emma V. Carter, of San Angelo, was here this week, guest of friends and relatives.

Tarbutton's Jewelry and Shoe Shop located between Everybody's and Corner Garage, in same building with Smith's Barber Shop. Satisfaction in this house. Adv 1tp

Misses Georgia and Helen Bowen of De Leon, Texas, were guests this week in the H. D. Simpson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter were here this week for a visit with home folks and friends, from Dallas.

Ask for our Special Cozy Theatre Tickets, given FREE with each purchase of 50c or over. Good on any Tuesday or Thursday until Nov. 25, 1926. Four tickets limited to any one purchase. BLUE FRONT SERVICE STATION, Roy Adams, prop. 1f

Restaurants should be sprayed with Fly-Tox regularly.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis had on last Sunday Mrs. Davis' brother, Dr. S. Badgley, and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Smith of Roscoe, and Mr. Joe Cox and son of Dallas, as guests.

Mrs. Robt. N. Campbell is visiting friends and relatives at Burkburnett and Wichita Falls.

FARM & RANCH LOANS

At 6, 6 1/2 and 7 per cent interest payable once a year. Terms 5, 10, 20 or 33 years, the best contract ever offered the borrower. NO RED TAPE. See me if you want a loan. V. E. MUIR, Abilene, Texas. 1Jan27

**Miss Dennis Entertains
With a Lawn Party**

A lovely affair of this week was a lawn party given by Miss Lola Dennis on last Tuesday evening. The lawn was beautifully lighted and decorated for the occasion. Large ferns together with lovely baskets and vases of cut flowers formed the decorations where five tables with lovely appointments were arranged for playing very fascinating games. Unique caps of crepe paper were furnished the guests as they found their places at the tables. These were worn throughout the evening. A dime contest was had at the close of the games, Miss Gladys Mayfield winning the prize, a paper parasol, for the girls, and Marvin Mayfield won the prize for the boys. A unique plan was used for choosing partners for the refreshments. The girls were asked to give some piece of their personal property, such as a pin or handkerchief, to the hostess, who in turn gave them to the boys who had to find the rightful owner, she being his partner for the refreshments. The refreshment plate was very delicious, consisting of sandwiches, sherbut and small cakes. Lovely little plate favors decorated each plate. Those attending were Misses Boog Sears, Gladys Mayfield, Johnnie Sears, Lucille Guitar, Melba West, Lullie Brown, Doris Durham, Eva Mae Johnson, Mona Margaret Jones, Juanita Beene, Edna Marie Jones and her friend, Miss Lela Coppinger of Cress Plains, and the hostess, Miss Lola Dennis, Messrs. Edward McCrary, Floyd Dowell, Wrenn Durham, Maben Rogers, Hubert Blair, W. L. Harkrider, Jack Anderson, Lewis Giles, Carlton Dennis and Marvin Mayfield.

Fly-Tox your kitchen. Serve appetizing food untouched by filthy flies.

**PROGRESSIVE HOUSE
PARTY FOR VISITORS**

During their short visit here Miss Marion Sheppard and friend Miss Ruth Wilkinson, of Dallas, were the attractive honorees at a progressive house party given by Miss Sheppard's relatives and friends. On Monday evening Miss Melba West was hostess to the honorees and Mildred Hamm, Flora Frances Anderson and Mary Comegys at a swimming party at Shannon's, and a slumber party at her home.

On Tuesday at the home of Mrs. S. W. Sheppard the girls were guests at an all-day hospitality. On Tuesday night Miss Flora Frances Anderson was the delightful hostess at a slumber party. On Wednesday the girls were again guests in the Sheppard home. On Wednesday evening after a delightful swim at Shannon's Miss Mildred Hamm was hostess at a farewell luncheon and slumber party. Misses Sheppard and Wilkinson returned to Dallas Thursday morning, and each guest to their respective homes after an enjoyable time spent together.

**Colored Baptist Church
Closes Meeting Here**

Rev. G. R. Guyler, colored Baptist minister, on last Sunday evening closed a very successful revival at the colored Baptist church in Merkel, and left Monday for Trent, where he is now holding a revival for the brethren of his race.

It is said that the meeting here was quite successful, there being several additions to the church, and a general uplift among the membership.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Bumpas and son, Robe Jr., of Waco, Texas, spent the week-end with Mrs. Lucy Bumpas. Mrs. Fain of Sweetwater also spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Bumpas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robe Wilson and son, Robe Jr., of Waco, Texas, Mrs. John Petty and daughter, Miss Imogene Petty and Miss Bernice Tartar of Mart, Texas, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett this week. The party was enroute to El Paso and other points in the west.

IDLEWISE CLUB

Miss Mary Cleo Booth entertained the members of the Idlewise Club and a few guests Tuesday evening at 5:30 o'clock at her home on Rose Street. Four daintily appointed tables were placed for games on the spacious lawn where Bridge furnished popular amusement. After several hours of entertainment, the hostess served delicious punch and a salad course. Those enjoying the evening with Miss Booth were Misses Ruby Hamm, Lucy Tracy, Johnnie Sears, Boog Sears, Melba West, Evelyn Hamm, Annie Mae Swann, Dillingham and Hines of Abilene; Mesdames Emmett Grimes, Earl Baze, Roy Largent, George White and Beth Hamm and Misses Annie Laura and Sue Louise Booth.

Miss Mary Eula Sears was a pleasing hostess to the Idlewise Club members and guests when she entertained with bridge at her lovely home. Attractive Tally cards matched partners for the interesting games which were enjoyed for several hours. The hostess, assisted by her sister, Miss Boog Sears, served a delightful refreshment plate at the conclusion of the games. During the evening Misses Annie Laura and Sue Booth of Fort Worth favored those present with delightful musical numbers. Club members present were Misses Lucy Tracy, Mary Cleo Booth, Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, Mesdames Sie Branton, Emmette Grimes, George White, Bill Haynes, Earl Baze. Guests were Misses Annie Laura and Sue Booth, Lorena Dry, Lillian Watts, and Mrs. Chas. Jones.

**Miss Grayson Entertains in
Honor of Mr. Hill of Burleson**

On last Wednesday evening Miss Effie Grayson entertained a few friends at her home in honor of Mr. Ernest Hill of Burleson, Texas. Many interesting games were played which caused a great deal of fun and amusement. Delicious ice cream was then served to the following guests: Misses Leona Mullen, Neta Smith, Annie Reeves, Mary Parrack, Thelma Beavers of Burleson, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Riley, Messrs. Ernest Hill, Earl and Burl Walker, Evan Allen, Jesse Reeves, Granville and Clarence Grayson, Tom Beene, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Grayson of Burleson.

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We Are Ready To Gin Your Cotton

Our Plant is equipped with the latest improved machinery and we can give you the best service.

**We Have Both Round and Square Bales
Sam Swan Gin**



Just around the Corner

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

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

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

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

Carlos D. Speck FOR COUNTY JUDGE

Jude Speck has been handicapped during his first term in the construction of our highways by circumstances over which he has no control. Through his untiring efforts many of the difficulties have been overcome. Practically all sections of our highways are in the process of letting or construction.

We feel that the interests of Taylor County can best be served during this critical period of our road work by the re-election of Judge Carlos D. Speck. Don't you know that a change would necessarily mean a delay in the highway program until the new incumbent familiarized himself with the duties now familiar to the present incumbent?

Why defeat an honest public servant right when he is beginning to get satisfactory results? We hope you will vote for him for a second term, and ask your friends to do so.

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