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MORE THAN \$500.00 FOR FAIR PREMIUMS

Folks, the plans are complete, the stage is set and everything is in readiness for the biggest and best Community Fair ever held in this city. The time for this great community event to take place is September 16, 17 and 18, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The big Armory building, where same is to be held, will be in readiness long before the big event shall have been officially opened.

Besides the various exhibits in agricultural, poultry, livestock textile and culinary departments, and the merchants' booths, and automobile show, there will be various entertainment features, a midway, carnival, tent shows, and other attractions.

\$500.00 in Premiums

Through the efforts of the finance committee, appointed by the Luncheon Club, and the big-heartedness and generous spirit of the business men and citizens, the sum of \$535.00 has been subscribed for premiums, and let us say here that every dollar of the amount has been well and properly placed.

\$50 For Community Exhibit

And say, folks, the big sum of \$50.00 has been set aside for the best Community Display of agricultural products, with \$40.00 for the second best, and \$30.00 for third and \$20.00 for fourth. Ten dollars will be given to all other communities not winning a prize that complete the score card as listed in the fair catalogue. Think of it, four grand premiums, and every community entering wins at least \$10.00.

We sincerely trust and expect every school community within the Merkel trade territory to enter a community exhibit. If you have not already made plans to bring such an exhibit to the Merkel Community Fair, take it upon yourself to call a meeting of the citizens and make the needed and necessary plans. It will be well worth your time and efforts, because of the splendid community spirit brought about by the interest in the contest. It will help every farmer to learn just what his neighbor is doing in his line.

Every industry has been taken care of in the long and large list of premiums offered. In the livestock industry there are some fine premiums offered for cattle, hogs, etc. Also the poultry industry comes in for some handsome and worthwhile premiums. And all of these should find many entries. Let every raiser of livestock, poultry, etc. make plans to bring their best products.

Premiums for Boys and Girls

The Fair committee has been careful not to overlook the various Farm Boys and Girls, such as pig and maize clubs. There are some nice premiums offered and we urge every one to look carefully over the list as given in the Community Fair Catalogue, which has just been printed and will reach you soon if you have not already received one. Every home in the Merkel Trade Territory will receive one of these catalogues. Some have already been given out and every body who has seen one is very complimentary of the arrangements and get-up of this first Catalogue of the Merkel Community Fair. Read it carefully. Read the rules for entry and exhibit. Read the advertisements. Read it all.

Premiums for Ladies

The Fair committee has wisely and carefully looked after the interests of the ladies and are offering many premiums which will interest them. We ask them to look carefully through the

catalogue for their departments. Entertainment Galore

The amusement and entertainment committee has been working hard and faithfully to bring to the fair some interesting amusements, and there is every indication that they have succeeded well. One of the big events will be a football game between two of the best and fastest teams to be had. And this committee informs us that they have made arrangements for the coming of a Carnival Company, one that they say is absolutely clean and up-to-date. And then the well-known and popular Brunk's Comedians will be here on the 13th for a week's engagement, and it is likely that a big rodeo will be here also.

For further full particulars about the big Community Fair read the big Community Fair Edition of The Merkel Mail next week.

EXPECTS TO MAKE SEVENTY-FIVE BALES

Mr. J. C. Hartline, who resides a short distance south of Tye, was in the city Wednesday and Thursday with cotton which he stated he had ginned round bale at the Sam Swann gin. He brought in 2240 pounds of seed cotton on Wednesday and 2480 on Thursday and reports a fine turnout and having received eighteen and one-half cents per pound. Mr. Hartline reports fine feed and excellent cotton. He thinks he will gather around 75 bales of cotton. He reads the Merkel Mail and comes to Merkel to have his cotton ginned because he gets the service he likes, he said.

Mrs. H. F. Groene returned last week from an extended and pleasant visit with friends in Siloam Springs, Ark., she having accompanied Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Turner of the Stith community to the Arkansas health and pleasure resort, where they went to visit their son, Hayden Turner, a prominent business man of that city.

Elder W. G. Cypert left this week for Putnam, where he will engage in a ten days revival meeting, beginning Friday evening.

JIM AND MA LOSE "DAN'S THE MAN"

Election returns Thursday gave Dan Moody 218,174 clear majority over his opponent, Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, for governor of Texas. The vote was at that time: Moody 484,464; Ferguson 268,290.

For state Treasurer the vote was: Hatcher (incumbent) 401,599. Ball 270,772.

Claude Pollard lead James V. Allred in the race for Attorney General by 7,232 at six Wednesday. The vote at that time was: Pollard 354,764; Allred 347,533.

Another close race was that for Court of Civil Appeals in which Hickman led Davenport by slightly more than 2,000 votes. The totals were Hickman 27,518. Davenport 25,355. Fifteen of the 19 counties in the district were complete.

MR. E. L. TURNER BUYS BRICK BUILDING

We are informed that Mr. Ed Turner, one of our splendid Cafe men, has recently purchased the brick building now occupied by the Porter Grocery.

We have not learned whether Mr. Turner will occupy the building with his cafe or not. However it is likely that he will remain in his present location, as will the Porter Grocery. This is good property and we are glad Mr. Turner becomes owner of same.

Returns from Vacation Trip

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott and son, Burneal, returned this week from a very pleasant vacation trip to East and South Texas. They visited San Antonio, Houston and Galveston. Mr. Scott also stated that they made the trip in one of the new 1927 model Fords and that they got from 28 to 30 miles to the gallon of gas, and returned home with the same air pressure in the tires that was in them when they left here. They report a very fine trip.

Last week a fine baby boy came to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Logan.

BIG EXCURSION TO EL PASO SATURDAY

The Texas and Pacific announce they will operate an extremely low rate Special Train Excursion to El Paso Labor Day.

Special Train will be operated Saturday, September 4th, arriving in El Paso early Sunday morning, September 5. Returning, Special Train will leave El Paso 9:00 P.M. Monday, September 6th, allowing two full days in El Paso.

The Special Train will carry coaches, chair cars, diner and both standard and tourist sleeping cars.

Previous Excursions of a similar nature to El Paso have been very successful, and the outlook is very bright for the forthcoming Labor Day Excursion, according to George D. Hunter, General Passenger Agent, Dallas. Ample accommodations will be provided to insure absolute comfort and an enjoyable trip to those who go on this excursion.

FAIR EDITION OF THE MAIL BE NEXT WEEK

In order that we may help to more completely advertise the Community Fair, the Merkel Mail will issue a Big Community Fair Special next week. In order that every one may have a copy of this issue we will distribute a copy to every box holder in the city and on the Merkel routes, whether a subscriber or not. We are glad to do this as our bit in advertising and helping to make the Fair a success.

Many have already spoken for advertising space, which we appreciate very much, as to put out such an issue will entail considerable expense. However, since the paper is to go into every home in the entire community, those taking space will no doubt find same to be an extraordinarily good advertising medium. We are not going to raise the price of advertising space for this issue, for we are doing our best to serve the community by assisting in putting the Merkel Community Fair over the top.

If you want advertising space in this issue better speak early.

THE MERKEL VOTE IN THE RUN-OFF PRIMARY

For Governor:	
Moody	550
Ferguson	141
For Attorney General:	
Allred	414
Pollard	242
For State Treasurer:	
Hatcher	463
Ball	183
For Court Civil Appeals:	
Davenport	333
Hickman	295
For County Judge:	
Eplin	418
Speck	254

C. E. CONVENTION SNYDER 10, 11, 12

Abilene Christian Endeavor Convention will meet at Snyder Sept. 10, 11 and 12.

We are planning to make this a most interesting and profitable convention. Our banquet will be on Saturday night. Rev. J. T. McKissick of Sweetwater and our most efficient field secretary, Jack Huppertz, will be here. You should plan to be here for the Saturday evening program and banquet if you cannot attend any other time.

We are offering three prizes. Four dollars to be given to the Society that registers 100 per cent of its membership, first; Two dollars and fifty cents will be given to the Society that registers the largest number in attendance. One dollar will be given to the Society that registers the most members.

Senior and Intermediate registrations are 50 cents and Juniors are 25 cents.

Send registrations to Miss Alma Dorsett, Snyder, Chairman of registration committee. You should send at once as time of convention is drawing close at hand. You may win one of the prizes by putting forth some effort to get your entire society interested in our District Convention.

A social is now being planned for Friday night after the meeting. This will be primarily a "get-acquainted" hour, but a short program will be rendered and refreshments served.

All registered delegates will be entertained free.

We would be very much pleased if every Society Supt. will insist on every member of his society taking part in the answer box. Ten questions have been sent to every society in the district. Best answers to be read before convention. This can be made a very interesting part of our membership program if the members of our societies will respond to these requests and we are sure they will.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garland are happy to have with them for a few days visit their son, Guy, who has just finished his first year in the Naval Academy at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. H. P. Hulsey and family had as their guest this week, the former's mother, Mrs. J. W. Hulsey, and sister, Miss Ethel Hulsey, also a brother, Robert Hulsey and son, all from Hunt county. They will go from here to Amarillo for a visit with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown returned this week from a ten days vacation trip, after spending several days in the wholesale markets, where they purchased the fall and winter stock of goods for the Brown Dry Goods Company. They visited in Cleburne, Glen Rose and other East Texas points.

MERKEL SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY 6TH

On next Monday the 1926-27 term of the Merkel Public Schools will open with Mr. Irvin L. Jackson as Superintendent, Mr. T. L. Carlton as Eastland as Principal of the High School, and Mrs. Len C. Sublett as Principal of the Grammar School.

Mr. Jackson has for the past several years been the able and energetic Principal and Coach of Athletics, and will no doubt make the same good record for efficiency in his position as Superintendent as he has in the former position. He is a young man, well qualified, and has every determination to make the school a success in every particular. He earnestly and sincerely solicits the cooperation of every patron in the solution of any matter that may come up, which he will no doubt desire to be done in a way that will be helpful and beneficial to the pupils interested.

Mr. Carlton, who was principal and coach at Eastland last year, comes to us mostly highly recommended as a man of ability in the school room and an excellent instructor. He, with his mother, we are informed, have apartments at the C. E. Jacobs home.

Mrs. L. C. Sublett, mentioned above as Principal of the Grammar School, has held that position efficiently and satisfactorily for the past two terms, and will no doubt continue to maintain her excellent record.

A list of the other teachers is not at hand at present but many have been teaching here for several years, and every one has made good. The new ones are most all experienced and come recommended highly.

To make any school a success there must be a competent, capable, high class faculty, and that faculty must enjoy and have the backing of a cooperative patronage. In other words they must have the cooperation of the parents of the students, and the parents must see to it that the students give their teachers a proper cooperation and respect.

Tom Henderson and family recently returned from a very pleasant visit with old friends and relatives in Wood county, from which place they moved to this community. Mr. Henderson reports the cotton crop apparently very short in that country.

Miss Lillian Watts left this week for St. Louis, where she will perform as bridesmaid in the wedding of her cousin, Miss Alice Slusher, of that city.

Mr. J. A. Woodard Merkel's very efficient and capable city Marshal, returned Tuesday from a vacation trip to El Paso and points West.

Mr. C. A. Hudson of the Stith community was here recently and reported that he had just finished gathering his maize, which was very good, and stated his cotton was about as good as last year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McDonald of Dora, returned last week from Canyon, where they spent the summer attending the State Teachers College, located in that city. Mr. McDonald is the very popular and efficient Superintendent of the Dora Schools, while his wife is also a teacher in the schools there.

RIDER STUDIO

Opens fall term in Merkel September 3, at Mrs. McSpadden's. Phone 115. Itp

"The Prisoners Song"



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W. L. Ditz, Cashier	Dallas Scarbrough
	David Hendricks

Primary School Open Sep. 6

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

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wilburn of Clovis, N. M., recently visited Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston.

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

Mrs. W. D. Stalls and son Joe Stalls and family of Deport and Bogota, respectively, are here for a visit with their son and brother, Mr. L. L. Murray, and family.

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THE BASIC TROUBLE WITH AMERICAN AGRICULTURE

Many Mythical Causes Given But the Chief Financial Problem Rises From Inflation of Capital Account Based on War Prices—Remedy Pointed Out—"Trick Legislation" Will Not Help.

By MELVIN A. TRAYLOR

First Vice President American Bankers Association.

IN recent years agriculture and the welfare of the farmer have been our most fruitful topics of conversation. Political fortunes have revolved around the unhappy situation of the farmer and the business barometer has gone up and down with varying proposals for his relief. Only a few years ago there was widespread feeling voiced by the leading agriculturists that the time was fast approaching when America would not be able to feed its rapidly increasing population unless there was improvement in soil culture, fertilization, reforestation and larger production. What is the situation now? The worry seems no longer to be for food for the hungry millions but for more millions to consume our tons of food.



M. A. Traylor

Evangelists of despair have talked so much about over-production and surplus of agricultural products since 1920 that we are warranted in calling attention to a fact or two which may be enlightening to those who have felt that there has been a crushing surplus of the staples of the farm. From 1911 to 1915 average production of cotton was 14,175,000 bales at an average price of 12.41 cents per pound, while from 1921 to 1925 production averaged 11,362,000 bales at an average price of 21.85 cents per pound. In the 1911-1915 period wheat production averaged 806,358,000 bushels at an average price of 89 cents, while in 1921-1925 the average production was 804,384,000 bushels at a \$1.11½ average; in the former period corn averaged 2,754,000,000 bushels at 60.3 cents while in the latter the average was 2,873,000,000 at 69.6 cents. Cattle on farms for 1911-1915 were 37,178,000 at an average estimated price of \$26.52 while in the latter period the annual average was 41,616,000 at \$26.08. Hogs on farms in the first period were 63,151,000 at an average price of \$9.58 per head, and in the latter 60,418,000 at \$11.34.

The Surplus Production Myth
From these figures, which eliminate the period that embraced the war and the early post-war inflation, it will be observed that, with the exception of cotton and cattle, production has been almost uniform in the two periods. In no case has production anywhere approached an increase commensurate with the increase in population. So-called surplus production is largely a myth and the cause of the farmer's complaint must be looked for in some other direction. It must be admitted that all has not been and is not well with this industry. After all, what is the matter with agriculture? There are a few facts which seem obvious as a part at least of the underlying causes of the situation and which suggest something of the remedy that sooner or later must be applied.

Present difficulties had their inception largely in inflation of prices for agricultural products from 1915 to 1920 with consequent large expansion of profits. This led inevitably with the farmer as with the manufacturer to expansion of plant and equipment—the acquirement by the individual of larger acreage and modern, if not always efficient, machinery. These statements do not apply to every one because there are always some who play safely and conservatively, proved by the fact that there are millions of farmers who have gone through the recent crisis without any difficulty and are today prosperous and contented. In fact the complaints today are coming from less than 25 per cent of the farmers of the country and from the hordes of politicians who are seeking to make capital out of the situation.

Results of Inflation and Expansion
With the average and with the majority of those who were swept off their feet by the wave of prosperity through which they were passing, let us analyze the results of this inflation and expansion. The farmer operating on land that he was carrying in his capital account at a value of, say, \$100 per acre, and who perhaps had a loan of \$50 an acre, suddenly found that, because of the increased profits from his operations, his land had a market value of \$200 per acre and that, if he had a new tractor and some new farm machinery, he could greatly increase his production. But if he did that he would need a larger barn and more warehouse facilities. The chances are that with an appraisal of \$200 per acre on his land he increased his loan to \$100 per acre, thereby doubling his capital account and his bonded debt—not out of earnings but because of his ability to effect a "clean write-up" of 100 per cent of his plant account.

If he did not effect the doubling of his capital account in this manner, and if his \$100 acre farm was clear, he probably bought his neighbor's farm for \$200 per acre and mortgaged both the new and the old for \$100 per acre. In this latter case, he increased his capital account 150 per cent.

It is easy to see what this did to his net percentage of income. If he had been able to make 6 per cent on his original investment, without any allowance for the increased cost of operations which of course did take place, he cut his net income, based upon his capitalization, about one-half when he had completed his expansion program. But worse than that happened. His calculations had been made upon a price for his product which reflected wartime demand and buying power of government money which were suddenly curtailed. With

demand gone and buying power withdrawn he found his gross selling price cut in two. His gross at the high figure had enabled him to make 3 per cent net on his new capitalization. This now was cut one-half by the reduction of his gross selling price and instead of making a 6 per cent return, as he was able to do perhaps on his original \$100 acre farm, he has since been lucky if he has made 1½ per cent on his new capital account.

The Remedy

I am confident that something of this kind underlies 75 per cent of the present difficulty. How can it be remedied? I believe that time and intelligent hard work is the surest restorative of better conditions. No magic of trick legislation can accomplish the result. There are a few facts which must be faced and accepted before a start to better things can be made. The first and most important is recognition that farming never was, is not now, and I do not believe ever will be a so-called money-making proposition. By this I mean a business in which a man may engage with the certainty of being able over a period of years from the production and sale of farm commodities to accumulate great wealth.

There are those who will say that unless farming can be made a successful money-making proposition there is no hope for the future of the country. My argument with such people will turn on the correct definition of what is a satisfactory money-making business. I believe that if farming is intelligently and industriously followed it is a satisfactory business but I do not believe that it is sufficiently a money-making proposition to attract those who are ambitious to play for big fortunes.

There are those also who say that many men have grown rich in the past in agriculture. I do not think they have from the mere production and sale of farm commodities. The men who have grown rich in the past from agriculture have owed their success most largely to the ownership of what would now be considered very cheap lands, which over a period of years have shown quadruple and more appreciation in value.

The Advantages of Farm Life

But if agriculture does not mean great wealth, and it certainly does not involve a life of idleness, ease, or luxury, it does mean much more. It means if intelligently and industriously followed a character of independence vouchsafed to no other trade or profession. How do I know this? I know it by experience and I know it by observation. The farmers of today have more good, wholesome food than any man working on a salary of \$2,500 per year can buy for his family and be able to pay his grocery bill without paying any other of his debts. The farmers who are complaining of their inability to make money enough to pay for their necessities of life are enjoying at home as a natural heritage of their business comforts and luxuries which the man in the industrial centers working for a salary is spending every dollar of his income to obtain and then is not getting anything commensurate with those enjoyed by the farmer.

It is these so-called unledged items of the farmer's income that are too often lost sight of in the calculations made by our reformer friends who would legislate a living wage and universal prosperity to those engaged in agriculture. If the farmer as a whole would be happy again he must take stock of his blessings and thank God for them, get rid of his quack doctors of political bunkum, revalue his plant and equipment, and start over again in full knowledge of the fact that he must face keen and effective competition, that he must work hard and intelligently, that he must calculate in his income inherent and undeniable items, which are not measured in dollars and cents.

When he does this, I feel perfectly certain that over a period of years, taking the good and the bad as it comes to all classes of business, he will find that he has lived well, that he has had a fair margin for the enjoyment of all the necessities of life and a surplus for those luxuries which he has a right to claim, and above all, that he will have had a chance to be an independent individual, a real man and a self-respecting citizen.



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CHURCHES

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

10 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. and 8 p.m. preaching by the pastor.

7 p.m. all B.Y.P.U.'s.
Every BAPTIST in the Merkel community is urged to come to Sunday School promptly at 10 o'clock. Vacation days are over and our people are back home again from their summer trips, and we insist that every one come to his place Sunday.

We have felt the need for an Adult Union in our church for a long time. Interest has been growing and several of our people want a Baptist Adult People's Union. So we urge all of our Adults who can attend this Union, to meet with the B.Y.P.U. in the opening exercises at 7:00 o'clock to organize an Adult Union. This organization can be a great help to all our B.Y.P.U.'s. We can ALL be in a TRAINING service. Let us make this training service blend with the evening preaching service, going from one service to the other without a break.

The choir is beginning a new year's work. And all our people who can sing—many of our young people who have not been singing in the choir, are urged to join. Also all who play instruments are requested to meet with the choir each Wednesday evening.

Come for prayer meeting at 8 o'clock and remain for choir practice immediately after.

Since school days are here again, we trust that every individual will line up in the Lord's work, and make this the most

active and best year in our church life.

All visitors are cordially invited to attend all our services.
Holland Teaff.

METHODIST CHURCH

All services at the Methodist Church were well attended last Sunday. We expect even more improvement next Sunday.

Sunday school at 9:45. Hope that each member of the school will make special effort to be on time Sunday. A brief intermission at the close of the Sunday School.

Worship at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Rev. W. E. Lyon, presiding Elder of the Abilene District, will preach for us both hours Sunday. The public is invited to attend all our services.

W. R. McCarter.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Senior Christian Endeavor at 7 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

Choir practice Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to worship with us.
Chas. H. Little.

Senior League Program

Hymn.
Leader, Lewis Giles.
Scripture lesson, Neh. 1:1-4.

Use these texts for short talks:

Heartily, Col. 3:23, Mary Hutchinson.

Partners with God, 1 Cor. 3:9.

Fred Giles.

Celebrate Labor Day IN EL PASO

\$12 ROUND TRIP



LEAVE MERKEL 3:10 P. M.
Saturday, Sept. 4th.
ARRIVE EL PASO 7:15 A. M. Sunday

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Doing good to all, Gal. 6:10,
Hallie Pike.

Caring for the needy, Psalm
41:1, Tommie Durham.

No Credit sought, Matt. 6:3,
Robert Mayfield.

Special song, Sallie Brown.
Hymn; Benediction.

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fall clothes and make them al-
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Intermediate League Program

Subject: "God's Ownership"
Song; Prayer.
Scripture John 15:14-16; Eph.
2:10, by leader.

Leader, J. T. Darsey.
Self, Nadine Tippett.

Time, Thelma Leach.

Energy, Eleanor Mae Hamil-
ton. Ability, Lola Mae Riddle.

Riches, O. B. Boden.

Deeds, Milton Case.

Service, Ethel Hamilton.

Song; Benediction.

Senior B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: Living Right.
Leader, Austry Porter.
Introduction, by leader.

1. Get right with God, Nell Swann.

2. Saved by Grace, Andrew Jones.

3. Keep right with God, Fannie Bell Boaz.

(a) By resisting the Devil, Floyd Dowell.

4. Work right with God, Helen Booth.

(b) Obedience to God's Com-
mands, Byers Petty.

5. End right with God, Wil-
liam Wozencraft.

Everybody welcome and bring
some one with you and have a
good program on "How we
Ought to Live".

All adults are especially in-
vited for we have a place for you
and your children. We are going
to organize an adult B.Y.P.U., so
come and let's make the Lord's
work grow. All B.Y.P.U.'s meet
promptly at 7 o'clock.

MEN, are you permitting your
wife to do your washing and
ironing? Make her health and
life last longer by sending it to
the laundry. Remember that
Monday morning and phone 133J
J. E. Harris, the Laundryman. tf

Watch Elimination!

Good Health Depends Upon Good
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RETENTION of bodily waste in
the blood is called a "toxic con-
dition." This often gives rise to a
dull, languid feeling and, sometimes,
toxic backaches and headaches. That
the kidneys are not functioning prop-
erly is often shown by burning or
scanty passage of secretions. Thou-
sands have learned to assist their
kidneys by drinking plenty of pure
water and the occasional use of a
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Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: With Jesus in Galilee
Early Ministry, Louise Booth.
Jesus' Time of Popularity,
Ruth Simpson.

Jesus the Friend, William
Sheppard.

Jesus the Leader, Maurine
Davis.

Jesus the preacher, Claude
Cash.

All members be sure and be
present. All visitors welcome.
B.Y.P.U. starts at 7 promptly.

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In Bulletin No. 1408 the U. S.
Dept. of Agriculture it was stat-
ed that flies deposit disease
germs in two ways. "Not only in
the excreta but also in the regur-
gitated matter sometimes
called vomit spots." The fly is
the filthiest insect known. Do
not tolerate a single one. Fly-Tox
your home against flies and
other insects. Fly-Tox has a
pleasant odor. It is harmless to
mankind and animals. It will not
stain. Get Fly-Tox from your
dealer, always in bottles with
blue label.

Good clothes to make a man,
Good Signs to make a business.
Let me sign your Fair Adver-
tising. ED RISTER. tf

Nice fresh roasted beef every
day at Baker & Wheeler's Mar-
ket. tf

Call for your Merchants Show
Tickets with each 50 cents pur-
chase of gas and oil at the Blue
Front Service Station. tf

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst left
this week for a business trip to
Plainview, where they have some
valuable business property.



BRASS BUTTONS

For so many years that they are almost past counting, the British fighting men wore brass buttons on his uniform. Bright brass buttons, polished and polished and polished gleaming brighter than gold in the sun. And in the brightness of those buttons was reflected the pride of the British soldier in his country and himself.

War came in 1914. Twentieth Century efficiency in the War College looked at those bright brass buttons and frowned. How foolish, said the experts, to send a man into the field with that kind of gleaming target stuck on his breast for the enemy to spot afar. Away went the bright brass buttons, covered up under a drab coat of bronze varnish. And away went the buffer and the can of metal polish that for so many years had been a necessity in the kit of every Tommy.

And with the buffer and the can of polish went a large slice of the vaunted morale of the British fighting man. For generations in the British army the meticulous shining of those buttons had epitomized the iron discipline that required every British soldier to look as well as act like a soldier. When he quit shining his buttons, he quit shining his shoes, quit cleaning his clothes, quit washing his face. Discipline slumped and morale slackened. And for want of a brass button to shine, the driving force of those great British armies wavered and slowed.

So came swiftly an order from headquarters. And off came the bronze varnish. Back came the cleaning rags and the buffers and the polish. And rain or shine, through mud and dust and filth—through grimy billet and stinking trench, the British Tommy shined his way back to glory and to victory.

Well trimmed lawns and hedges; well kept flower beds; neat, clean buildings with shining, clean windows and well scrubbed floors; tools and equipment bright and orderly and well tended—these things intrinsically have no part in production of the kilowatts of electric energy you use. But they have a very important part in the morale and the efficiency of the organization that day and night, is serving you.

This company believes in BRASS BUTTONS.

**West Texas Utilities
Company**

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**BIG COMPANY HELPS
LOCAL MERCHANTS KEEP
BUSINESS AT HOME**

How one of the largest manu-
facturing concerns in the coun-
try cooperates with their deal-
ers to keep local business in the
hands of local concerns, was in-
terestingly brought out in a talk
with one of our leading tire mer-
chants last week.

The company to which he
pointed particularly for its work
in this direction is The United
States Rubber Company, which
has perhaps gone further along
these lines than any other tire
concern.

There are several reasons, a-
side from the very good point
of keeping home money at home,
why our own local tire stores
are the logical place to buy tires
rather than the mail order hous-
es in distant places.

Tires need looking after by an
experienced tire man. He must
have a well equipped and well
stocked shop and be able to tell
whether a tire is doing its work
properly, and if not, why not.

For instance an expert tire
man can tell whether tires are
wearing unduly because of the
wheels being out of alignment
and can correct the trouble in
time.

If improperly equalized brakes
are causing tire wear, the tire
man can tell that and warn the
owner.

This sort of service you can
not expect when you buy tires

from mail order houses.
The United States Tire Com-
pany started eleven years ago to
educate people to their interest
in supporting the legitimate
home town tire dealer.

In addition to running its own
educational campaign in local
papers without interruption for
eleven consecutive years, the
Company encourages the dealer
to supplement it with advertis-
ing of his own and helps him do
it. Under certain conditions it
even shares the expense of the
dealer's own advertising.

Recent improvements in pro-
duction methods now enable the
United States Rubber Company to
market, through the local
dealers, tires of known quality,
bearing the Company's trade
mark and full warranty, for as
little money or even less than
the cost of mail order tires or
off-brand tires of uncertain
value.

To The Automobile Public

I have severed my connection
as mechanic with the Corner
Garage, and am now located in
the Blue Front Service Station
and Garage, where I am pre-
pared to do any and all kinds of Re-
pair work.

C. S. (Charlie) HIGGINS.

LADIES DRESSES are given
careful attention when placed in
our hands for cleaning. We re-
turn them the same day, and
you can wear them at once—NO
GAS ODOR. Just phone 133J
and we'll call for it. J. E. Harris,
the Laundryman. tf

Miss Mary Kate Campbell left
this week for Canyon where she
will again teach in the public
school for the next term.

—NOTICE—

WOODMEN CIRCLE MEMBER
All members are urged to be
present at the Circle meeting
Friday afternoon at 3:30, Sept.
3rd. It is time to elect new offi-
cers. ltp

**STATE FAIR OF 1926
TO CHRONICLE FORTY
YEARS OF PROGRESS**

Great Educational Institution in
structs in Every Line of
Human Endeavor.

Nearly half a century of Progress
and development in Texas and the
Southwest will be chronicled through
the fortieth annual State Fair of
Texas to be held at Dallas, Oct. 4
to Oct. 24, 1926.

Premiums and awards to be of-
fered at the 1926 exposition encom-
pass departments significant of every
activity carried on throughout the
magnificent reaches of the great
Lone Star State.

Forty years ago—in 1886—the
State Fair of Texas came into be-
ing. Every year since, under the di-
rection of a group of far-sighted
patriotic, earnestly loyal Texas busi-
ness men, it has been demonstrated
to hundreds of thousands of visitors
by means of comprehensive phys-
ical displays, the adaptability, pro-
ductiveness and efficiency of Texas
and the Southwest.

Great Educational Institution.
Educational in the broadest sense
and co-operating with other Texas
educational institutions—notably the
Agricultural and Mechanical College
—the State Fair of Texas runs the
whole gamut of instruction to those
who would find out, from agriculture
—in which it is the ranking state—
through the list, including cattle
raising, dairying, general livestock
production, manufacturing and ex-
ports, progress in the fine arts, the
latest developments in implements
and machinery of every descrip-
tion, port facilities, poultry produc-
tion, mineral resources and mining
development, progress in engineering
and various classes of construction
—every enterprise in which the
human mind is interested.

Operated with no thought save that
which will come through develop-
ment of Texas and the Southwest,
the State Fair of Texas is entirely
unselfish in its aims. With physical
properties and equipment, including
permanent buildings, valued at more
than \$3,500,000, the home of the
State Fair is the 157-acre Fair Park
tract, owned by the City of Dallas
and maintained as a public park the
year round.

They asked Thomas Aloysius
McSweeney, who hailed from old Grand
Saline, what he thought of the Fair
after he'd visited there, and Thomas
replied: "It's sure keen."

It might be said that the State
Fair of Texas is now fair, fat and
forty. The fortieth annual expo-
sition will be held at Dallas Oct.
4-24 next.

Dinner-Horn

When James Stephen Hogg,
former governor of Texas, was
a "one-gallus" lad on a Wood
county farm, he was summoned
to his dinner by a dulcet blast
from an old-fashioned cow-horn.

J. F. Reeves of Mineola, long-
time and consistent booster of
Wood county's agricultural possi-
bilities, has the horn, which
he cherishes as an historic
relic of Hogg and of early days
in Texas.

When the big Agricultural
Day dinner is given at the State
Fair of Texas this year, the
diners will be summoned to the
banquet just as Hogg was when
a boy. A veteran bugler of the
Civil War is said to be practic-
ing a letter-day mess call on the
homely instrument, and this is
to be a signal for the guests at
the dinner to "come and get
it."

Peace, Goodwill



**NORTH TEXAS A.&M.
ENROLLMENT GROWS**

The North Texas Junior Agri-
cultural College located at Ar-
lington, Texas, enrolls about
seven hundred students each
year. It is a branch of the Agri-
cultural and Mechanical College
of Texas and is open to both
boys and girls. It is particu-
larly interested in vocational and
industrial education. Such work
as dairying, poultry husbandry,
home making, poultry husbandry,
home making, automobile me-
chanics, farm mechanics, busi-
ness accounting, electrical, me-
chanical, civil and architectural
engineering, and the like, consti-
tute the greater portion of its
curriculum.

In this institution are a great
many mature students, "over
age" students, who are complet-
ing their high school studies.
This group comprised approxi-
mately thirty-five percent of the
enrollment last year. For the
most part, they are from the
rural and village districts that
do not have accredited high
schools. The North Texas Agri-
cultural College gives these per-
sons their high school work in
an adult, college environment.
This is a great thing for them.
These high minded, "over age"
students, who have a mature,
definite purpose in life, but have
never had a fair educational op-
portunity, are thus given a
chance to complete their high
school work in an adult group
rather than among erratic child-
ren much younger than them-
selves. After graduating from
the high school department, if they
so desire they may then do the
two years of college work cover-
ed by the North Texas Agri-
cultural College course of study.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wilburn of
Clovis, N. M., recently visited
Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston.

Philathea Class Entertainment

In honor of the girls leaving
for school the Philathea Sunday
School class of the Baptist
Church entertained with a lovely
party at Shannon's Pool last
Tuesday evening. Miss Maxie
Banner kept the girls in an ap-
pear of laughter with interesting
games, after which delicious ice
cream was served to the follow-
ing: Misses Maxie Banner, Em-
ma Toombs, Godie Richie, Flos-
sie Campbell, Thelma Copland,
Mary Alice Johnson, Austry Por-
ter, Mildred Swafford and Elsie
Richie.

Mrs. Willie and Mrs. Ella
Adams of Bomarton were here
this week for a visit with Mr.
and Mrs. Ed Turner.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail



WE NOW HAVE A COMPLETE LINE OF

**Cooper Tires
And Tubes**

All we ask is that you try one
Satisfaction Guaranteed

Long Service Balloon 29-4-40 . . .	\$14.00
Heavy Duty Cord, 30x3 1/2	8.75
Heavy Duty Red Tubes, 30x3 1/2 . . .	2.75

other prices in comparison

Merkel Motor Co.

Ford SALES AND SERVICE

**ARVEL FOSTER PASSES
TO HEAVENLY REWARD**

After a lingering malady and
illness of many months duration
Arvel Foster, eldest son of Mr.
and Mrs. S. P. Foster, died in a
Wichita Falls Sanitarium at an
early hour on last Friday morn-
ing, August 27, and his remains
were shipped to this city, where
on Saturday funeral services
were held at the family home in
the south part of the city, con-
ducted by Rev. Ira L. Parrack,
and Rev. Chas. H. Little, with
burial immediately after in the
Rose Hill Cemetery, in charge of
the members of the Masonic
Lodge, Arvel being a member of
both the Masonic and Odd Fel-
low Lodges of this city.

Arvel, as he was so familiar-
ly and well known by his host of
friends here, had been reared in
this community, and stood in the
highest admiration of every one
who knew him. In fact, he was

always considered by every one
as a most excellent, hard work-
ing, honest, upright citizen.

He is survived by his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Foster, and
one brother, Clyde, all of this
city, and this paper joins the en-
tire citizenship in extending to
them deepest sympathy during
this their sorrowful and sad
hour.

We regret to learn of the death
of Mrs. Ruth Buchanan, who un-
til her marriage was Miss Ruth
Daniel of this city, but who had
moved to Sweetwater three
weeks ago. She died Sunday
evening at six p.m., leaving a fine
baby boy. The remains were
removed to Gorman, Texas for
interment in the family ceme-
tery there.

Mrs. T. P. Allday returned
this week from a visit with her
daughter, Mrs. Shaffer, at Tex-
line, Texas.

Announcement

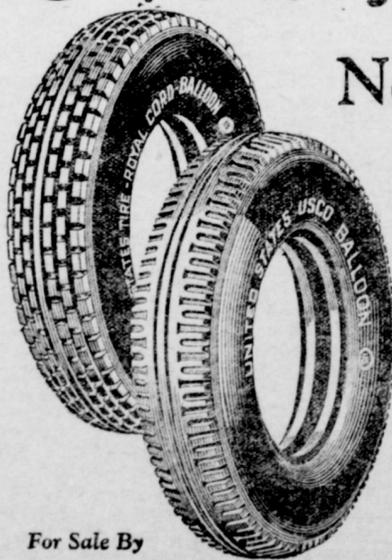
We have sold the old Woodrum
Filling Station, in the Porter Build-
ing, and will continue to operate
our new "Drive In Filling Station"
on Kent Street, where we are much
better prepared to serve our friends
and Customers than ever. We will
continue to handle nothing but—

"That Good Gulf Gasoline"
Supreme Auto Oils and
Mobil Oils
Goodrich Tires, Tubes and
Accessories
Free Air. Free Road Service
Free Battery Water

PHONE 192

**Woodrum's New Drive In
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On KENT STREET**

Now!



New Low Prices
on
U.S. ROYAL
and
USCO

Less need now than ever before to shop
around for "bargain" tires that you
know nothing about. Come in and let
us tell you the New Low Prices of good
United States Tires to fit your car.

For Sale By

MAGNOLIA FILLING STATION

UNITED STATES TIRES ARE GOOD TIRES

To The Automobile Trade

We have opened a Filling Station and Garage in the old Woodrum stand which will be known as the "Blue Front Service Station & Garage"

We will carry a complete line of---
Magnolia Products Tires, Tubes and Accessories

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

Blue Front Service St'n And Garage

Roy R. Adams C. S. (Charlie) Higgins
Proprietors

Mrs. Lucy Bumpas enjoyed a family reunion at her home in this city on Sunday, August 21, having with her for the happy occasion, her son, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bumpas, of San Angelo, Mrs. Lillian Bumpas and two sons, of Oklahoma City, and Dr. and Mrs. Fain and son of Sweetwater.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our kind friends and neighbors for their acts of love and sympathy during our recent loss of our father, J. A. Sosebee, and extend grateful thanks for the beautiful floral tribute to our loved one.
Signed: His Boys.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mattingly of the Noodle community are happy over the arrival at their home of a new daughter. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

Why wait until some cold day when you need this winter's clothes. Call 180 and let us come and get them and you will be ready for Jack Frost when he comes. Cash Tailor Shop. It

WARREN NEWS By Rose Ellington

Health of this community is very good at this writing. Several around Warren attended the Fifth Sunday singing at Salt Branch Sunday. All report a fine singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy is visiting in Knox County this week.

The party at Mr. and Mrs. Bob Canon's Saturday night was attended by a large crowd and all reported a fine time.

Little Inez Tarvin, who got a fish hook stuck in her eye Saturday afternoon, is doing nicely at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gresset spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. E. Criswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Tarpley spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelson.

Misses Irene Hatfield, Dexter Davis spent Saturday night and Sunday with Rose Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Therman McCoy spent Sunday night with his mother Mrs. Barbara McCoy.

Miss Cordie Ellington spent Saturday night with Miss Pearl Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Harvel and Miss Nora Foster visited Mrs. Noel Harvel's parents a while Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Turner, who have been visiting in Arkansas the past two months, returned home last week and reported having a nice trip.

Miss Lena Mae Wilson spent Saturday night with Ollie Hobbs.

Mr. G. E. Ellington returned home last Saturday from Amarillo.

Mrs. Therman McCoy, Mrs. May Peterson and Nellie Peterson spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson of Merkel spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker.

Mr. James Swann, who returned last week from Alpine, where he had been attending Sul Ross State Teachers College, left first of this week, accompanied by his mother, for a visit with relatives at Amarillo.

Hunting Season Open!



Hunting season opened September 1st on Doves, Prairie Chickens, and Plovers.

We are Headquarters for Guns, Shells, Hunting License and Sportsman Supplies. We have a copy of the new Fish and Game Laws. We are glad to inform you on anything pertaining to these laws. You must have Hunting License if you hunt out of your county.

Our stock is complete in all lines.



LIBERTY Hardware Co.

"If it's Hardware we Have it"

Call for your Merchants Show Tickets with each 50 cent purchase of gas and oil at the Blue Front Service Station. tf

Idlewise Club

The Idlewise Club members and friends were uniquely entertained by Miss Lucy Tracy Tuesday afternoon. The guests were assembled in the cool and inviting veranda made more colorful by the cut flowers, gay furniture, and pastel shaded dresses of the guests. After drawing artistic tallies the guests found their places at tables, enjoying games of bridge and "42". The band-box motif was carried out in tallies and refreshments. A cargo of French band-boxes laden with dainty sandwiches, pear salad and gingerale punch were received by Misses Mary Cleo Booth, Christine Collins, Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, Mary Eula Sears, Iva Bragg, Mona Margaret Jones, Lucille Guitar, Lola Dennis, Julia Martin, Martha Bird, Annie Mae Swann, Vennie Heizer. Mesdames Earl Baze, Roy Largent, Warren Smith, W. S. J. Brown, Chas. H. Jones, L. B. Scott, F. Y. Gaither, J. T. Dennis. The hostess was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Holland Teaff, and Miss Vennie Heizer.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

Kiss Club Meeting

After three months of separation the K.I.S.S. Club reunited at the home of Miss Edith Baker last Monday night. Inspiring music was furnished by Miss Juanita Beene, after which a unique contest was entered into, Miss Mary Alice Johnson winning the prize. While lovely victrola music was being played delicious ice cream and cake was served to the following club members: Anna Lou Russell, Sybil Smith, Hallie Pike, Grace Beene, Mary Hutcheson, Lillian Rider, Juanita Beene, Mary Alice Johnson and the hostess, Edith Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wortham, of Mulberry community returned recently from a week's visit with relatives at Lamesa, and with Mrs. Wortham's parents at Levelland. They also visited in New Mexico. On their return they were accompanied by Mr. Riley Hodges, who will visit with them for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard and children of Hamlin were here Wednesday afternoon and night visiting friends.

Celebrate! Paramount WEEK



Paramount Week is here again with great shows! The 9th Annual Paramount Week! Remember the previous Celebrations!—when theatres everywhere showed nothing but Paramount Pictures and delivered joy to overflowing! Now here's another!

Cut yourself a piece of Paramount's 15th Birthday cake

And with this Greater Movie Season comes Paramount's Birthday too, the 15th Anniversary of Better Pictures in Better Theatres. *If it's a Paramount Picture it's the best show in town!*

YOUR TOWN joins in the Paramount Week Celebration!

COZY THEATRE

September 6th. and 7th.
"MANNEQUIN"

A James Cruze Production
The 50,000 Liberty Magazine prize story by Fannie Hurst, with an All Star Cast.

September 8th. and 9th.
"The American Venus"

with Esther Ralston, Fay Lamphier (Miss America.) Lawrence Gray, Ford Sterling and the 1926 Atlantic Bathing Beauties.

September 10th. and 11th.
"WOMANHANDLED"

Richard Dix and Esther Ralston in a snappy outdoor western comedy drama which was made at Houston, Texas.

THESE ARE THE PICTURES YOU HAVE SEEN ADVERTISED IN THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, LADIES' HOME JOURNAL, LIBERTY, PHOTOPLAY and FARM PAPERS. FOLLOW THE PARAMOUNT ADVERTISEMENTS FOR NEWS ABOUT PARAMOUNT PICTURES AND PLAYERS

At The COZY

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 3rd. & 4th.
Universal Presents

ART ACORD

with his wonder horse, "RAVEN" and his dog pal, "REX" in
"The Scrapin Kid"

A Blue Streak Western

Also William Desmond and Eileen Sedgwick in
"STRINGS OF STEEL"

Chapt. 4. "The Power of Night"

With Universal 2-Reel Comedy
"DYNAMITED"

SECURE MERCHANTS THEATRE TICKETS FROM
Blue Front Service Station Quality Bakery
Schindler's Variety Store J. N. Carson & Son



Are You Fair to your home town Merchants?

When money is slack; when crops fail; when credit is needed it is the home town merchant whom we seek for friendly service. He tides us over with credit; he charges no interest; he provides us with reliable, guaranteed merchandise fairly priced.

In short, he "holds the bag for us." That is why he deserves all our patronage in times of plenty as well as in days of stress.

And isn't it a pity that there are many who use him only as a leaning post—to tide them over the slack days and use their cash to fill the coffers of the big town and mail order houses who wouldn't trust them over night, with or without interest.

We all need that merchant, his confidence, his friendship. Our town needs his enterprise, the service he renders in handling only guaranteed first grade goods that he is here to stand back of day in and day out.

Let's give him our cash when we have it. Let's pay his bills as promptly as we can. Let's earn and merit the confidence he has placed in us and in our community. Let's support him, we need him and he needs us, our trade and our unselfish good will.

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CROWN HARDWARE COMPANY
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all work guaranteed
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Merkel, Texas
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Something New in the Radio
World; but Supreme with
GREATER VOLUME
Northland Radios
"The Key to the Air"
FOR SALE BY
Grimes-Smith Drug Company

SPECIAL
Complete ELGIN Watches
\$11.00 and Up
Also a good value in
DIAMOND RINGS
From \$15.00 Up
PRESLEY'S
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Expert Repairing
209 Pine St. Abilene, Texas

CLASSIFIED ADS
FOR SALE

WILL Trade \$2,000 equity in \$4,500 home in Abilene for house and lot in Merkel. Write 128 1/2 Chestnut Street, Abilene. 282t

RECONDITIONED—Pianos, organs, stoves and furniture. Also new goods, tents, wagon sheets, ice boxes, stoves, dishes, crockery and rugs. Buy, sell and exchange. City Furniture Co. 1t

FOR SALE—A Ford truck at a bargain. A. W. Costephens, Merkel, route five. 1tp

FOR SALE—Good low wheel 3 1/4 Bain wagon. See J.R. Baze or phone 18. 1tp

FOR SALE—Tennis back stops and net, cheap. Mrs. Amy Sears. 1tp

FOR LEASE—400 acres of land with good 4-room house and sifter on back porch, good well of water and windmill, 2 good barns and garage. Also 3-room house, good well of water in yard, good barn, 180 acres of land in cultivation, rest in pasture, will lease to the right man if leased at once. Also, one bay mare and some household goods for sale. Mrs. R. B. Rains, Merkel, route 1, box 93. 1tp

FOR SALE—A 4-wheel trailer in first class shape for cotton hauling. Earl Pribble, route 5, phone 9011F24. 1tp

FOR SALE—Bundle Sorghum. See W. L. Diltz, Sr. 1t

FOR SALE—Kan Red Seed Wheat at \$1.50 per bushel. See E. Barnes, route 5. 1tp

FOR SALE—About 150 bushels of Hastings Oats at \$1.00 per bushel. See I. I. Vancil, Sylvestor, route 2. 3t4p

FOR RENT
FOR RENT—Two rooms; or two bed rooms furnished. Mrs. Annis. 1t

WANTED
WANTED—A Jersey cow, fresh, and must be young and good milker. Write or see C. A. Duncan, Trent, route 2. 27t2

WANTED—Some boarders—rooms and meals. Mrs. N. Causseaux. 1tp

—DRESSMAKING—
Mrs. Blanche Brooks, Dressmaking, phone 87, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth's residence. 1tp

WANTED—To buy a small farm 5 to 15 acres in the suburbs of Merkel. What have you to offer? Give description, price and terms M. P. Baze, San Marcos, Tex. 1tp

NOTICE—We will thrash maize every Wednesday at Joe Higgins, Route one. 1t

WANTED—To board a girl or woman for her company and a little help. Mrs. Annis. 1t

LOST AND FOUND
LOST—Between Petty & Buford barber shop and my home on Oak street, a 3-stran pearl necklace with pearl clasp on back. Return to owner and receive reward. Mona Margaret Jones. 1t

STRAYED or stolen, black Boston terrier bulldog. Reward. Call 151. 1t

LOST—Black and white female Rat Dog, bobbed tail. Reward for return to R. J. Beasley. 1tp

FOUND—A sack of copper tubing on highway near Burton-Lingo company. Owner call at this office for same. 1t

Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Market. 1t

Head Band To Appear At State Fair, Dallas



A. F. THAVIU
Thaviu's Exposition Band, coming from engagements at the Sesqui-centennial, Philadelphia, and the Steel Pier, Atlantic City, will be heard in free concert at the Auditorium, during the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 9-24.

HORSE SHOW EVENTS AT STATE FAIR TO HAVE EIGHT CLASSES

Entries for the horse show to be held during the 1926 State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 9-24, close on Monday, Oct. 4, according to the premium list, and all premiums are open to the word.
W. I. Yopp is director in charge of the horse show division and C. B. Teems will judge the different classes. There are eight classes, including the equestrian events, in which only amateur riders are eligible.
All animals competing must be entered in the names of bona fide owners and the animals must be named when entered.
The classes include saddle horses to halter; five-gaited saddlers; the novelty class, in which all horses on the grounds must be shown; the five-gaited sweepstakes, the walk, trot and canter, wherein competitors in the five-gaited class are not eligible; hunters and jumpers; the equestrian for lady and gentlemen riders and for boy and girl riders, under 14 years of age, and for a team of four lady riders, representing a club. The class for harness and saddle ponies includes Shetlands and others than Shetlands, and no entry may be over 40 inches in height.

POULTRYMEN PLAN FOR BIG DAY AT FAIR
Poultrymen's Day at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 9-24 this year, will be one of the red-letter days of the exposition, according to Walter Burton of Arlington, Texas, superintendent.

Highly enthusiastic over prospects for the State Fair show, which will be held Oct. 9 to Oct. 18 inclusive, Mr. Burton declares that arrangements for Poultrymen's Day anticipate all sort of events of paramount interest to breeders and the general public.

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BANKERS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

John H. Puelicher, former president of the American Bankers Association, has been named chairman of the board of trustees of the American Bankers Association Educational Foundation for which \$500,000 has been pledged by the bankers to provide for scholarships and research in economics in colleges throughout the country. The other trustees are Leonard P. Ayers, Vice-President Cleveland Trust Company; Stephen I. Miller, Educational Director American Institute of Banking; Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Company, New York; George E. Roberts, Vice-President National City Bank, New York; Francis H. Elson, Vice-President Guaranty Trust Company, New York; Evans Woolen, President Fletcher Savings & Trust Company, Indianapolis; W. Espey Albis, Deputy Manager American Bankers Association, Secretary.

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Jim Blocker and wife and Mrs. Tannan of Hamlin were guests of C. P. Stevens and family this week.
C. K. Russell and family returned last week from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson at Kress, Texas.
Miss Lorene Brewster of Capps was a guest in the home of Mr. J. S. Thomas recently.
Mrs. I. N. Adams of Bomarton is here for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Turner.

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Birthday Party for Earl and Burl Walker

One of the loveliest affairs of the week was a birthday party given at the home of Mrs. Geo. Reeves on last Monday evening celebrating the birthdays of Earl and Burl Walker.

This happy occasion was given in honor of Earl and Burl Walker on their twenty-first birthday. Many interesting games were played which caused laughter and amusement throughout the evening. Featuring the evening's entertainment was a "honey-moon trip" in which John Jones and Vera Jones were winners.

A unique plan was used for choosing partners for refreshments. Painted pictures were cut in two parts and half of each were placed in one of two hats. The boys drew from one hat while the girls drew from the other. Much fun and excitement was had in matching the pictures. The owners of each picture were partners for the refreshments. Earl Walker was then followed by his friends into the dining room and passed to the head of the table. Burl, with his partner, came last and was shown to the opposite end of the table from Earl. Each of the boys then blew the lights from the twenty-one candles which decorated each of their cakes, which was to prove whether or not they will wed in the year of

1926.

The dining table was decorated with pink and white roses in the center. Pink ice cream was served with white cake to Earl and half of his friends, while white ice cream and pink cake was served to Burl and the other half. The initiation of the two boys into their twenty-second year closed the evening's entertainment. Those attending were Misses Lottie Williams, Vera Jones, Gladys Simpson, Effie Grayson, Fannie Reeves, Annie Reeves, Annie Walker, Messrs. Evan Allen, Luther Higgins, Granville Grayson, Jesse Reeves, John Jones, Earl Walker, Bernard Hays, Burl Walker, Clarence Grayson, King Floyd, Tom Beene, Mack Walker and Doc Reeves.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Davis, Mrs. B. E. Smith and Corene Smith, all of Stamford, and Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Reeves of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis had as their guests on last Sunday Mrs. J. E. Badgley, Mrs. Josie Talliafero and two children, Mrs. A. V. Vines and baby of Roscoe, Mrs. McGint of Fort Worth, Mrs. A. R. Richardson of Frisco, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Campbell and two children of Bellevue.

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HISTORY IN CAKE



This replica of historic Independence Hall in Philadelphia is a fine example of the baker's art. It was made by the chef of one of Philadelphia's leading hotels to advertise the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, which will open in that city June 1 and run to December 1 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of American Independence. The "State House" stands on a table at the entrance to the main dining room of the hotel.

A FAIR COLORIST



This young woman ascends a giddy ladder every day to put finishing touches to the "Rainbow City"—the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, opening in Philadelphia June 1 and continuing until December 1, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence. She is one of an army of young artists who are making the Sesqui a colorful success.

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ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES TO ETERNITY

At Stamford on last Friday, August 27, Mr. J. A. Sosebee, a pioneer of the West, died in a sanitarium, the remains being brought to Merkel on Saturday following, where they were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of old friends and sorrowing relatives.

James Anthony Sosebee was born in Fannin County, Georgia, Oct. 11, 1855. He came to Texas at the age of 12 years, and later settled in Bosque county, where he married Lou J. Wilson. In the year 1888 they moved to the Noodle community, 10 miles north of Merkel, where they resided continuously until 1913. In 1913 he with his family moved to Paducah, Texas, where he lived until the death of his wife in August 1922. Since her death he had made his home with his sons, Otto and Marvin, at Anson, Texas.

To the union were born eleven boys, nine of whom were living at the death of the parents, 8 of whom were present at the funeral, as follows: G. W. Sosebee of Wichita Falls, O. W. Ollie and Ernest of Paducah, Frank and A. C. of Stamford, Otto and Marvin of Anson. Homer Sosebee of San Antonio was unable to attend the funeral.

He was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge at Merkel, maintaining his membership there until his death, being among the last surviving charter members of the local lodge.

His last illness was brought on by rheumatism, finally developing into pneumonia, which caused his death on August 27, 1926.

Senior League Party

The Senior Epworth League was entertained on last Tuesday evening with a "tacky party" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay. After many games and contests the guests enjoyed a picnic supper on the lawn. Those enjoying the hospitality were Misses Rosa Laney, Inice Brown, Opal Owens, Hallie Pike, Fannie Bell Boaz, Anna Lou Russell, Billie Jones, Mildred Hamm, Bessie Westenhoner, Doris Pike, Sally Brown, Tommie Durham, Lucille Guitar, Intha Bird, Madden Brown, Dorothy Sanders of Abilene, and Messrs. Fred Giles, Castle Ellis, W. L. Harkrider, Lewis Giles, Robert Mayfield, Roy Giles, Adrian Rea, Maben Rogers and Weldon Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Purl Sanford and little son of Nolanville, have returned from Clovis, New Mexico. They visited the former's parents, Mr and Mrs. J. A. Sanford. Mr. Sanford was formerly agent for the Sante Fe at Blair, and their friends are proud to see them while stopping off with other relatives here.

EPLEN THANKS VOTERS

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE MERKEL COMMUNITY:

I desire to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks for the splendid vote which I received in your box. I cannot see all of you in person at this time, but I want you to know that I appreciate your support. I realize that you have placed confidence in me and I assure you that it is going to be my greatest effort to make you feel that that confidence has been well placed. Yours very truly,
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