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R. N. Grisham of Eastland Candidate for Congress

Judge R. N. Grisham of Eastland, one of the most widely known members of the bar of West Texas, is in the race for Congress.

His candidacy is meeting with assurances of support throughout the district. He recently opened his campaign in Abilene, the largest city in the district, and the Hon. R. W. Haynie occupied a seat on the platform. Judge James Stinson delivered the speech of introduction, and among those who shook Judge Grisham's hand at the close of his speech were W. J. Cunningham, who made a brilliant race for Congress four years ago, ex-Mayor Scarborough, ex-mayor E. N. Kirby, J. M. Wagstaff and Harry Tom King.

Judge Grisham is a lifelong resident of West Texas, formerly taught school, has been a lawyer for 26 years and was county judge of Kent county and was district attorney at Sweetwater.

His platform, without seeking to paramount any one issue or to appeal to any one class of citizens but rather to all, is a clear, compact statement on public questions. He advocates more treaties of commerce to aid markets for America's natural products; proper consideration to the disabled soldier; restricted immigration; in time of peace, the reduction of the army and navy to a minimum, and consideration of the flood water control problem as a natural question.

"Congress alone has power under the Constitution to declare war," he states, "and when others precipitate on our country a condition of war, it should be made statutory grounds for removal from office or for immediate impeachment, even though it applies to the president of the United States.

"The United States has no right under any constitution or law to interfere or to intermeddle with the domestic affairs of the Latin-American republics and this government should not, invited, take part in such matters. Strict neutrality in Asiatic and European wars should be observed.

"The Sherman anti-trust law should be amended and the offense against it confined to combinations to reduce the prices of wheat, cotton, oil and other commercial commodities and such an offense should be penalized without immunity."

After pledging support to the Constitution and all its amendments, Judge Grisham expresses gratitude to the thousands of voters who supported him eight years ago when he ran for Congress, and he concludes:

"A public officer is a public servant. The position I seek is one of great responsibility and requires much hard work. If I am elected, it will be my purpose to serve every part of the district impartially and faithfully, just as I would serve a client with a just cause. I will give attention to laws promoting public health, public education, reclamation, agriculture, transportation, farm relief, federal reserve bank system reform to better accommodate the needs of the farmer and stockraiser, proper pensioning, and to the common welfare of everyone who asks legitimate aid."

The 17th Congressional district is composed of Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Eastland, Jones, Lampasas, Llano, Mills, McCullough, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Runnels, San Saba, Shackelford, Stephens and Taylor counties.

Mr. D. Durham, very courteous and efficient engineer at the pump station of the Magnolia Petroleum Pipe Line Company, which is located on the F. W. Reidenbach farm five miles southeast, is very happy over the arrival of his wife, who came in Tuesday from Beaumont, their former home. Mr. and Mrs. Durham are very folks and Merkel is glad to extend a hearty welcome.

Hutchison, daughter of V. D. Hutchison of this city, accompanied by her family, returned first of the week from a very pleasant vacation trip to Corpus Christi and other South Texas points.

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Rush Baby To Dallas For Bronchial Operation

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent were made sad and surprised last Monday when x-ray pictures made at Abilene of their baby boy revealed that the child had a foreign matter lodged in its little bronchial tube. Upon advice of Drs. Grimes & Sadder the child was immediately rushed to Cary and Hardin, throat specialists, at Baylor Hospital, Dallas, and Tuesday evening an operation was successfully performed. A message to Mr. C. M. Largent Tuesday night stated that the baby was resting well.

About two weeks ago the baby was helping its grandmother Largent feed some chickens and swallowed a grain of corn. The child developed a cough and could not breathe well, but it was thought that a case of the "flu" from which it had just recovered was the cause of this. However, the child did not recover from the cough after due time and this led to an investigation, which proved that the corn had lodged in the bronchial tube. This was a very serious operation and is undertaken by few surgeons, and the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Largent are happy to know of the splendid results.

COURT OF HONOR HELD FOR LOCAL BOY SCOUTS

A Court of Honor held here last Friday at Shannon's Pool, for the local Boy Scouts, was also attended by two Abilene Troups, and a general good time was had by every one in attendance.

Scouts receiving first class badges and first class cards were: Elvis Richardson, Benjamin Sheppard and J. T. Darsey, Jr.

Scouts receiving Merit Badges were Benjamin Sheppard, Swimming; J. T. Darsey, Automobiling, aviation, civics, Syeling, carpentry, electricity, path-finding, personal health and Star Scout Badge.

CARD OF THANKS

The Boy Scout Finance Committee wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the women of Merkel who so kindly sponsored the play to raise funds for the Boy Scouts; and to Miss Tracy for her able assistance in directing the play, as well as every one else who contributed in any way to the success of the play.

Boy Scout Finance Committee. It

Mr. L. R. Thompson was proud to have a visit this week from his sister, Mrs. P. C. Perryman, of Tarkio, Missouri, who was returning from attending the Biennial Meeting of the Woman's Federated Clubs of America in session last week at San Antonio. Mrs. Perryman is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association from Nebraska, her home until recently. After her visit with Mr. Thompson here, Mrs. Perryman left for a visit with her niece, Mrs. P. D. Bryant, in Oklahoma, before returning to her home.

Mr. O. R. Dye, the genial manager for the Burton-Lingo Lumber Company in this city, accompanied by his family, returned first of the week from a very pleasant vacation trip to Corpus Christi and other South Texas points.

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Try a Classified Ad for Results

Dr. Johnson Retires From Active Practice

The people of Merkel and surrounding community will regret to learn that Dr. S. W. Johnson, one of Merkel's splendid dentists, is retiring from the actual practice of his profession with the end of this week, and will be succeeded in his work in this city by Dr. W. A. Buckner, of Dallas, Texas.

For the past eleven years Dr. Johnson and his estimable wife have resided here, and have won the highest respect and confidence of every man, woman and child with whom they have become acquainted. In fact they are citizens of whom any town or city would be proud. Dr. Johnson has always been found in the ranks of those who stood for the advancement and upbuilding of the city, and especially moral issues confronting the city, state and nation.

They expect to move at once to Abilene, where the doctor will have charge of the private office of Mr. Ernest M. Mims, the popular and well known manager of the Mims Dry Goods Company, and this paper joins the entire citizenship of Merkel and community in wishing for Dr. and Mrs. Johnson both health and happiness in their new home.

Dr. Buckner, successor to Dr. Johnson, comes to us from Dallas, where for the past year he has been associated with the dental department of Baylor hospital. He is a man of experience and qualifications in his profession, as well as a gentleman of the highest class. He will be joined shortly by his wife, and they will make their home at the Mrs. J. P. Sutphen apartments.

ABSENTEE VOTING DIRECTIONS GIVEN

Directions for absentee voting in the primary elections of this year, as prescribed by the state statutes, were explained yesterday by Frank E. Smith, county attorney, who was mixing with the voters here.

If the voter is in the county and expects to be away on first primary election day he must between the dates of July 18 and 24, inclusive, make his or her personal appearance before W. E. Beasley, the County Clerk and if personally unknown to the clerk must be identified by two reputable citizens and deliver his or her poll tax or exemption certificate to the clerk and receive one ballot and there mark the ballot without the assistance or suggestion of any person.

If the voter is outside the county of his residence when the absentee voting application is made he must go to a notary public not more than 20 nor less than 10 days prior to the election and if unknown to the notary be identified by two reputable citizens and there deliver to the notary his or her poll tax receipt or exemption certificate or make an affidavit as to loss of the receipt or certificate. The receipt, certificate or affidavit must be mailed to the clerk of the county in which the voter resides. That clerk must mail a ballot under registered letter marked "official ballot" to be opened only in presence of a notary public. When the voter has marked the ballot it must be mailed to the clerk of his home county.

Committee Raises Funds For Band

For the past year Mr. Joe Ward of Abilene, recognized as one of the best band and musical instructors in the West, has been teaching a class of local boys in band music, and by hard work and patience has been able to keep quite a number of boys in the class, and upon learning that the band boys were trying hard to build up a splendid band in Merkel, the Merkel Lions Club decided to lend a helping hand, and appointed a committee to go among the business men and secure subscriptions for maintaining the band instructor for a period of three months. The committee met with a ready response from Merkel's progressive and liberal hearted business men and soon raised the \$75.00 per month needed to insure the instruction of the boys.

After the subscription pledges were secured, the matter was placed in the hands of the chairman of the Civic Service Committee of the Lions Club, who is Mr. T. G. Bragg. He will look after the collection of the money subscribed, and it has also been suggested that every one who could save a visit of the committee if they would drop in at Bragg Dry Goods and pay Mr. Bragg at once for the June subscription. Then there will be two more payments as per agreement of the three months pledge.

Everybody boost the band. Give the boys your moral and financial support.

We might add here that the sum of \$93.00 was raised for the band thru the home talent show given at the Queen Theatre last Monday. Every one attending had a good time and enjoyed a hearty laugh.

Candidates For Office Must File Expense Accounts

Candidates for county offices must file the first account of their campaign expenses, that before the first primary, during the period between June 27 and July 2, inclusive, it was pointed out by Frank E. Smith, County Attorney, who was in Merkel last Wednesday.

The expense account after the first primary must be filed June 16, 17, 18 or 19. The third expense account must be filed August 8.

Mr. B. C. Gaither, who left last month for a three weeks visit with relatives and old friends at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, returned Wednesday evening, reporting a very pleasant trip. He stated that Tennessee was receiving entirely too much rain and crop conditions were quite backward. Another thing, our good friend Gaither, with whom we frequently differ (good naturedly) on politics, promised to remain away until after the nomination of the Republican and Democratic presidential candidates, and now he is back before either job has been completed fully, with the extreme heat of the Democratic Primaries in July still to come. However, if he will go to his halvers on the installation of an extra electric fan in the editorial sanctum, we will extend for all time his usual welcome to same for the battle of future arguments in which we are sure of entering as the campaigns proceed.



"Old Maids Association" Is Junior League Play Tonight At Church

The Junior League of the Methodist Church will present the one-act play, "The Old Maids Association," at the Methodist Church Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Every one is cordially invited. There will be no admission charge.

Oil Well Supply Co. Locates in Merkel

We are informed that a representative of the Frick-Reid Oil Well Supply Company, was in the city one day this week and made arrangements for the establishment of a supply house in this city, where they might be able to be in a position to meet the demand in this line of business, coming as the result of the extensive development in the oil fields adjacent to this city.

The coming of this, one of the largest oil field supply houses in the country means that a great development campaign is to be experienced in the Noodle Dome, Tiner and Smith oil pools.

NO "DRY" PLANK FOR DEMOCRATS JUNEY STATES

DALLAS, Texas, June 13.—The Dallas Times-Herald today quotes Chesley W. Juney, secretary to Senator Royal S. Copeland, New York, as having declared that the platform upon which the democrats will nominate Governor Alfred E. Smith at Houston will not contain a "dry" plank.

"We might as well be frank about it," the Times-Herald quotes Mr. Juney, who was in conference with Governor Smith last week before starting for Texas, "we cannot carry states like New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Illinois with a dry plank in the platform."

Mr. Juney, who for many years was secretary to the late Senator Culbertson, arrived here last night.

DR. GARDNER WILL ATTEND CLINICS IN CHICAGO

Dr. C. B. Gardner, accompanied by his family, will leave shortly for Chicago, where Doctor Gardner will spend some three weeks attending clinics at the Chicago Medical University.

Willard Reeves, who for the past six months has been in the employ of the Houston Power & Light Company, came home last week to attend the funeral of his father. Willard is another Merkel boy who, after finishing high school in Merkel in 1924, entered the State University, attending two years, and is now making good with one of the big corporations of the country. Yes, there are big jobs in the many large corporations of the nation for young men of every walk of life, who are willing to work and work hard to begin with, without watching the clock. And round by round they can climb to the swivel chair position and there dictate the movements of the hundreds and thousands of employes.

Mr. Ed Turner, popular owner, proprietor and manager of Ed's Cafe, accompanied by his family, are expected to return this week from a ten days vacation trip to Corpus Christi and other interesting points in South Texas. They will likely reopen their cafe for business Saturday or Monday.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson went to Fort Worth last Friday to be present for the closing exercises at Texas Christian University, in which school her daughter, Miss Flora Frances, has been a student the past session. Miss Flora Frances returned home with her mother first of the week.

Miss Lola Dennis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis, returned home last week from Abilene, where she has been a student at Simmons University the past two years. She has again entered this school for the summer term.

Mrs. T. V. Touchstone returned Wednesday from a visit and business trip to Dallas, and on her return was accompanied by Miss Fay Lowrie, of San Antonio, who will spend some time here visiting Mrs. Touchstone and other friends.

Utilities Co. Men Give Lions Program

The meeting of the Lions Club on last Tuesday noon at the Woodrum Hotel was one of the most important and most enjoyable held for some time. Mr. Mat Dillingham, the very capable and accommodating manager for the West Texas Utilities Company in this city was Toastmaster for the occasion, and with the assistance of Mr. Breighan, District Manager, of Abilene, gave the membership of the Club a most interesting and appreciated program. The West Texas Utilities Company is known throughout its entire territory for its big hearted and progressive spirit, and Mr. Breighan, on behalf of the company, in a unique manner put every one on their toes to start with by having them sign their names on a card, after which the cards were placed in a box and mixed and five names drawn therefrom and read. They were presented with a handsome gift of a fine electric iron or beautiful electric lamp. Those whose names were drawn were: B. T. Sublett, Herbert Patterson, L. E. Scott, A. Morton and Mr. Sims of Abilene.

But probably the best and most interesting part of Mr. Breighan's talk was his announcement of substantial reduction in the former rate on electric lights. Every feature of his address, however, was well received and highly appreciated by every one. Others appearing on the program were Rev. Haley, who exhibited some clever work as a magician, and Mayor Thos. E. Hayden and Hon. R. W. Haynie, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, each gave interesting talks. The whistling artist, Mr. Simms, with Miss Edna Marie Jones at the piano, was very fine and highly appreciated.

Bradley Family Holds Reunion at Abilene

We are informed that the Bradley family, some of whom reside in Merkel, others at Stith, and still others at Abilene, enjoyed a big family reunion on last Sunday, the reunion being held at Hermann Park, Abilene.

Everything in the way of cold drinks and a bountiful supply of good eats was enjoyed by every one present. Those attending are listed as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bradley, Mrs. C. O. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley and son, Edgar Jr., Mrs. Earl Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley and daughter Pauline, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Canon and daughter, Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Gus King and three children, Mrs. Ford and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Herron and three children of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West and daughter Mildred, Miss Hattie West, Mrs. Sam Diggins and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn and daughter Mary Helen, J. W. Adecock, Nell Durham and B. W. Bradley.

OUR ERROR

Due to an error on our part, the name of Mr. Eli Graham was omitted from the item in our last issue concerning the election of officers by the local Masonic Lodge. Mr. Graham was elected Tiler. We regret very much that the error was made, and offer our apologies to all concerned. THE MERKEL MAIL.

Mr. Max Mellinger returned Wednesday from accompanying his family to Lockhart, where they will spend some time visiting relatives. They will also visit in Houston and other South Texas points.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Walters, of Wills Point, are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney, as well as many friends, for the Walters formerly resided in this city many years ago.

Mrs. W. L. Diltz and little daughter left first of the week for Amarillo, where they will visit the former's parents, Judge and Mrs. Eakman.

Mrs. Sam Winslett and children of Dallas were here last week for a visit with the former's sister, Mrs. H. P. Hulsey.

Mrs. Virginia Tarver, of Water Valley, Mississippi, arrived this week for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblin.

HONESTY BEST POLICY

There is no way that will compare
With always dealing on the square;
All shady schemes it pays to shun,
They lead to loss in the long run.
The man whose promise always comes true
You'll find is he who makes but few.
And the man whose word is always good
Is seldom ever misunderstood.
The Farmers State Bank is looking out
For men who go the honest route.

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Baptist Church

All regular services Sunday and during the week.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. with classes for all.
Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.
B. Y. P. U. at 7:30 p. m.
At the morning hour the pastor will speak on "Works that Are Burned up and Works that Abide."
At the evening hour the pastor will speak on "The Human Soul."
Come find a welcome at any of these services.
The church has secured help and set the time for the summer meeting. Rev. Chas. T. Whaley of Sweetwater is to help in the meeting and the time is beginning the fourth Sunday in July and Closing First Sunday in August. It is hoped that our people will plan their vacations so that they

can be home during this meeting. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Let us make a special effort to keep the attendance up to or above the average during the summer vacation months. We are unable to have the children's day program Sunday, as was announced last Sunday. We will have it at a later date.
Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.
Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock.
Wm. Elliott, Supt. S. S.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.
We are having quite a lot of hail in other districts, better see W. O. Boney and him protect your crop.

INDUSTRY HELPS AGRICULTURE BUILD UP THE SMALL TOWN

Decentralization of Manufacturing Brings Markets for Products Closer to the Farm—Gives Employment and Better Standards of Living to Rural Communities.

By T. R. PRESTON
President, American Bankers Association

NO class of people has been more diligent to understand the agricultural problem than the bankers of this country. The agricultural problem is a real problem and demands the best thought of everyone. This country cannot continue along happy lines with only sections of the country prosperous. Prosperity must be passed around if anybody is long to enjoy it. This question cannot be solved by the farmers alone, but the majority opinion is that there is no legislative remedy for agriculture. It is an economic question pure and simple and must be worked out accordingly.



T. R. PRESTON

A few years ago it was contended that agriculture did not have sufficient credit facilities. That proposition was often made a political question. I do not presume there are many who will question the fact that agriculture now has ample credit facilities.

Mixing Farms and Factories

It is a fact that no community and no state has ever become great purely from agriculture. It is not to the interest of New York and other great centers to see the small communities and the agricultural sections losing their wealth and importance. In the end it will react upon them to their disadvantage.

There seems to me a real remedy for these small communities and also for agriculture. This remedy, which is the mixing of industry with agriculture, is now being applied in many localities with satisfactory results.

Industry and agriculture are better balanced in Ohio, North Carolina and Pennsylvania than in any other states of the Union, and in these states there is no serious agricultural problem and we hear little complaint from the farmers. This mixing of industry

ing examples from my own state to prove this proposition, and I mention these because I am more familiar with conditions there than elsewhere.

Twelve years ago Kingsport, Tennessee, had a population of about one thousand. Great industries like a large camera company, a big cement plant and a number of other industries were located there partly through the influence of an outstanding New York business man. In a little more



Mixing Industry With Agriculture Means Prosperity for Rural Districts

and agriculture is called by some decentralization of industry.

I would not suggest that manufacturing institutions move from the cities to the small villages, but I do think it would be better for this country for future industries to be placed in these small villages rather than to be further congested in the great centers. This would in part also be a solution of our labor problem. The bringing of industries to small villages increases the market for agricultural products, gives employment to surplus labor, elevates the standards of living, increases public revenue, reduces taxes and vastly increases educational facilities.

Two Striking Examples

I believe I can give you two striking examples of what has been accomplished in the last few years. In the first instance, the population of that city up to seventeen thousand. Just a few miles away, at Elizabethton, they are building a great rayon plant, the first unit of that \$5,000,000. The population of that town is now two thousand, but it is estimated that this will be multiplied by five in less than two years. It is stated that the total investment in manufacturing industry in that community within a period of five years will probably reach \$50,000,000.

The balancing of industry and agriculture will solve most of our so-called agricultural problems and we will not need such political measures as will in my opinion, do harm if enacted to the very class they pretend to benefit.

Few Really Contented With Place in Life

Perhaps we humans have no greater weakness than this: we rarely know when we are well off. We seem to lack the kind of judgment we need to convince us that we had better let well enough alone, is a reflection made by Grove Patterson, in the Mobile Register. We are forever wanting to try something different, something new. Much of our path through life leads from the frying pan into the fire and out again.
"I have learned," said the very wise St. Paul, "in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content."
Some comfort is to be had in the thought that through our tendency to change from one thing to another we occasionally hit upon improvement. But the policy we need most is that which leads us to make a complete and thorough job of the thing we are doing in the particular circumstances in which we find ourselves.

Men of Light and Learning

There are half a dozen men, or so, who carry in their brains the ovarian eggs of the next generation's or century's civilization. These eggs are hot ready to be laid in the form of books as yet; some of them are hardly ready to be put into the form of talk. But as rudimentary ideas or inchoate tendencies, there they are; and these are what most form the future. A man's general notions are not good for much, unless he has a crop of these intellectual ovarian eggs in his own brain, or knows them as they exist in the minds of others. One must be in the habit of talking with such persons to get at these rudimentary germs of thought; for their development is necessarily imperfect, and they are molded on new patterns, which must

OLD VIOLIN SHOP BOASTS FAR FAME

Great Musicians Pick Way to Dingy Quarters.

Atlanta, Ga.—All the world's a stage for Mays Badgett. In it he humbly plays the part of a violin maker.
His shop, two stories above Atlanta's busiest corner, is dingy. About his bench is a confused ensemble of musical instruments. The clatter of traffic pounds in through dusty windows. But Badgett, as he works away with the knowledge that the proof of the fiddle is in the playing, would not trade his shop for a palace.
Famous personages of the musical world have made a beaten path to his place. Once a year he has a big party attended by members of the Metropolitan Opera company. Once Badgett gave a bear supper to 600 guests, including the opera stars, Sousa's band and southern artists.

Artists who sing and play for the public for thousands of dollars perform for Badgett between courses. Occasionally the party is broadest and opera goes rushing away from the auditorium to reach their radios for two more hours of music by the stars.
Proudly displayed by the violin maker is a letter from Eugene Ysaye, praising his instruments. David Love, New York conductor; Fritz Schaeffer and Henri Georgia of the Metropolitan orchestra, and Rickard Schlieffen of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music are among those who use his violins.

One of Badgett's latest violins was made from a bedstead of curly maple more than two hundred years old. Badgett's wife is an expert string

Successfully serving our customers since 1904 we feel is about the most satisfactory reference we can give regarding our service.

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Geo. L. Paxton		Booth Warren

REFRIGERATORS

We have several Used Refrigerators which we are going to sell at a Real Bargain. Come in and look them over if you need a good ice box. These boxes are in good shape and we have almost any size to suit you. It

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.
Farm Loans at 6%—Thompson & Boswell.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gilbert returned first of the week from a very pleasant vacation trip to Corpus Christi and other South Texas points.

We appreciate your business, large or small, and endeavor to merit your patronage by always giving courteous service and quality meats. Beker & Wheeler Market.



See for Yourself why Experienced Owners Demand Bodies by Fisher

In Oakland-Pontiac showrooms throughout the United States a special Fisher Body Demonstration opens Saturday, June 16. Co-operating with the Fisher Body Corporation, Oakland has arranged to demonstrate to automobile owners everywhere the reasons for the superiority and popularity of Fisher bodies.

Come to our showroom during the Fisher Body Demonstration. Learn how Fisher builds bodies and what high quality of materials is used. See for yourself why experienced owners demand bodies by Fisher. Don't miss this opportunity to gain a sound understanding of such an important part of your automobile.

Oakland All-American Six, \$1045 to \$1265. New Series Pontiac Six, \$745 to \$875. All prices at factory. Check Oakland-Pontiac delivered prices—they include lowest handling charges. General Motors Time Payment Plan available at minimum rate.

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No More "Scaly" Pipes!

YOU can eliminate all future trouble with scaly pipes in your hot water heating plant and in your water heaters by removing the lime with a



TWIN CITY Water Softener

The savings from this form of trouble alone will make the equipment pay for itself. Then, for the lifetime of your home, you will have the comforts and the convenience and the hundreds of other savings that come from having an unlimited supply of pure, soft water from every faucet. The "Twin City" is mechanically the most efficient and simplest water softener built. Does not reduce water pressure. Costs practically nothing to operate. Easy to install. A size for every home. Let us prove to you how much it will mean to every member of your family.

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L. C. SUBLETT, Agt.

MERKEL, TEXAS

IF IT'S NEW IT'S AT
GUYNN'S ORCHID SHOP
ABILENE, TEXAS

Just the time of the year when you are looking for New Styles, which are hard to find. But our stock is filled with Brand New Mid-Summer Styles at the lowest price possible.

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

Tub Silk SPORT DRESSES
Fast Colors, Fancy Prints, and Solid Colors
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NEW CALIFORNIA FELT HATS

White, Navy, Black, Yellow Orchid, Green, Red, Tan Beige, Pink, Rose
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FULL FASHIONED Silk Chiffon Hose | **Organdy Dresses**
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Walk A Block—Save A Dollar!

GUYNN'S ORCHID SHOP
ABILENE, TEXAS

Just Across Street from Gambill's, on Second Street

REFRIGERATORS

We have several Used Refrigerators which we are going to sell at a Real Bargain. Come in and look them over if you need a good ice box. These boxes are in good shape and we have almost any size to suit you.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Church of Christ

W. G. Cyfert will preach his last sermon for this year on next Sunday morning, at the North Side Church of Christ. All are invited to be there at eight o'clock in the evening. There will be a big community singing. Nathan Woods will be in charge of the singing. Let all singers come and enjoy the hour with us.

Noodle News

Health of the community is not very good at present. Mrs. J. O. Joplin has been real sick, but we are glad we can report her as improving. Have several cases of mumps and whooping cough in our community.

Several from here attended the singing at Sweetwater Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. L. R. Cade entertained her Sunday School class Friday night a party.

The High School pupils gave their teacher, Mr. Clyde Deavers, a fruit shower Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Deavers are moving to Stith this week, where he will teach the coming school term. We regret very much to lose these good people.

Miss Vera Justice is at home from A. C. C., Abilene. Misses Brooks Justice and Odell Sloan have entered A. C. C.

Several from here attended the funeral Sunday afternoon of the little two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rodgers, of the Warren community. Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers once lived here and have the sympathy of the entire community in their loss of the little girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter.

We are glad to report Mrs. Andrew Barbee as slowly improving at the Merkel Sanitarium. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery and return home.

Mr. Joe Hayhurst, who has been moved to the home of her sister, Mrs. C. P. Church, at Merkel, is some improved.

Mrs. W. Roundtree has had her sister, Mrs. Morgan, of Greenville, visiting in her home. They spent a few days on the Plains the past week.

Grandma Roundtree has returned to her home in Greenville, after spending some time in the home of her son, W. Roundtree.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bicknell entertained the young people with a party Monday night.

If you are a reader of the Mail and a non-resident property owner, let us act as your agent. We will carry out your wishes, look after your rentals, pay your taxes, make remittances the 1st of every month. Thompson & Boswell.

Specials for Friday and Saturday
Basket Sale

CLOTHES HAMPERS . . . 99c
WASTE BASKETS . . . 39c
CLOTHES BASKETS . . . 1.09
REED WASTE BASKETS . . . 99c

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY

Barrow Furniture Co.

Golan News

The health of this community is very good at this writing. There was another big rain Sunday night.

Mrs. Clyde Williams returned from Abilene Sunday night where she has been to see her mother, who is ill.

Mr. W. M. West and family returned Friday from a visit with relatives in Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Byrom spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lawlis.

Mr. Darwin Hill returned from Hermleigh Sunday where he has been teaching school.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hill and family spent Sunday with relatives of Royston, Texas.

Mrs. Julia Shelton and son, Tom, also Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shelton, and daughter, of Oklahoma, spent Sunday night with Mr. D. R. Thompson and family.

There was a party given at the home of Eugene Williams Monday night. Every one reported a nice time.

Miss Ada Dove Kennedy who has been attending school at Mineral Wells, is at home now.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod spent the week-end with his parents of Trent.

A number of folks from here saw the plays at Noodle Monday and Tuesday nights. Also at Goodman on Friday night. All enjoyed them very much.

Mr. Otho Thompson of Spur is visiting his father, Mr. D. R. Thompson, this week.

The Golan boys played Horn boys Monday afternoon, the first and second teams playing. Golan first team won by a score of 19 to 5. Golan's second team made 9 scores and Horn did not make any.

Miss Annie Mae Harris of Kale spent Monday and Tuesday of last week with Miss Nina Skidmore.

There was preaching at the Baptist church Sunday morning by Bro. Williams, the pastor.

Bro. Williams and wife spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byrom visited their daughter, Mrs. C. A. Duncan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hooper.

CARD OF THANKS

To the many friends and loved ones who administered unto our darling baby, we wish to thank each and every one. Your sympathy and help have been appreciated more than words can tell. May God's richest blessings rest upon each and every one of you is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rogers and children, Mr. B. N. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Howard. ltp

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks for the many kindnesses shown us during the sudden illness and death of our dear husband and father. We thank each one for the floral offerings. May God's richest blessings be with you all.

Mrs. J. M. Reeves, children and grandchildren.

A 25c classified ad often brings surprising results. lf

Every daily paper gives accounts of losses to crops by hail. Can you afford to be without it? Phone 101, Thompson & Boswell and we will come at once to see you.

Mr. R. B. Provine and daughter, Jane, of Capitan, N. M., Mr. Sam Provine, Marshall Provine and daughter, Nola, have returned from an extended trip to Kentucky and Tennessee.

FORWARD WITH MERKEL

Specials for Saturday's Selling

House Dresses to Close Out at _____ 79c and \$1.59
MEN'S TIES _____ 15c
BUTTONS, Two Cards for _____ 5c
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 kel, Texas as second class mail.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of
 Taylor County, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-
 ED to summon T. C. Bosley, Mrs. T.
 C. Bosley (wife of said T. C. Bosley),
 the unknown heirs of said T. C. Bos-
 ley, the unknown heirs of said Mrs.
 T. C. Bosley, S. C. Bosley, Mrs. S. C.
 Bosley (wife of said S. C. Bosley),
 the unknown heirs of said S. C. Bos-
 ley, the unknown heirs of said Mrs.
 S. C. Bosley, the unknown heirs and
 devisees and legatees and legal repre-
 sentatives of each of the defendants
 hereinabove specifically named, the
 unknown heirs and devisees and le-
 gatees and legal representatives of
 each of the unknown heirs herein-
 above mentioned or referred to, and
 the unknown owners of the land and
 premises involved in this suit, by
 making publication of this Citation
 once in each week for four successive
 weeks previous to the return day
 hereof, in some newspaper published
 in your County, if there be a news-
 paper published therein, but if not,
 then in the nearest County where a
 newspaper is published, to appear at
 the next regular term of the District
 Court of Taylor County, Texas in the
 42nd. Judicial District of Texas, to be
 holden at the Court House of said
 County in Abilene, Texas, on the 3rd
 Monday in July, A. D. 1928, the same
 being the 16th day of July A. D. 1928,
 then and there to answer a petition
 filed in said Court on the 14th day
 of June, A. D. 1928, in a suit, num-
 bered on the docket of said Court as
 No. 6872-A, wherein J. D. Porter is
 Plaintiff, and The Texas and Pacific
 Railway Company, T. C. Bosley, said
 Mrs. T. C. Bosley, the unknown heirs
 of said T. C. Bosley, the unknown
 heirs of said Mrs. T. C. Bosley, S. C.
 Bosley, said Mrs. S. C. Bosley, the un-
 known heirs of said S. C. Bosley, the
 unknown heirs of said Mrs. S. C.

Bosley, the unknown heirs and de-
 visees and legatees and legal repre-
 sentatives of each of the defendants
 hereinabove specifically named other
 than the Texas and Pacific Railway
 Company, the unknown heirs and de-
 visees and legatees and legal repre-
 sentatives of each of the unknown
 heirs hereinabove mentioned or refer-
 red to, and the unknown owners of the
 land and premises involved in this
 suit are defendants; and the nature
 of plaintiff's suit being a suit in tres-
 pass to try title and to recover of de-
 fendants the title and possession of
 that certain parcel of land situated
 in Taylor County, Texas, and being
 Lot No. Four (4) in Block No. Twen-
 ty-three (23) in the town of Merkel,
 Texas, and to remove cloud from title,
 said petition alleging that plaintiff
 owns good title to said land and pre-
 mises under the five and ten years sta-
 tutes of limitation of the State of
 Texas, and that defendants are claim-
 ing some kind of title and right of
 possession in and to said premises but
 that such claims are inferior to plain-
 tiff's title and are a cloud thereon;
 plaintiff asks for judgment for title
 and possession, costs of suit, removal
 of cloud from title, etc.

Herein Fail Not, and have you be-
 fore said Court, at its aforesaid next
 regular term, this writ with your re-
 turn thereon, showing how you have
 executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and
 the Seal of said Court, at office in
 Abilene, Texas, this 14th day of
 June, A. D. 1928.

BELLE WELLBORN Clerk,
 District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
 15t4

Methodist Church

I didn't get to go to the Pastors'
 Conference at Dallas, so will preach
 both morning and evening next Sun-
 day. May we have you in our con-
 gregation?

Be at Sunday School at 9:45 and
 bring some one with you. Come ex-
 pecting to stay for the preaching ser-
 vice.
 W. J. Mayhew, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippett and
 children of San Angelo are here this
 week visiting with relatives and many
 friends.

Protect your crop from hail loss.
 See W. O. Boney for hail insurance. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren are
 visiting relatives in Dallas this week.

QUEEN

"SHOWING THE PICK OF ALL PICTURES"

TODAY ONLY
**"KENTUCKY
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 A tale of the old South, rich
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Harry Langdon

—in—
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He found the only girl of his
 love in a snow pile. She gave
 him a cold shoulder, another
 man took her away and left him
 with only memories and a brok-
 en heart.

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SATURDAY ONLY

Art Accord
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A hard fighting Western with
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 "Blake of Scotland Yard"

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 "COLLEGE KIDDO"

Monday & Tuesday
Fred Thompson

—in—
"JESSE JAMES"

Here is the true story of Jesse
 James, history's most colorful,
 misunderstood character! Loved
 by many, feared by most, but
 admired by all, the original cow-
 boy cavalier has come to life
 again and Fred Thomson is in
 the saddle—in the best role he's
 ever had.

also NEWS and COMEDY

W. L. Harkrider, Jr., returned
 home last week from Abilene, where
 he has been a student in McMurray
 College for the past two years.

Mr. J. Ben Campbell and family
 and Postmaster O. J. Adcock and
 family returned last week from a va-
 cation trip to the Carlsbad Cavern,
 returning via Canyon, where Misses
 Mary and Ouida Campbell will attend
 summer school at West Texas State
 Teachers College.

Miss Mamie Ellis, who has been one
 of the capable teachers in the High
 Schools of Fort Stockton, is at home
 for the summer vacation, much to the
 delight of her many friends.

Rev. C. C. Montandon and family
 returned Wednesday from Wichita
 Falls, where the former has just
 closed a very successful ten days re-
 vival. Rev. Montandon and family
 formerly resided in that city and en-
 joyed very much their stay among
 old friends.

We have connections with re-
 liable oil concerns and with in-
 dividuals who deal in leases and
 royalties. List with us and you
 will get the last dollar offered,
 less our commission. Thompson
 & Boswell. tf

Alfalfa Hay—Just Unloaded.
 Swafford, Phone 44.

Tires - Tires - Tires
SPECIAL THIS WEEK
\$4.95 30x3½ Cord Tire and \$4.95
Guaranteed Red Tube



29x4.40 RED TUBE \$1.65

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 31x5.25 \$15.35

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Miss Elizabeth Duncan Briggs Celebrates Her 12th Birthday

Miss Elizabeth Duncan Briggs celebrated her twelfth birthday with a party at the home of her mother, Mrs. Duncan Briggs, on June 13th.

Promptly at six o'clock each guest arrived bringing a lovely gift to the honoree. Many games were played on the lawn, then the cake with 12 candles was cut, the ring going to Jack West, the button to Horace Nix, the wish bone to Wilma Gardner, the thimble to Margaret Miller, and the heart to Mary Grace Dunn.

Drawing from the Jack Horner Pie produced merriment. Each pull had a remembrance.

Refreshments of punch and cake were served to Sarah Sheppard, Billie Bernice Gamble, Bertie May Leslie, Wanda and Odell Hunter, Nell Hughes, Mary Grace Dunn, Margaret Miller, Alice Church, Mildred Richardson, Marie Stanford, Francis Marie and Bessylea Church, Annie Lee Owens, Wilma Gardner, Mabel Morton, Mary Zoe West, Audry and Aubry Phillips and Daisy Brown, guests of the honoree, and Messers Cullen Tittle, Waymon Richards, Horace Nix of Fort Worth, David Gamble, Jack West, Burneal Scott, Jack Stanford, Kennedy Whiteley, George Hicks Buford.

Joe Holmes and wife of Pyote, Texas, located in the big oil fields, where Joe is manager for a lumber company, were down last week for a visit with the former's father, Mr. Joe Holmes, and the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee D. Williams.

Better have W. O. Boney write hail insurance on your crop before a loss.

Harold King Celebrates Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King entertained Saturday night with a birthday party in their home south of Merkel, honoring their son, Harold. The evening was enjoyably spent with music, forty-two and various other games offering diversion.

Toward the close of the hour a most delicious ice course was served by the hostess to the following guests:

Misses Oleta Pannel and Marie McCartney of Tye, Lottie Drake, Doris and Christine Russell of Abilene, Nelia Hudson of Caps, Vera and Mamie Walker, Messers Ray and George Bowden, Loyd Gray, Jesse and Vernon Hudson of Caps, Melvin and Clifford Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Jaynes, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brewster, all of Caps.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ruse, of McCamey, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson this week. Mr. Ruse is with the Marland Oil Company, and Mrs. Ruse is a sister of Mrs. Homer Patterson.

Miss Willie Swann, of Snyder, is here for a visit with her parents and many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris returned last week from a pleasant visit to Dallas, Fort Worth, and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg of Chillicothe were here last Sunday for a visit with home folks and friends.

L. L. Murray and family returned this week from a visit with friends and relatives in Paris, Deport and other East Texas points.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

Alfalfa Hay—Just Unloaded. Swafford, Phone 44. 1t

FOR SALE—Two go-devils, in good condition, new knives, at \$12.50 each. See Johnnie Dunn at Dunn Bros. 1t

B. M. Black does upholstering, repairing and remodeling of furniture; fixes lawn mowers and files saws. Your work solicited. Shop at my house. 1tp

FOR SALE—Crop and teams. Store house for rent. See W. E. Price at filling station on Runnels street. 1t

REFRIGERATORS

We have several Used Refrigerators which we are going to sell at a Real Bargain. Come in and look them over if you need a good ice box. These boxes are in good shape and we have almost any size to suit you. 1t
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See W. O. Boney and have him write hail insurance on your crop. tf

FOR SALE—Good second hand windmill, cheap. See W. F. Golladay. 8t2

FOR SALE—Good gentle pony. Just the thing for boy or girl. Call at the Merkel Mail office. tf

HEMSTITCHING

Would be glad to do your sewing and hemstitching. Mrs. Helman, in Southlands Addition. 25t4

LAUNDRY WORK Wanted—I would appreciate your laundry work. Also want plain and fancy sewing. All work strictly guaranteed. Mrs. J. E. Rister. 25t4p

ABTEX FEEDS Are Fresh Feeds—None Better. Swafford, phone 44.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—175-acre pasture 2½ miles west of Noodle on the Bickley farm. Johnson grass and wheat. See me at once. J. W. Love, route 2. 1t4p

FOR SALE—Hot pepper plants, 40c per hundred; ready now. J. T. Skilern. 1tp

FOR SALE—100-lb. capacity refrigerator, only been used 3 months. Angus Garvin, route 1. 1tp

WANTED

WANTED—Four men to room and board. Also want laundry work; all work guaranteed, prices reasonable. First street northwest of tabernacle. Mrs. A. F. Parks. 1tp

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—17-jewel Waltham watch; open face old gold case. Reward if returned to Marvin Smith. 1tp

LOST—Suitcase, containing man's blue Churchill suit. Finder please notify H. A. Clift, McMurry College, Abilene, Texas. 1tp

Every kind of INSURANCE: Life, Fire, Tornado, Hail, Health and Accident, Automobile, Casualty. Phone 191, Thompson & Boswell. 1t

Clyde Matthews came in this week from Arizona, where he with his parents moved last fall. He reports that they like that country fine.

Alfalfa Hay—Just Unloaded. Swafford, Phone 44. 1t

J. C. Petty, popular salesman at the Bragg Dry Goods Company, is in Fort Worth this week visiting friends and relatives, spending a part of his vacation period of two weeks.

This paper is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Jas. Swann, employed in the drawing department of the Southwestern Engraving Company, at Dallas, asking that we send him the Mail for the next year. Young Mr. Swann is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann of this city, and is also among the many young men of this community who, after working for an education, is able to go out into the business world and make good. James holds a most important and lucrative position with one of the largest engraving concerns in the South.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon Henry Lewis by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the third Monday in July A. D. 1928, the same being the 16th day of July A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of April A. D. 1928, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6813-A, wherein M. L. Lewis, is Plaintiff, and Henry Hewis is Defendant, and said petition alleging

Plaintiff and Defendant were married about Sept. 23, 1923, and separated about Sept. 23, 1924. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of three years abandonment, all of which is fully alleged in her petition.

Herein Fail Not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 14th day of June A. D. 1928.

BELE WELLBORN, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County. 15t4

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The Misses Vera, Mamie, Velma and Robbie Walker left first of the week for a visit with friends in Lamar county.

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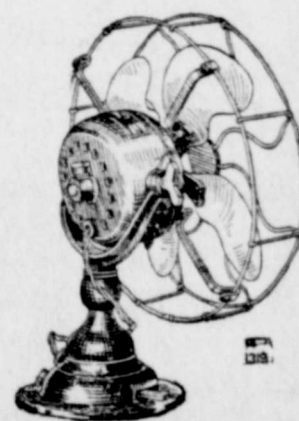
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(To Be Continued) (COPY, J. T. HUNTER)

TIME
FRIDAY
MORNING, JUNE 15

JONES
Dry Goods

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FRIDAY
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VALUE GIVING
— EVENT —**

FOLKS, FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, BEGINNING JUNE 15TH. WE ARE GOING TO GIVE YOU THE MOST TREMENDOUS VALUES THAT HAVE EVER BEEN GIVEN IN THIS SECTION OF THE COUNTRY. MR. JONES SAYS "YOUR STOCK IS TOO HEAVY FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR; REDUCE IT BEFORE INVENTORY TIME". SO HERE GOES!

IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF PROFIT, BUT PURELY A QUESTION OF REDUCING OUR STOCK BEFORE INVOICING TIME, WHICH IS THE EARLY PART OF JULY. AND IN ORDER TO DO THIS WE INTEND MAKING THIS THE MOST TREMENDOUS VALUE GIVING EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF MERKEL. PEOPLE WILL COME FROM FAR AND NEAR.

<p>A Good Quality Unbleached 9-4 SHEETING</p> <p>SALE PRICE 29c</p>	<p>One Lot 32-Inch Dress Gingham</p> <p>SALE PRICE 10c</p>	<p>Lafrance Dress GINGHAM</p> <p>Worth 25c SALE PRICE 17½c</p>	<p>One Lot Dress GINGHAM</p> <p>SALE PRICE 7½c</p>	<p>Luna 9 4 Bleached SHEETING</p> <p>SALE PRICE 35c</p>	<p>ONE LOT Mens Athletic Union Suits</p> <p>SALE PRICE 39c</p>
<p>50 PAIRS Boys Knee Pants</p> <p>Values to \$2.50 SALE PRICE 50c</p>	<p>One Lot Children's WASH DRESSES</p> <p>Going At ½ Price</p>	<p>KOTEX</p> <p>SALE PRICE 49c</p> <hr/> <p>81x90 BLEACHED Seamless Sheets</p> <p>Worth \$1.25—Sale Price 98 Cents</p>	<p>50c Size Hinds Honey and Almond Cream</p> <p>SALE PRICE 39c</p>	<p>All 25c Talcum Powder</p> <p>SALE PRICE 19c</p>	<p>Mens Dress Shirts</p> <p>\$1.00 Shirt, Sale Price 89c \$1.25 Shirt, Sale Price 98c \$1.50 Shirt, Sale Price \$1.29 \$1.75 Shirt, Sale Price \$1.39 \$1.95 & \$2, Sale Price \$1.59 \$2.25 Shirt, Sale Price \$1.79 \$2.50 Shirt, Sale Price \$1.98</p>
<p>A 50c Bottle of Palm Olive Shampoo and a Gillette Safety Razor</p> <p>All For 49c</p>	<p>One Lot Ladies Gingham and Percalé APRONS</p> <p>SALE PRICE 69c</p>	<p>Good Grade—Yard Wide BLEACHED DOMESTIC</p> <p>SALE PRICE 12½c</p>	<p>Yard Wide Percalé Print Patterns</p> <p>SALE PRICE 17½</p>	<p>MENS FARMER BROWN WORK SHIRTS</p> <p>Full size, two pockets, triple stitched, coat style</p> <p>69c</p>	<p>Mens Stonewall Overalls</p> <p>Worth \$1.25. Sale Price \$1.00</p>

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One of the bands of delvers after hidden treasure is known as the "Treasure company," with headquarters at Capulin, a Spanish settlement 20 miles south of here. The other is a partnership between Charles P. Graesser, rancher, and Jesse Reynolds, Denver prospector. The latter has spent the summer digging along Rock creek for chests of gold dust and ingots thought to have been buried in the '70s of the last century. Reynolds also is seeking an old Spanish mine, which he claims to have located on the west flank of the San Juan mountains.

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Dora Doings

Well, we had our usual Sunday night rain with a lot of lightning and wind, but no damages were reported.

Dora baseball team went visiting Monday evening and was defeated by a score of nine to five by the Shep team.

Rev. John Hawkins and family and George Hawkins and family of Stanton spent the week-end here with their father, Uncle G. W. Hawkins, and sister, Mrs. J. W. Whitaker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lynn and son and daughter, of California, have spent the last two weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Sy Dennis.

George, Mark and Carl Whitaker had the misfortune of a car accident Sunday while enroute to Temple to be with their sister, who was to undergo an operation Monday. They had a blow out and the car turned over. Carl received a broken arm and two fingers, and one finger cut off. Mark was bruised up, and George and the car came out without a scratch.

Prof. T. H. McDonald of Canyon, Texas, was shaking hands with ex-students and friends here one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rhodes of Iberis were here Sunday visiting their daughter, Mrs. A. R. Mallon.

Quite a gang from here attended the T. & P. singing convention at Sweetwater Saturday evening and Sunday.

The young people enjoyed a party at Cliff Perry's Friday night.

J. R. Brandon of Clarendon spent a few days here on his way to Corpus Christi, Texas.

Ray Laine, Ira and Homer Oliver went fishing one day this week and reported fine luck, and brought home the evidence.

The farmers are all getting along very good with their work now. If we can have a few days more of sunshiney weather they will about have old man green whipped out.

G. F. Lewis purchased a new Jack-rabbit cultivator last week and can now be seen hopping right down the row.

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TRENT NEWS

Miss Jennie Ethel Canada of Spur is visiting this week with Mrs. Jackson Bright and other friends here. She is soon to take a position here in the Highway Cafe as cashier. We welcome her to our midst.

Mrs. Claud Rossen of Robstown, who has been for the past month visiting with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Pomroy, has returned home.

Mrs. M. P. Wood from Brownwood is with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Stephenson for a few weeks visit.

Cull McDonald and son of Ranger spent last Friday night with his brother, George McDonald, and family.

Miss Edna McGregor of Nott visited her aunt, Mrs. E. L. Mangum, last week-end, before entering school. She will be in Simmons University this summer.

Mrs. Andrew Dick and children of California, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Terry, of Meadow, returned home last Saturday after visiting relatives here for a number of days.

Miss Lela Duke of Meadow is here for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Gafford and other relatives.

Mrs. Earl Stephens and children spent last week-end with her mother of Merkel, Mrs. L. W. Cox.

Mr. A. B. Rosson has his father with him for a while. He is from California.

Miss Odesa Craig has returned from Spur where she spent a ten days vacation with home folks.

Mr. J. H. Stephenson and two daughters, accompanied by Zula Bright, visited friends and relatives in Comanche last week, returning on Thursday.

Misses Thelma and Mary Sue McGowan visited a few days last week with their little cousin, Margaret Clay, of Sweetwater.

Milton Morgan of Stephenville, better known as "Shorty", visited with a number of friends here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Tag Sipe visited the latter's sister and family of Sylvester on last Sunday.

Mr. T. G. Hammer is in Temple this week for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. D. Martin visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott, and family, last Sunday.

Grandmother Phillips of Shilo community is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Pomroy.

Walter O'Kelley of Abilene, efficiently filled the pulpit at the Methodist Church last Sunday morning and evening in the absence of Bro. Watson, who is in a meeting at Tuscola.

Mrs. Jack Pomroy is in Big Spring this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. L. E. Adrian had as dinner guest last Wednesday, her cousin, Mr. Scott, a salesman out of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Donley, who has been visiting relatives at Ranger for some time has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock of Big Spring have moved here, and will have charge of the City Drug Store. We welcome them home, they having formerly lived here.

On last Saturday, June 10, at three o'clock a.m. grandmother Ross died. She had been sick some time while out at her son's home, L. W. Ross, on route two. Her remains were laid away at Abilene last Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Bro. Geo. Parks conducted the service, assisted by Bro. Tatum and Bro. McGinnis. She was 82 years old and loved by all who knew her. She was a faithful and devoted member of the Baptist church and is survived by six children, all of whom have our heartfelt sympathy.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER
Monday afternoon Mrs. Alex Williamson, assisted by Mrs. Buena McLeod, entertained with a shower, given in honor of her niece, Mrs. S. E. Pass, formerly Miss Lois Jacobs.

As each guest arrived she registered her name and gift. Then each one was given a piece of material, thread, needle and thimble and asked to make a cup-towel with her name embroidered in one corner. After these were finished they were given the bride. Little Virginia Clo McRee, Hazel Wanda Williamson, and Mark Williamson rendered some songs and readings.

The bride and groom were then presented with their gifts, which were many. After a word of thanks and appreciation from the groom, Mrs. Winslow Beckham entertained with some songs.

Ice cream and cake were served to fifty guests.

Every one congratulated the happy bridal couple. They will reside in Abilene, Texas.

LOCALS
Miss Cecil Steadman and sister of Oklahoma are visiting their uncle, Walker Steadman.

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham and Hubert Beckham are transacting business in Wichita Falls this week.

TRENT CHURCH of CHRIST

We continue to grow. Our hearts were made glad last Sunday morning when we learned by the roll call that there were fifty-three young men and women in attendance at the young people's Sunday morning Bible class. All the other classes were well attended also.

We are preparing now for our protracted meeting, which bids fair to be one of the greatest meetings ever held in Trent. Evangelist Lile Price, of Gainesville, Texas, will do the preaching. Bro. Price comes to us as a young man of splendid ability and great knowledge of the Scriptures. We shall do our very best to make our large tabernacle pleasant and comfortable for all who come. One thing we want you to remember—our Meeting begins the LAST NIGHT IN JUNE. Come right on to any and all of our services. You are always welcome.

Bible Study at 10 a.m.
Sermon 11 a.m. Subject, "Forge Not." Communion 12 M.
Children's Class 7:15 p.m.
Young People's service 7:15 p.m.
Sermon 8:15 P. M. Subject, "The Two Covenants."
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