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## SPEAKER FLAYS HOOVER IN TALK TO DALLAS FOLK

**Says Power of Government Should Be Placed in Hands of Demo Party for Benefit of People as a Whole.**

Uvalde, Texas, July 20.—Speaker John Nance Garner turned out at sun-up Tuesday for horseback rides through the brushy cattle ranges around Uvalde, then cantered home to putter with tackle he intends using on a fishing trip soon.

Meantime Mrs. Garner, who acts as his secretary, spent a busy day answering the many telegrams which followed him home from Washington. Cactus Jack seemed none the worse for his tiresome journey, or the nine speeches he delivered at way points through Texas. Although the Garner train didn't reach Uvalde until near midnight Monday, both were up at dawn.

Mrs. Garner said she tried to induce her husband to loaf around the house and rest, but to him a vacation meant doing other things. Before breakfast he took a short ride with his granddaughter. Later he went on a more extended ride.

On his return he was joined by Ross Brumfield, an old-time friend who has been his companion on many fishing expeditions in bygone years. Together they laid plans to slip away in the next day or so for a real fishing trip. They declined to say where they were going, but it was assumed they would frequent some of their former haunts in Southwest Texas.

**SPEAKS AT DALLAS.**  
Garner's sharp thrusts at President Hoover for what the speaker of the house called "legislation for a select clientele," brought forth cries of "pour it on" from an enthusiastic Texas crowd which greeted the speaker and his wife as the train stopped at Dallas Monday.

Garner spoke from an improvised platform in the railroad station, his remarks being broadcast over station WFAA.

"This is the first time in more than 20 years I have made an electioneering speech," he began "and the first time in that interval I have addressed an audience outside the house of representatives. Either the people of my district have a lot of confidence in me or I fooled them so well in my first campaign more than 20 years ago that they have sent me back every term since then."

He said, however, he expected to make more speeches in the next three months.

"I want to convince every honest man and woman in the United States that the power of government should be taken away from those who administer it for the benefit of a privileged few," he shouted. "I want to convince them that power should be placed in the hands of the party of which I am a member, the democratic party, to be administered for the benefit of the American people as a whole."

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 19, 1912.)

We regret that we did not mention in our last week's paper the arrival of a fine boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Sheppard. Mr. Sheppard says the youngster is rapidly approaching manhood and is almost as much a man as his father.

Misses Lucy Bean and Dixie Howard are in Hamlin this week, guests of Mrs. Rufus Grisham.

Master De Verle Johnson went to Sweetwater Saturday to visit his uncle, Arthur Johnson.

Misses Mary and Floy Gunn were visitors in Abilene Friday.

G. M. Sharp and Jim Grayson are in Corpus Christi this week enjoying the sad sea waves.

Miss Leola Coats visited her parents Saturday. She returned to school at Abilene Sunday.

Misses Mattie Paylor and Virginia Hamblett attended the picnic at Clyde Wednesday. Miss Paylor will visit in Abilene before returning home.

## NAMED SIXTH TIME AS HEAD OLD SETTLERS

**Tom Bledsoe Honored Again With Presidency; 441 Register, Indicating Residence In County 25 Years Ago or More.**

T. A. Bledsoe was elected to his sixth term as president of the Old Settlers Reunion at the 13th annual meeting of oldtimers of Taylor county at Buffalo Gap Friday. The pioneers joined in a program interspersed with reminders of days long gone—such as a fiddling contest, demonstrations of square and clog dancing, addresses by many who came to the county 50 years ago and the swapping of tales of their experiences.

Others named to serve on the official board were Jim Hurt, Ovalo, first vice president; Mino Hunt, Eradshaw, second vice president; Fred Jones, Tuscola, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Fred Jones, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Welcome by Bledsoe, an address by E. N. Kirby and a reading by Miss Elizabeth Hunt were on the morning's program. Speakers at the afternoon meeting were Mrs. W. R. Chapman, Jim Cook, and W. W. Hair, who gave the main address.

Among the hundreds gathered at the reunion grounds were at least 441 honor guests—persons who resided in Taylor county 25 years ago or more. In this list of old settlers, the following were registered from Merkel, together with the year they settled in Taylor county:

C. D. Pruitt, 1884; Mrs. O. D. Pruitt, 1905; Mrs. John D. Jones, 1892; P. A. Diltz, 1900; Mrs. W. L. Barbee, 1885; Mrs. C. L. Eoff, 1894; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, 1882; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Vaughn, South Gate, Calif., 1882; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chambliss, 1899; Mrs. Minnie Campbell, 1888; Mrs. Della Perry, 1892; B. H. Riney, 1888; J. M. Blackburn, 1884; J. L. Banner, 1900; G. H. Christopher, 1893; John T. King, 1898; Mrs. M. G. King, 1907; Mrs. P. H. Riney, 1907; Mrs. G. B. Ward, 1906; Mrs. J. M. Toombs, 1882; Mrs. E. H. Cordill, 1900; M. G. King, 1901; J. T. Perry, 1897; R. T. Smith, 1898; E. H. Cordill, 1900; M. E. Perry, 1897; J. S. Thomas, 1900; L. A. Dudley, 1891; Mrs. L. A. Dudley, 1901; J. D. Jones, 1885; J. M. Provine, 1896; Mrs. J. P. Chunn, 1897; Mrs. F. A. Polley, 1906; J. S. Adkins, 1901; G. B. Tate, 1906; Ford Smith, 1888; G. B. Ward, 1889; Viola Smith, 1902; J. M. Toombs, 1894; C. A. Higgins, 1889; J. T. Humphreys, 1906.

### 15 Cars Wheat Shipped.

Constituting a record for recent years, 15 cars of wheat were loaded out of Merkel via the T. & P. between Thursday morning of last week and Wednesday morning of this week. Six cars were shipped during the same period, bringing the season's total to 33 cars of wheat and 10 cars of oats.

Mrs. G. H. Adams is at home from a delightful visit to her son, Oscar, and his wife in Harrold, Miss. Ina Maye accompanied her mother, also visited in Haskell and Chillicothe.

Miss Eva Walters, who was operated on for appendicitis, at the Alexander sanitarium, has sufficiently recovered to permit her being brought back to Merkel Sunday.

Friday afternoon a few art devotees were royally entertained by Miss Willie Bigham at her lovely home on Locust. Misses Grace Perkins and Susie Penn were deeply absorbed in needle work while water colors held the attention of Misses Maude Martin, Mabel Collins, Ruth Mims, Mesdames J. M. Gilliam, W. A. Scott and W. H. Dickson. Miss Annie T. Daniel and Mrs. Fred Bigham talked art and planned a summer outing but will paint next time sure. Miss Daniel assisted the hostess in serving delicious cream and small cakes to those present. The afternoon was truly a delightful one and will long live in our memories.

## FULL LIST OF CANDIDATES CONTESTED RACES STATE DEMO PRIMARY ELECTION

### PRO REFERENDUM TO BE SUBMITTED

**Decision to Issue Ballots is Announced by County Chairman; Optional with Voter.**

The Taylor county electorate will vote Saturday on the prohibition referendum, Jas. P. Stinson, county democratic chairman, announced Monday. Ballots, return sheets and other supplies have been sent to election judges.

"We have concluded to hold the referendum in Taylor county for two reasons, although a majority of our committee favor ignoring it," the chairman said. "The state committee has asked that it be held, and has furnished all supplies, and there seems to be a demand by a considerable number of people to be given the opportunity to express themselves on the question. Hence we have taken the democratic course."

Stinson made this point clear: When the voter goes to his election box he will be handed the referendum ballot along with the primary ballot. He will not be allowed to vote on the liquor question alone, but will be required to vote the primary ballot, too.

That means that only democrats in Taylor county will vote on the referendum.

On the other hand, any one may vote the primary ballot and not vote on the referendum.

### Only Few More Days For Making Transfers

Pupils who last April were enumerated in the scholastic census in any other Taylor county district (or Warren in Jones county,) and who plan to attend the Merkel schools this coming year should transfer now, before August 1st. This should be done regardless of whether or not the pupil now lives or plans to live in the Merkel district.

To transfer, the child's parent should see W. O. Boney, secretary of the school board in Merkel, or county Supt. M. A. Williams at Abilene.

Transferred pupils whose parents continue to live outside the Merkel district do not receive free tuition for the entire year, but for three months in high school, four months in grades 4-5-6-7, and for five months in grades 1-2-3. The pupil pays for the remainder of the year at \$5, \$4, and \$3 per month, respectively.

Pupils in high school grades which are not taught in their home district may attend the Merkel High school free for the entire year, the state paying the tuition for such pupils.

Transfer before Aug. 1st.

### Schedule of Games For Indoor Baseball

Results in the indoor baseball league the past week were as follows: Friday, July 15, McGehee 5, Munday 4; Monday, July 18, Riddle 8, McGehee 6; Tuesday, July 19, Munday 5, Riddle 1.

On Thursday Petty's class will meet Munday's class. Other games scheduled are: Friday, July 22, McGehee vs Petty; Monday, July 25, Riddle vs Munday; Tuesday, July 26, Munday vs Petty; Thursday, July 28, Petty vs McGehee.

### Election Returns

Due to the co-operation of the merchants and business men of the city, arrangements have been made to receive returns of the state and county election and these will be posted on the wall of the McDonald grocery in the alley between the two drug stores.

All those interested in getting prompt and authentic returns are invited to come and get advantage of the bulletin.

The polling place for the Merkel precinct in the state democratic primary election Saturday will be the Mellinger building, W. O. Boney, executive committeeman, has announced. The polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 7 p. m.

Mr. Boney will have the following assistants in holding the election: Mrs. Juanita Dowell, Castle B. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Holland Teaff, Miss Lucy Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann, Miss Pauline Johnson, Mrs. Kenneth Pee, Jim Mayfield and J. P. Sharp.

### TAYLOR COUNTY BALLOT.

The list of candidates in contested state, district, county and precinct races, as they appear on the Taylor county official ballot, follows:

**For Governor:**  
R. S. Sterling of Harris County.  
Tom F. Hunter of Wichita County.  
Roger Q. Evans of Bexar County.  
Miriam A. Ferguson of Travis County.

**For Lieutenant Governor:**  
Edgar E. Witt of McLennan County.

**For Attorney General:**  
Ernest Becker of Dallas County.  
Clem Calhoun of Potter County.  
James V. Allred of Wichita County.  
For State Comptroller of Public Accounts:

George H. Sheppard of Nolan County.  
For State Treasurer:

Charley Lockhart of Travis County.  
For State Superintendent of Public Instruction:

L. A. Woods of McLennan County.  
Charles N. Shaver of Walker County.

**For Commissioner of Agriculture:**  
L. A. Seymour of Travis County.  
J. E. McDonald of Ellis County.  
For Commissioner of General Land Office:

J. H. Walker of Hill County.  
For State Railroad Commissioner (6-year term):

J. J. (Jack) Patterson of Bexar County.  
Lee Satterwhite of Ector County.  
C. V. Terrell of Wise County.  
Roy I. Tennant of Bell County.

**For State Railroad Commissioner (4-year unexpired term):**  
Ed T. Murphy of Polk County.  
W. Gregory Hatcher of Dallas County.  
C. A. DeWare of Washington County.

Ernest O. Thompson of Potter County.  
Olin Culberson of Jackson.

**For Associate Justice of The Supreme Court:**  
Ocie Speer of Travis County.  
J. E. Hickman of Eastland County.  
William Pierson of Hunt County.

**For Judge of The Court of Criminal Appeals:**  
F. L. Hawkins of Ellis County.  
For Congressman at Large (Place No. 1):

Chesley W. Jurney of McLennan County.  
E. G. Senter of Tarrant County.  
Ida M. Darden of Tarrant County.  
George J. Schleicher of DeWitt County.

Ernest C. Cox of Travis County.  
Geo. B. Terrell of Cherokee County.  
Mrs. Alex L. Adams of Bexar County.

R. B. Hood of Parker County.  
W. Seldon Reed of Travis County.  
Cullen F. Thomas of Dallas County.  
Lawrence Westbrook of McLennan County.

Sherman Nelson of Montgomery County.  
Pink Parrish of Loblock County.  
W. Erskine Williams of Tarrant County.

**For Congressman at Large (Place No. 2):**  
W. H. Hawkins of Erath County.  
Oscar Holcombe of Harris County.  
Phebe K. Warner of Armstrong County.

Joseph Weldon Bailey, Jr., of Dallas County.  
G. B. Fisher of San Augustine County.

Lamar Gill of Willacy County.  
L. J. Sulack of Fayette County.  
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**Record of Births.**  
Girl, to Mr and Mrs. Leonard Gay, Monday, July 18, 1932.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Three persons, one a 13-year-old girl, were critically burned and a fourth overcome by gas when a bomb exploded in the Texas theatre at San Antonio Friday night.

Posing as a reporter, a bandit in Houston took W. A. Paddock, chairman of the state prison board, for a ride, robbed him of \$38 in cash and left him stranded on a highway ten miles from town.

Lawrence N. Patton, 40, died of suffocation at Pampa Saturday in a freak automobile accident when, after his car rolled down an embankment, he was pinned in the front seat against the cushion.

Norris Dean Cody, three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Cody, residing two miles north of Gannon, in Fisher county, drowned Saturday in a tank a short distance from the farm home of his parents.

Sam P. Cockran, a distinguished Texas Mason, has become a licensed lawyer at the age of seventy-seven, having been sworn as a member of the Texas bar by Chief Justice C. M. Cureton of the state supreme court.

W. J. Kettnerburg, 42, bonus marcher returning from Washington, D. C., to his home in Los Angeles, Calif., died at Fort Worth Tuesday of injuries received when he fell under a Missouri-Kansas-Texas freight train.

Dr. Bradford Knapp, president of Alabama Polytechnic institute, known throughout the South as Auburn, has tendered his resignation, effective September 1, to become president of Texas Technological college at Lubbock.

Jim Holmsley, 49, employed by the highway department for several years, was burned to death at Comanche in a fire which razed the Carter hotel, a wooden structure in which Carter was sleeping in his room on the second floor.

Two East Texans succumbed to heat Saturday: T. P. Adams, oil man of Longview, who was found dead in bed at his residence, due to a heat stroke, and C. B. Pickle, Hunt County farmer, who became overheated while working in his field.

## AUTO WRECK IS FATAL FOR TRENT WOMAN

**Mrs. Anna Smith, 71, Dies of Injuries After Her Car Struck Broadside; Funeral Services Friday at 5 P. M.**

Injuries received when a small sedan which she was driving was broadsided by a larger car Tuesday, resulted fatally for Mrs. H. N. (Anna) Smith, 71, mother of ten children, and pioneer resident of Taylor county. The accident occurred on highway 1, west of Trent, about 8 a. m.

The elderly woman was brought to a physician's office here for first aid and died an hour later just before the ambulance carrying her to an Abilene hospital reached the western limit of that city.

Mrs. Smith left her home, west of Trent, early Tuesday, to visit a daughter in the town, Mrs. Tom Williamson. She was alone in the car, a Model T Ford sedan. As she turned into highway 1, the smaller car was struck by a Studebaker sedan. The Ford turned on its side, the bigger car going completely over and resting wheels up. The driver of the Studebaker, P. M. Edwards, interior decorator, and V. A. Armbruster and Richard Farge, all of Houston, said Mrs. Smith's car seemed to pause as Edwards slowed, then rolled onto the highway before he could turn out.

Mrs. Smith received two skull fractures and deep cuts over the left eye and central portion of the forehead. Both legs were broken above the knees.

Occupants of the Studebaker—the three men and Mrs. M. E. Lane of Los Angeles, who had been visiting in Houston—were brought to Merkel also but were only slightly bruised. The party was bound for California.

The funeral services are to be held at the Methodist church at Trent at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with Rev. U. S. Sherrill officiating.

Mrs. Smith's husband, Tid Smith, died October 15, 1931. She is survived by six sons, W. E. Smith, of Abilene, Ollie Smith of Trent, Walter Smith of Lamesa, Frank Smith of Anson, Henry Smith of Vernon, and Charles Smith of Denton. The daughters are Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Tom Galloway of Barnhart, Mrs. D. R. Dewsey of San Antonio and Mrs. G. W. Minnis.

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**The Way of Life**  
**BRUCE BARTON**

**ALWAYS—SOMETHING HAPPENS.**

A man whose son graduated from college in June was asking what I thought about a post graduate course in the Harvard Business School.

"I don't assume any school can teach a boy how to succeed," he said. "What I want is to have my son learn something about the history of business."

He proceeded to illustrate from his own experience. Until 1904 he was a newspaper reporter, but that year he took a job with the manufacturing concern of which he is now the head.

In 1907, when he was just beginning to get under way, along came a panic.

"We cleared away the wreckage and started again," he said, "but in 1910 there was a strike which tied up our plants, destroyed part of our property and disrupted our trade.

"Suddenly the war, and the slump was transformed into a boom! But don't imagine the boom was any picnic. To be sure, the orders rolled in from every side, but prices of raw material sky-rocketed, our capital was limited, and I wore out my shoes and got grey headed borrowing money from one bank to pay back another.

"Then the war ended, and we took an awful beating in our inventory. Then the 1920-22 depression. Then another boom.

"And now this.

"It would be advantageous to my boy, I believe, if he were familiar with this sequence of events, if he knew the ups and downs not only of modern business but of business through the ages. Maybe he would come into life without the illusion which has handicapped so many of us—that there is any such thing as 'normal' in the sense of permanently settled conditions and uninterrupted progress."

I thought these were very wise remarks.

As far back as I can remember I have been hoping and planning for a time when I should be "comfortably fixed." At first I thought if I could ever accumulate \$20,000 in good safe bonds I'd have an income of \$1,000 a year and then I could look out with philosophic calm upon the foibles of the world.

The only progress I have made during the past three years has been in health. I try to ride horseback more, swim more, play more golf, and keep generally tough and supple. I'm quite sure that as long as I live I shall have to keep hustling—that just about the time I get everything nicely fixed something will happen.



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**PERTINENT QUESTIONS.**

The collect telegram sent June 4, 1932, by South Trimble, clerk of the house of representatives, Washington, D. C., to Joe Jones, Eastland, Texas, in reply to Jones' inquiry as to the names and amounts paid to clerks of Congressman Thos. L. Blanton, has been widely distributed and quoted in speeches by Blanton in the current campaign.

The telegram was printed in full in the last issue of The Mail and readers are, therefore, familiar with same.

Does it add to the average voter's conception of the efficiency of government employees for the clerk of the house to use 273 words to answer such a simple inquiry?

Has Blanton, apostle of economy par excellence and without peer, started an investigation as to the cause and manner of this waste of Jones' money?

If, according to Blanton's first allibi as to the presence of his daughter's name on the clerical pay roll, each representative is allowed only two clerks, which two clerks does the government pay for Blanton?

If the Trimble telegram is correct and Blanton uses his daughter's check to pay his three employees, and his daughter's salary is only \$3,000, who draws the other \$2,000 allowed? Or does Blanton as an exceptional case pay four clerks, per Trimble telegram?

As a matter of fact and a test of your own powers of perception, after reading the 273-word telegram from South Trimble, so liberally and defensively quoted by Blanton, can you give the names and amounts paid to clerks of Congressman Thos. L. Blanton?

Why did not South Trimble quote the records of the house of representatives as to actual names of clerks and salaries? (This was given in news dispatches, after the cloak of secrecy was removed, and the name of Blanton's daughter was reported.)

Do you or do you not think that the Jones' inquiry was turned over to Tom Blanton for attention?

Do you or do you not think that the reply was dictated, yea, even prepared by Tom himself?

Why did the clerk of the house of representatives, evasively or purposely, fail to answer the Jones' inquiry?

**WORTH WHILE THOUGHTS.**

Appreciation of what one has is much more productive of happiness than is the desire for something he has not. Seeking beauty in things nearest us gives greater satisfaction than constant longing to gaze upon scenes in distant lands.—Dallas News.

**LOCAL BRIEFS.**

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns, who have just returned from a month's visit with their children in Canton and Port Arthur, were accompanied home by two of their grandsons, Billie and H. J. Burns. While in Port Arthur they attended the wedding on June 25 of their son, R. L. Burns, to Miss Laura Dill, also of Port Arthur.

While primary election day, Saturday, July 23, is customarily a state holiday, the two local banks announce that, owing to the rush of the wheat season and the further fact of its falling on a Saturday, they will remain open all day on election day.

Word has been received from Supt. Roger A. Burgess that he is out at his dad's place near Lubbock recuperating from a tonsil operation.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Wheeler, accompanied by Gold Dickson, have returned from Big Spring where they went last Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Wheeler's father. Besides the son here, Mr. Wheeler is survived by three other sons and one daughter.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. W. D. Butler, whose condition was critical Sunday and Monday, is improving now.

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**Roy Tennant For Rail Commissioner Favors Reduction County Salaries**



Roy I. Tennant of Bell county, candidate for railroad commissioner, six year term, served as a member of the state board of control for six years, under three governors and was elected by the board to take charge of the purchasing division. His record on the board of control is known throughout the state for his fairness and consideration to all bidders, from the smallest to the largest, and it has made him many thousands of friends.

Mr. Tennant was reared in McLennan county, moving to Temple in 1900, where he engaged in business until 1925 when he was appointed to the board of control. In regard to the office of railroad commissioner to which Mr. Tennant aspires, he states:

**Former Judge of Hill County Seeks Place in Congress**

Dallas, July 20.—Olin Culberson, former Hill County judge, winds up his campaign for railroad commissioner here Thursday. He spoke last week at Granger, Commerce, Sulphur Springs, and Pittsburg, and is working this week in the West Texas territory.

He stated at Commerce that he was glad the people were not confusing the two races for railroad commissioner. Mr. Culberson is running for the short term. He told an enthusiastic crowd that he was finding that the "people of Texas are still confident they can trust their affairs in the hands of a Culberson."

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Seventy-five per cent of Canada has not yet been seen by white man.

To the Voters of Precinct No. 2, Taylor County:

Since I have been very busy the past several weeks and have not been able to electioneer as I had hoped to do, I am asking you to consider this my last and personal appeal.

I have been in and near Merkel for the past thirty years and have been in business here for the past seven, and I cordially invite you to investigate my past record of service and honesty.

I have had experience in both road work and the commissioners' court; therefore, I feel fully qualified for the office I seek.

I believe every member of the commissioners' court should be a taxpayer so that he may understand and realize what the taxpayer is facing during this time of depression. Being a taxpayer, I am in favor of the reduction of taxes. I am also in favor of the reduction of county salaries, including that of commissioner. I think each commissioner should furnish his own car.

If I should be elected to this office, so far as possible the work on the roads will be given to the farmer or farmers nearest the work to be done.

I promise, if elected, to devote my full time to the work of the office and see that every person is given a square deal.

Character and qualification should be your guide in selecting those to serve you in public office.

Respectfully,  
A. J. Canon,  
Candidate for County Commissioner  
Precinct No. 2, Taylor County  
(Political Advertisement.)

**500 New Laws Enacted.**  
Washington, July 20.—A record 500 laws were enacted by congress during the session ended Saturday night. They were chosen from 18,000 bills introduced, one of the bumper bill crops in history. Of this extraordinary total of ideas on what legislation the country needed, 13,000 were presented in the house, 5,000 in the senate. Most were of minor importance. The house figure compares with only 7,700 for the last long session of congress.

**Corporation Lawyers Ruled Long Enough**



**E. L. WHITAKER FOR REPRESENTATIVE**

The legislature can give power to lower utility rates. Send a man endeavoring to do that rather than incumbent who as attorney for utility corporations must see that rate is not endangered.

(Political Advertisement)

**Mrs. H. N. Smith**

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whose home is in Fort Worth, but who is now on a world tour and was located by cable in the Philippine Islands.

All of the children, with the exception of Mrs. Minnis, will be present for the funeral. Mrs. Davy Long of Eldorado, a cousin of Mrs. Smith, is also here for the funeral.

Aliens compose 23 per cent of the prison population of New York state.

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**FURNISHED APARTMENTS**

If you have a furnished apartment or furnished rooms for rent, why not try a classified advertisement in the Merkel Mail? It will cost only 25 cents per insertion.

**PHONE 61**

**To The People of Taylor County:**

I am asking you for your support in the race for Tax Collector. I am qualified to do this work. I have lived in the county most of my life. This is my first time to ask you for an office.

This office belongs to the people. It pays an extra good salary. In fact, it is one of the best paying county offices.

I am sure Earl Hughes has made a good collector. I am his friend. He is asking you for a fourth term, not counting about six years he worked in this office as deputy with a good salary. Don't you think some other country boy should be permitted to hold, for a short time, this nice job?

I have been unable to see all of you, but remember that it has been my desire and earnest effort to meet personally every voter in the county.

I assure you, if elected, I will discharge the duties of this office in an economical, courteous and efficient manner. I will always keep in mind that this office belongs to the people and I am their servant. I will give every person the good service they are entitled to.



**GRADY PARMELLY**

(Political Advertisement)

**THE SMALL CITY... A Pacemaker of Progress**

More and more the signs point to the greater importance of the small and medium-sized community.

We are proud of the part electric power is playing in laying the groundwork for this greater progress and prosperity.

Gone is the day when the larger metropolitan centers had a monopoly of power supply, the first essential of industrial growth and development.

Widespread networks of transmission lines have given the smaller communities the same high-grade electric service as the larger cities have.

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SPUDS, peck	22c
SPUDS, 10 pounds	15c
COMPOUND, 8 pound pail	60c
BACON, heavy sugar cured	16c
JOWLS, pound	8c
DRIED APRICOTS, per lb.	12 1-2c
DRIED PRUNES, per lb.	8c
CRACKERS, 2 lb. Salad Wafers	22c
SALMON, pinks	10c
VINEGAR, pure apple cider	30c
VINEGAR, distilled	25c
CANS, No. 2, plain	\$2.70
CANS, No. 2, Lacquered	\$2.90
KERR JARS, quart	75c



# FIRST LOVIES

by FELIX RIESENBERG

**SECOND INSTALLMENT.**

**SYNOPSIS:** Johnny Breen, 16 years old, who had spent all of his life aboard a Hudson river tugboat plying near New York, is tossed into the river in a terrific collision which sinks the tug, drowns his mother and the man he called father. Ignorant, unschooled, and fear driven, he drags himself ashore, hides in the friendly darkness of a huge covered truck—only to be kicked out at dawn—and into the midst of a tough gang of river rat boys who beat and chase him. He escapes and, exhausted, tumbles into a basement doorway. Later he hears the trap door slammed, a padlock snapped down—and he is trapped.

**NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.**

"Becka! Becka!"  
 "Yes, Pa."  
 "Will you shud de vawter off?"  
 "Papa, it iss off."  
 "Vot you dell me, Becka? Id don'd run? I heard id. Do vot I told you; vill you?" Channon Lipvitch hobbled back through the basement, to the rear room. He shuffled, his feet at an angle, his bearded face assuming an air of comical severity. It was an occasion and Channon Lipvitch, certain of his ground, determined to correct his daughter. Conversation, in the rear living-sleeping room, came to a stop; the loud voices quieting while the splash of running water sounded from without. "So you told it lies to me on Shabbas?" He bristled, but Becka, more voluble than her father, instantly replied.

"It's in back, Pa. Don't be so sudent with calling me a liar. It's in the house in back. I hear it splashing, like you."

But Channon Lipvitch was right. Water was splashing, if not in their apartment, then near by. Ha, he was right; his ears were not stuffed up. Water taxes were ever in his mind when faucets flowed. "Vell," he said, "shud id off, vy don'd you? Dell me, who iss making sooch a splash on Shabbas?" He was a strict man with his family—in the presence of visitors. The girl, big for her age, and plump, with an almost premature development, laughing and giggling, climbed through a rear window of the Lipvitch home, the living-sleeping-eating-room in back of the Clothing Emporium—New and Second Hand. She had to make a high step, a very high step, for they were on the basement floor, and the sills were high. Her skirt was tight and long, in fact, as she stretched one leg through the window, the other was uncovered far above the knee; a plump shapely leg.

Becka, standing on tiptoes, her skirt lifted unnecessarily high, peered across the narrow area between the buildings. Through a broken window pane she saw a boy splashing over a rusty sink, under a tap of running water. He held a piece of hard yellow laundry soap and was working up a lather; his hair and face were streaming wet. The boy caught a glimpse of her, his eyes were wide with fear—blue eyes. She smiled at him. Then she turned hurriedly, her skirt up over her knees—her stockings were new and she made the most of the occasion. Breathlessly she jumped down into the Lipvitch living-room. "It's a boigler," she declared, almost fainting. Tremendous excitement prevailed in the Lipvitch home.

"Quick, Papa, quick." Mrs. Lipvitch and Mrs. Yartin were urging and helping the reluctant Lipvitch at the window. Suddenly the water stopped. Lipvitch, in the area, caught a glimpse of a boy's face at the broken window. The little man, he was a head shorter than his wife, struggled to command his voice. He did not look formidable in his back silk skull cap. His features worked convulsively.

"Vat iss! Vat iss!" He exclaimed excitedly. The boy looked harmless, frightened. "Vill you come out?" Lipvitch screamed. "Or if you don't, I—I call polize!"  
 "Papa it's only a boy." Becka was again climbing through the window. "Here, boy, come out to us." She rapped and rattled the weathered sash.

"Id's only a poy. Only a poy." Mr. Lipvitch announced, as if terribly disappointed. He greeted Johnny with a smile, and held out a scrawny hand to the strong fist of the boy who leaped up without effort, a ragged, desperate waif with wet hair and shining eyes. But Channon Lipvitch was triumphant. He had proven himself, with the help of circumstances. Be-

fore one's family and friends, bravery is a virtue.

The Lipvitch Clothing Emporium—"New and Second Hand"—was not unlike the barge Cavalier, in shape, at least.

It was a nice little business, buying and selling. In the back, branching from a dark, narrow hallway with a splintered pine floor, were the work rooms lit by naked yellow gas jets and crowded during ten hours of the day with operators on pants and vests. Lipvitch took in piece work on the less difficult parts of manufacture, hiring his help from the tenements of the street. His stock did not spoil, even when protesting with vehemence that his loss was great. Back of the two work rooms came the kitchen, small and dark, opening to the living room in the rear. At one side of this, back of a sink, to save plumbing, was the bathroom. And the back room, the home of the Lipvitch family, where they entertained their friends, ate their meals, and slept, stretched the full seventeen feet from party wall to party wall. Here father, mother, Becka and the twins, Muriel and Constance, the latter just able to walk, were sheltered.

In the living room there were two beds, covered by colored spreads by day and shoved against the wall farthest from the window, to get away from the night air. Becka and the twins slept on one of these and Mr. and Mrs. Lipvitch occupied the other. With the advent of Johnny Breen a cot, from a nearby second hand store, was placed beneath one of the windows.

Channon Lipvitch, like the heads of many families preponderant on the female side, felt himself overshadowed by the growing impudence of Becka added to the volubility of Mrs. Lipvitch. A shrewd general in a trade, he was limp in the hands of his wife and daughter. To him trade was art; it was life, and life depended upon the teeming, crowding multitude who swarmed and squirmed in the alleys of the town—it was a good place, this city, so full of customers always close at hand.

On the Saturday afternoon of Johnny's introduction to the city his reception in the back room of the Clothing Emporium took on the proportions of an event. Johnny's story, given amid greedy mastication of seed rolls and gulps of tears and lukewarm coffee, thrilled the company with a sympathy grown quick through the age-long persecution of their race—a sympathy leading to monumental works of charity within the city. Tears coursed down his cheeks as he repeated, "My mother is drowned, my mother is drowned!" The "oy, oy, oy" of Mrs. Lipvitch and Mrs. Yartin punctuated the story. Mrs. Blumgren, with large, wondering brown eyes, cried in sympathy, while Becka dried his clothes and sewed on buttons.

"You are staying by us, now," Becka spoke to Johnny, smiling, her face close to his. Tears welled in his eyes. He was terribly tired; kindness cut through him like a knife.

Johnny slept on a cot in the corner. He drifted off into oblivion, exhaustion and exaltation crowding back the events of the previous day and night. Days of bewildering complexity followed on his establishment in the family of Channon Lipvitch, as a cousin from the farm, for so Elkan Nesser, a malamud, advised. Slowly the river dimmed. Johnny Breen learned of synagogues and rabbis. He thought the whole world consisted of the river and the Ghetto, nothing else. Becka became a dominant force in the direction of his emotions. He burst out of his clothes, his strong body never tired. He could lift Becka high up so she might reach the top shelves in the shop; she was often needing things there, and then, suddenly, he refused to lift her, but climbed up himself and found nothing.

John had achieved a prime requisite for worldly success. He was known four and five blocks away as "Fighting Lipvitch." He became a celebrity, nothing less, elevated above the boys on the street; on a par, in fact, with young men four and five years his senior in point of age and a decade beyond him in worldly lore. The Grogan Gang, out for revenge, cruised the Ghetto. John Breen, with brass knuckle dusters in his pockets, a reckless light in his eyes, fought when there were no more than two or three, and took to his heels before a gang. He rather liked fighting, it added to

his popularity. He began to absorb the philosophy of the Ghetto, the kindly brotherhood of those who live within the pale. He also absorbed a tremendous stock of self-conceit and confidence. Once he hit a rash young man such a terrific crack, the blow landed on his chin, that the victim lay for a half hour unconscious. The story grew by telling and the fame of John Breen took on added stature.

Fighting kept his mind alert and made him wary, while dim thoughts of things beyond the tenements, of wide avenue and great mansions, crossed his consciousness in dreams. John learned that millionaires were in the city, powerful, kindly, and immensely rich, looking about for worthy daughters of Israel. He suspected that miles and miles beyond them lay vast territories unexplored.

A month in the Clothing Emporium—New and Second Hand—found John Breen part of a routine that included every phase of the business, that is, every phase of it but the receipt of wages. John lay awake at night reviewing the bitter struggle and worked the harder by day. He arose at five-thirty, an hour before Lipvitch, and in the dark, murky room he slipped on his trousers, and with shirt in hand, went to the littered tub.

In those mornings John worked hard and fast to get out on the street and then he idled about until the coming of Lipvitch. The street was an endless show, a constantly changing tapestry with human figures hung on frames of brick.

As the mornings followed each other and his fame expanded, John Breen kept a wary eye for ruffians trudging to and from the river. His stay at the Clothing Emporium became more and more perilous. The Grogan Gang was "laying" for him. He avoided the river front and kept away from the Bowery. Once, on a Saturday night, walking with Becka, arm in arm, and deep in the mysteries of river lore, for John told her everything he could remember, he was suddenly confronted by a crowd of toughs.

"That's 'im! That's tha fightin' kyke!"

Set on from front and back he was unmercifully beaten, kicked and mauled. Becka, screaming, ran to the corner, crying, "Moider, perlice!—moider!—perlice!" Her frantic screams were heard for a block and a cop, providentially near, rushed to the scene in time to save John Breen from complete annihilation.

Becka supported him, carried him home, a bloody battered gladiator. Becka was his nurse, tended him, washed his cuts and bruises, and got raw beefsteak from Mrs. Yartin for his blackened eyes. She sat on his couch and cried over him, caressed him, her hero.

And so the months went by in a smother of smells and chatter and continuous struggle.

As the summer waxed to its fullest heat and high humidity thickened the air with oppressive damp, the Lipvitch family moved out of their back room into the rear area of the tenement. Here, with their mattresses close together, they lay gasping through the nights. John, prone on his back, gazed upward on clear nights at a slit of heaven. Frequent domestic arguments sounded back and forth down crowded light shafts and weird fancies filled John's mind as he fretted through the hot nights amid the close incest of the city slums.

(Continued Next Week.)

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To My Constituents:



At Abilene Friday, Joe Jones made no attempt whatever to explain the \$38,843.20 fees he received from taxpayers money, or the additional \$1,800.00 he attempted to collect from Eastland Co., which Auditor Michael turned down, or his refusal to pay back the \$601.52 Auditor Michael found he was due Eastland county for 1929, or the \$6,870.00 he got from Texas for 1374 alleged examining trials, or the \$7,878.00 he got from Texas for 493 alleged habeas corpus hearings, when none whatever were held in the counties of Brown, Burnet, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, San Saba, Llano, Runnels, Lampasas and Shackelford. He made no attempt to explain collecting as annual expenses postage stamps \$122.50, telephone \$189.55, telegrams \$82.64, office supplies \$180.75 and travelling expenses \$1,260.18, or collecting his postoffice box rent of \$3.00, or \$187.61 for oil and gas in one year, while other district attorneys received only \$4,000 salary and \$300 per annum for expenses. He refused to tell whether he has yet paid back Texas the \$5,786.00 in cash, and his last warrant, which the comptroller and investigating committee at Austin have demanded he pay back.

Jones read an attack Garner made on me years ago. I had blocked by point of order the attempt to raise salaries from \$7,500 to \$10,000. I had written every newspaper in the U. S. advising that unless they notified the people and stopped it with public sentiment, congress would raise salaries, and not allow a record vote. I had forced a vote on my proposal to stop members from employing relatives. I had denounced the loss to government on restaurants, paying salaries to barbers, and buying all kinds of merchandise from stationery rooms. This caused Garner and Summers to attack.

The people remember that congress did raise salaries, and allowed no record vote. Garner made proper amends, and he and I have been close personal

MONTE WARNER TALKS ON "BONUS AND BEER"

Monte Warner, broke owner of an oil field, war aviator and former secretary to a Congressman-at-Large, who returned to college to prepare for Congress, will speak over XEF, 735 K. at 8:30 p. m. on Thursday and Friday on "Bonus and Beer." (Political Adv.)

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WEEK OF JULY 24

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Jean Harlow in

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LEWIS STONE

Tuesday-Wednesday

Warren William in

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friends for years. He helped me to stop the abuses in the barber-shops, stationery rooms and restaurants. All Texas congressmen are my personal friends. You have affidavits from my three clerks, none related to me, that they drew my entire clerical allowan-

ce, and the disbursing clerk has certified to Jones that my daughter does not get one dollar of same.

Thomas L. Blanton.  
(Political Adv.)

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# MILBURN S. LONG, CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION FOR DISTRICT JUDGE, 42ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS; SECOND ELECTIVE TERM:

To the People of the 42nd Judicial District of Texas:

As your district judge I have endeavored to give all parties a fair and impartial trial and to administer without fear or favor all the laws in force in this state.

Read what others think of my services. The following is a letter under date July 11th, 1932, from Honorable J. O. Woodward, chairman of the board of pardons and paroles and for twenty years district judge of the 32nd district court:

"Judge Long tried cases in my court in which I was disqualified, and I beg to say that I have never heard one word of criticism concerning him from anyone. He was very nice to me when he came to Coleman to try cases. I regard him as a first class gentleman and district judge. The cases he tried in Coleman were handled in a satisfactory manner."

"Yours truly,  
"J. O. Woodward."

The following is a letter from Honorable Clyde Grissom, former district attorney and at present judge of the 39th judicial district:

"Haskell, Texas, July 8, 1932.  
"Hon. M. S. Long,  
"District Judge,  
"Abilene, Texas:  
"Dear Judge: It has come to my attention that there has been some question raised with reference to your conduct in the 39th district.

"With reference to this report I want to say to you that I will be glad to state to any person interested the facts in the case. That is, that when I became district judge, after being district attorney, that I was disqualified to try a number of criminal cases in Kent, Stonewall, Haskell and Throckmorton counties. At my request you have been kind enough to go to Kent, Haskell and Throckmorton counties and try cases for me in those counties in which I was disqualified. Your action in these cases has been entirely satisfactory, and I have heard nothing but complimentary remarks with reference to your official actions, or personal conduct, while exchanging benches with me in this district.

"It is a well known fact throughout this section of the country that you have probably disposed of more business than any other judge in this section, and your fairness, ability and integrity I have never heard questioned. I want to say to you frankly that in my humble opinion you are one of the ablest trial judges in Texas.

"With kindest personal regards, I am,

"Sincerely your friend,  
"Clyde Grissom."

The following is a clipping from the Abilene Reporter, concerning a term of court held by me in January and February 1931:

"Judge Long's Court Grinds Out Cases At Near-Record Pace of 15 Per Week

"Disposition of 122 cases in an eight-week term, court officials say, is a mark to be sought after by any tribunal. The record was hung up by Judge M. S. Long's 42nd district court, in the term just closed.

"Cases disposed of are classified as follows: pleas of guilty to criminal charges, 11; criminal jury cases, contested, 15; civil jury cases, 14; non-jury, contested, 7; divorce cases, not contested, 32; civil cases dismissed, 24; agreed judgments, 14; default judgments, 14.

"Testimony taken in trial of the cases, reported by Harvey C. Brown, is estimated to run at least 6,000 pages of typewritten copy or approximately 1,500,000 words, first written by the court reporter in shorthand. Testimony in at least six of the cases ran more than 300 pages each, Brown said. The total estimate of words is a conservative one, he said.

"Judge W. R. Chapman of 104th district court, commenting on Judge Long's present term said: "This is a disposition of one of the heaviest dockets I have known, by any district judge, within eight weeks."

Here is a letter from Mr. H. W. Grisham, a farmer in Callahan county:

"I have known Judge Long for sixteen years and have served in his court as a grand juror and petit juror as much as any one man in his district and will say that I have always found him strictly sober and on the job and I will say further that there never was a judge more cour-



teous to his grand jurors and petit jurors than Judge Long.

"Respectfully,  
"H. W. Grisham."

Your vote and influence on next Saturday will be highly appreciated by me.

Milburn S. Long,  
(Political Advertisement.)

### A GOOD ROAD BUILDER.

To Whom It May Concern:  
I see that Mr. A. J. Canon is a candidate for commissioner of the Merkel territory, Precinct No. 2. I want to say, while I was commissioner of Precinct No. 4, Jones county, I employed Mr. Canon to do road and bridge work for me. He is as good a road and bridge builder as I ever saw. He knows what a road needs and what it takes to do the work and feel that the voters that support him will never regret it.

Yours respectfully,  
E. C. Tarvin,  
(Political Adv.)

### Queen of Girl Athletes.

Evanston, Ill., July 20.—Mildred (Babe) Didrikson, 19, of Dallas proved Saturday that she is the world's greatest feminine athlete by winning five first places, tying for another and taking one fourth prize to compile 30 points and win the National A. A. U. team championship for the Employers' Casualty Company Golden Cycles in Evanston, Ill. She broke three world records.

Nearly two-thirds of the cotton imported into Spain last year was American.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Form B-76

No. 1619

## BANKS OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1932, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 22nd day of July, 1932.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$107,777.98
Loans secured by real estate	10,735.60
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	7,000.00
Other bonds and stocks owned	3,250.00
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	1,200.00
Cash in bank	10,963.61
Due from approved reserve agents	4,781.37
Claim Account	4,658.19
Livestock	1,374.95
Other Resources	5,547.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$179,789.54</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	780.97
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	85,538.70
Time Certificates of Deposit	4,117.85
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	239.89
Bills Payable	39,112.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$179,789.54</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:  
We, C. M. Largent, as President, and W. L. Diltz, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. M. LARGENT, President.  
W. L. DILTZ, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July, A. D. 1932.  
ADDIE HOLLER,  
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)  
CORRECT—ATTEST:  
J. S. SWANN,  
DAVID HENDRICKS,  
MAX MELLINGER,  
Directors.

## Asks Support Solely On Ability to Serve In Assessor's Office

Friends of Western Taylor County:  
On January 1st this year I announced for tax assessor solely on my principle and ability to render you honest, efficient and satisfactory service. On these principles, good friends, and these only, I have waged my campaign and on the same will it be concluded.

I have not, and will not, plead the merits of sympathy. True I am as poor as any man running for any office, with also a family to support and three children to raise and educate, but you do not owe me a public office because of that responsibility.

I have a record of which I am justly proud on which to plead my cause. Not only a character which will stand the closest investigation - throughout its entire past, not only as a successful farmer during my early life, not only as a successful soldier during the world war, but a record of success for fifteen years of office work, with twelve years as a workman in your assessor's office, a record unparalleled by any clerical deputy in the history of Taylor county.

True I have served long enough as a deputy only, and it should now be my time to serve as your elected official.

Have been a tax payer in this county for years and there is no person who will diligently stand for the rights of the people any more than I. There is no person who will hue to the lines of economy closer than I. Ask those who know.

Much is to be learned in your tax assessor's office before any person can serve you efficiently. I have learned that, and learned it well as an apprentice, and now ask you for promotion solely as I have merited same throughout these years of faithful service.

Compare my character with that of any man, and not only inquire concerning my ability in your assessor's office, but do as I requested in my original announcement; test me, yes, contest me with any person in the knowledge and work of your assessor's office.

Stay with me, friends, without fail and, if you honor me by election, you will always find me on the job, from the beginning, as a capable servant at your command—always your friend personally in my official transactions with you, and always a ready counsellor before the commissioners court in your behalf, for I know that I can conduct an administration that will stand the closest inspection and merit your future confidence.

Ask Mr. J. T. Howard, or anyone else, about me, who knows me. Always and ever,

Your friend,  
C. W. Boyce,  
(Political Advertisement.)

Hawaii's pineapple pack last year totaled 1,104,000 cans more than that of 1930.

QUALIFICATIONS: THOROUGH ACADEMIC AND LEGAL TRAINING: LL. B. UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS; TWELVE YEARS EXPERIENCE AS ATTORNEY; EIGHTEEN MONTHS WORLD WAR SERVICE: A CLEAN, SOBER, AND COURAGEOUS RECORD AS A CITIZEN AND A LAWYER.



An open challenge to opponent or any of his friends to defend his record is fair. I have said nothing to his back that I will not and have not said to his face. The challenge has been declined. Fifty per cent of the cases appealed from 43rd district court have been reversed during the term of the incumbent and many civil cases have been reversed and rendered. This is too expensive to tax payers.

Since I have been open and fair, please beware of last minute propaganda, if any, which I will not have time to answer. My life and record as a citizen and lawyer and official has been an open book, sober, sincere, and determined to follow the right at all costs. Fifteen years in office one way or another by the incumbent is a long time. Six years in one office ill managed is too long. If you will give me a chance I will prove true to the trust.

Henry L. DeBusk,  
(Political Adv.)

Abilene, Texas 209 Pine St.



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Abilene, Texas 209 Pine St.

## Taylor County Ballot

(Continued from Page One)  
J. H. (Cyclone) Davis of Hopkins County.  
W. E. Myers of Tarrant County.  
E. D. Sartin of Wichita County.  
P. L. Downs of Bell County.  
For Congressman at Large (Place No. 3):  
V. I. Cargile of Harris County.  
John L. Meanty of Harris County.  
Joe Burkett of Bexar County.  
Sterling P. Strong of Dallas County.

Mrs. Fred Real of Kerr County.  
Douglass W. McGregor of Harris County.  
Julian C. Hyer of Tarrant County.  
Ben F. Harigal of Fayette County.  
W. E. (Bill) Lea of Orange County.  
A. H. King of Throckmorton County.

Monte Warner of Tom Green County.  
Alfred William Sasse of Victoria County.  
C. A. Mitchner of Irion County.  
J. E. Boog-Scott of Coleman County.

For Representative in Congress (17th Congressional District):  
Thomas L. Blanton of Taylor County.

Joe H. Jones of Eastland County.  
For Associate Justice of Civil Appeals (11th Judicial District):  
E. M. Overshiner of Taylor County.  
O. C. Funderburk of Eastland County.

For State Senator (24th Senatorial District):  
Andrew M. Howsley of Shackelford

County.  
Wilbourne B. Collie of Eastland County.  
Y. L. Thomason of Haskell County.  
Oliver Cunningham of Taylor County.  
For Representative (116th District):  
E. L. Whitaker of Taylor County.  
R. M. Wagstaff of Taylor County.  
For District Judge (42nd Judicial District):  
Milburn S. Long Taylor County.  
Henry L. DeBusk of Taylor County.

COUNTY PRECINCT BALLOT.

As a result of the drawing the ballot for county and precinct offices, where there are contests, will read in this order:

For County Judge:  
Joe E. Childers.  
John Camp.

For Tax Assessor:  
W. J. (Dub) Young.  
C. W. Boyce.  
C. A. Cockrell.  
H. F. (Henry) Long.

For Tax Collector:  
R. S. (Bob) Walker.  
Earl Hughes.  
Grady Parmelly.

For County Treasurer:  
Austin Fitts.  
Roy C. Fuller.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:  
A. J. Canon.  
Phillip A. Diltz.  
L. L. Murray.  
For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5 (Trent):  
John Payne.  
W. R. McLeod.

## "Economy Is The Need of the Hour"



Ladies and gentlemen, the hour has now arrived when we shall select our officials. Give us men of ability, give us men of character. On these principles C. A. Cockrell respectfully solicits your support and influence for Taylor County's next Tax Assessor.

He believes in rigid economy, reducing official salaries, and reduction of taxes. This is his first time to ask for public office, and, if elected, promises you fair, honest and courteous service. Vote for him. "Thank you."

(Political Advertisement.)

# To the Voters of Taylor County: MY PLATFORM

STRICT ECONOMY,  
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COURTESY

If This Platform Meets With Your Approval, Cast Your VOTE For Me.

I am making this earnest solicitation for your vote and support for my candidacy for Taylor County Tax Collector with the assurance that I am well fitted to conduct the office efficiently and economically.

I will be thoroughly honest in every undertaking; and believe that I can operate the office of Tax Collector to give the people service and at the same time cut expenses. Having lived in Abilene 30 years, I have had 14 years' experience in clerical work—the type of experience that is necessary to conduct the Tax Collector's work.

I have not made a personal canvass of all the rural voters of Taylor county simply because I knew that farmers are busy in the fields and farm women are engaged in canning work.

I had no desire to be a nuisance to busy people. I make this personal appeal to all voters asking their support for an honest, efficient and economical administration in the Tax Collector's office.

Knowing that the good people of this county believe in rotation in office and not using any public office that is the gift of the people as a life job for an individual, I earnestly solicit your vote.

# R. S. "BOB" WALKER

## CANDIDATE FOR TAX COLLECTOR

(Political Advertisement)



# Rural Community Correspondence

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(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)  
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 For District Judge, 42nd Judicial District: **MILBURN S. LONG**, (Re-election.)  
**HENRY L. DEBUSK**.

## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Misses Mattie, Fannie and Cora Scott of Abilene are spending their vacation visiting their brothers, T. D. and Spurgeon, and families.  
 Will Smith of Abilene was attending to business here one day last week and greeting old friends.  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Crain have as their guest Mr. Crain's mother of Greenville.  
 Miss Blanche Banonsky of Abilene was the guest of Miss Marjory Adrian several days last week.  
 C. T. Beckham attended the Lueders Baptist encampment last week, returning home Sunday evening.  
 Andrew Archer returned to his home in Dallas last Friday after a visit here with his mother, Mrs. J. T. Archer, and brother, Rodo Archer. Miss Jewel Edwards of Paris was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Curley Edwards several days last week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Smith attended the funeral of little Charles Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boone Knox, at Caddo last Saturday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones and family visited Mrs. Jones' father, Jud Campbell, and sister, Miss Ruby Campbell, of Novice over the week-end.  
 Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Perkins of Eskota left Saturday for South Texas to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Masters.  
 Mrs. Thos. Smith of Abilene was a recent guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Smith.  
 Mrs. J. B. Winn and daughter, Elizabeth, and Misses Etta Lee and Naomi Rogers attended the encampment at Lueders Sunday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Perkins are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Reece West at Ada, Okla.  
 Mr. and Mrs. James Bright and Mrs. Bright's mother, accompanied by Mrs. Will Hale and Misses Marjory Adrian and Edith Hale, attended the Old Settlers picnic at Buffalo Gap last Friday.  
 Grandpa Terry, who has been visiting in Bosque county and at Clyde, returned home Friday afternoon.  
 Foy Steadman and sister, Miss Mildred, were recent guests of relatives at Vernon.  
 Miss Winifred Davenport of Stanton visited Thursday in the home of Postmaster and Mrs. Dowdy.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and Billy Joe, accompanied by Mrs. W. S. Laurie and Miss Leona Laurie of Abilene, attended the encampment at Lueders Sunday.  
 Tom Hardison, Jr., has returned to his home in Vernon after a visit of several weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford.  
 Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Molly, to Mr. Bill Springer on March 28 at Sweetwater. Miss Molly is a charming young lady who has grown up in our midst and who numbers her friends by her acquaintances. Bill is a young man of sterling qualities and they have a host of friends wishing for them a successful and happy married life.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers entertained with a "42" party on Wednesday of last week, honoring their house guest, Miss Leona Laurie, of Abilene.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock and sons, Eugene and T. G., visited relatives at Duncan, Okla., over the week-end and the first part of this week.  
 Supt. Ray Elliott, who has been attending summer school at Texas Tech, returned here Saturday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone and little son of Amarillo were passing guests of relatives here on last Friday.  
 Miss Irene Dowdy of Abilene returned home Friday after a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dowdy.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Hub Kegans of Tulsa are visiting relatives here.  
 Pilgrims to the number of 1,250,000 visit Rome during holy year.

## COMPERE NEWS

Mr. Bonds was thrown from his plow last week and was badly hurt. Six of his ribs were broken and it is feared his lung is punctured.  
 Mrs. Grady Bonds is reported as being somewhat improved at this writing.  
 Charles Childers is now employed with the Banner Creamery at Abilene.  
 Mrs. Earl Foster of Noodle attended church at Compere Sunday night. She is spending a few days with her sister-in-law Mrs. C. M. Foster.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jim Touchstone and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Tucker and Elder R. V. Sorrells and family of Anson were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ramsey Sunday.  
 Iva Mac Childers had as her dinner guests Sunday Misses Flora Adkins and Rubye Touchstone and Miss Helen Sorrells joined the happy number in the afternoon.  
 The Presbyterian meeting will begin at Zion Chapel on Thursday night of next week.  
 Roman Palmer was in Abilene Tuesday on a business trip.  
 Let everyone remember to be at the polls next Saturday.  
 Rev. Mr. Walker was the dinner guest Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Johnson.  
 The United States government purchases 4,000 electric lamps daily.  
 If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

## Many Women Enroll Local Sterling Club

Following the organization a week ago of the women voters of the Merkel precinct favoring the election of Ross Sterling for governor, with Mrs. C. H. Jones as chairman, a large number of women have enrolled during the week in the Sterling-for-Governor club.  
 Enrolled in the list reported up to 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon were the following: Mesdames J. P. Sutphen, H. C. Harbers, Frances Frederickson, George F. West, L. C. Sublett, Booth Warren, H. C. West, A. T. Sheppard, S. D. Gamble, C. H. Jones, R. I. Grimes, O. R. Dye, C. V. Shelton, George L. White, Tom Swafford, J. D. Porter, Jas. H. West, John Russell, E. L. Yeats, W. M. Elliott, C. D. Grimes, Tom Largent, J. M. Garrett, W. L. Harkrider, W. W. Haynes, C. A. Higgins, F. C. Hughes, J. T. King, W. T. Sadler, E. M. McDonald, Earl Lassiter, Herbert Patterson, T. E. Collins, Thos. Durham, Eli Case, W. L. Diltz, Juanita Dowell, W. S. J. Brown, T. G. Bragg, M. D. Angus, A. R. Booth, Duncan Briggs, L. D. Boyd, A. W. Black, W. C. Block, Misses Pauline Johnson, One Johnson, Christine Boyd, Nina-belle Russell, Mildred Swafford, Lucy Tracy, Vennie Heizer.

## White Church News

Most everyone here is about through work, with all the pretty weather we have had.  
 Mesdames B. D. Fressley, W. H. Brown and A. M. Brown visited in Sweetwater one day last week.  
 Quite a few from this place have been attending church at Nubia.  
 Byron Norris of New Mexico was visiting relatives here last week-end. Curtis Payne of Trent visited the Riggan boys Sunday.  
 Mrs. Cliff Perry of Dora spent the

week-end with her mother, Mrs. H. West.

Brother Marvin Williams, the pastor at this place, will begin a meeting here next Sunday morning. Everyone is invited to come and worship with us.

Advertising and political speeches have been banned from Japanese radio broadcasts.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

## VACATION and HEALTH

AT THE CRAZY WATER HOTEL

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 GOOD FOOD  
 MINERAL BATHS  
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 MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS

Capacity of the Kimbell-Diamond mill at Sherman is being increased from 900 to 1,900 barrels of flour a day.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Used lumber, fencing, windmills, etc. See Carl Thomas.

### WANTED

WANTED—Reliable man between ages of 25 and 50 to supply old established demand for Rawleigh Products in Taylor county. Other good specialties available. Surety contract required. Company furnishes everything but the car. Good profits for hustlers. Write the W. T. Rawleigh Company, Memphis, Tenn. Dept. M5.74.

We will finance your auto or refinance your present loan at liberal amounts, lowest rates and quickest service in West Texas.

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HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE exchanged for farm produce. J. F. Campbell and Son, next door to Blake's Dry Cleaners.

WILL BUY SECOND HAND high chair in good condition. Sie Hamm.

INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION for grade pupils. Mildred Swafford. Phone 253.

### LOST AND FOUND

\$25.00 reward is offered for evidence leading to the conviction of the parties who stole my small turkeys from their roost about 25th of June. Any information will be kept confidential. Sam Butman, Sr.

LOST between Merkel and Billy Teaff's spare tire and a rim, a 21x4.50 Federal casing. Notify C. McCain, Merkel, Texas.

LOST—Two billfolds containing valuable papers. Reward for return to John Halbrook, Trent, Texas, Route 1.

### Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, July 20.—Cattle and calves on the Fort Worth market Tuesday sold about steady with Monday's close, when steers, cows and yearlings showed declines of 25c—30c a little more, and calves were purchased at prices that were 25c to 50c lower. Lack of demand was very noticeable and while the supply was normal a clearance had not been made at noon. The better grades of stocker cattle sold about steady.

Hogs sold 15c to 25c lower with a top of \$4.32 for rail butchers. Steady prices prevailed in the sheepyards.

### SEE ME FOR FEED GRINDING

Also have for sale:  
 Threshed Maize, per 100 lbs. 60c  
 Bran, per 100 lbs. 65c  
 Ground Oats, per 100 lbs. 60c  
 Milo Head Chop, per 100 lbs. 45c

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# CHURCHES

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

A special program will be rendered next Sunday on our home and extension work in our Sunday School. Let every member be present.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Young People's meeting at 7:15 p. m.

Miss Christine Collins and members of the Presbyterian choir will furnish three special numbers for the evening service.

You are cordially invited to worship with us.

J. T. King, Pastor.

## SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Topic, "Sources of Lawlessness." The problem stated by leader.

"A Patent Error," Fannie Bell Boaz.

"Around the Fireside," Comer Hayes.

"Modern Pedagogy," Benjamin Sheppard.

"The Pardoning Power," Ted McGehee.

"Some Meditations," Carroll King.

"Would You?" Miss Lucy Tracy.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Nearly 800 were present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, the exact number being 792. This compares with 834 on the previous Sunday and with 775 on the same Sunday a year ago.

## MEN'S PRAYER SERVICE.

The scripture lesson from the 10th chapter of 1 Corinthians will be read by John Tombs at the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service next Sunday, discussion of the lesson to be given by Alice Yeats. All the men in Merkel and surrounding communities are cordially invited to attend.

## METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

The Stith revival continues to increase in interest. This meeting will close Sunday night.

The pastor will preach here at Merkel Sunday morning and will be at Stith at night.

Roy Patterson will have charge of the evening service here at Merkel.

## EPWORTH HILL LEAGUE.

Subject: "Is Virtue Its Own Reward?"

Song: Frayer, Miss Imogene Hayes.

Song: Leader's talk, Mildred Richardson.

Piano solo, Lois Whiteley.

"The Bible our Guide," Bessylea Church.

"In the Social Realm," Caribel Mansfield.

"In the Professional Field," Duncan Briggs.

Benediction.

Everyone please be present and bring someone with him. Visitors are welcome.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The summer months have witnessed a slight decrease in attendance. If you are in town, make a special effort to be on hand promptly with a prepared lesson.

There will be no preaching service, morning or night, as the pastor will be in Baird.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

## CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

We are looking forward to a great revival. Rev. J. W. Dodd is a very fine preacher, his good wife, a good pianist and singer. You'll be delighted with them. They preach and live a full gospel, are also sociable with the people.

We invite the public to be sure and hear them. We also ask the co-operation of our city and surrounding country. Col. 3:23, "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord." Read Acts 1:8.

Sunday School subject for next Sunday, "The Giving of the Manna." Ex. 16:1-36. Golden text, James 1:17. Come to Sunday School next Sunday

## Cash for EGGS AND CHICKENS

Will pay 7c per lb. for fryers—Leghorns and all under two pounds, including colors; 9c, 2 to 3 pounds, including reds, Plymouth Rocks and white heavies.

Paying 5 cents for eggs; must be graded and candled. See me for Gillette Tires and Tubes.

## F. E. CHURCH

Dunn Bldg. on Kent Street

9:45. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7:30. Preaching 8:30. Special song.

Our evangelist will be here for the evening service, then on through the next two weeks, closing out the first Sunday in August. Come if you need help. Come if you need a friend and, if any boot-legger, infidels or other sinful people near here, "don't" leave town, but we invite you to come; we want to help you for our God is no respecter of persons, just as soon to save you as any one. Bless His name.

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## FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our revival is growing in interest. There have been several conversions and several have united with the church. Our Bible School attendance last Sunday was the greatest we have ever had.

The ground will soon be ready to begin the building of our tabernacle. So come, help us. We are calling on 100 people to send us \$2 in the next 30 days.

Come Thursday night and hear a sermon on "Who Are the Devils in the Church?" Friday night we begin a series of sermons on "The Second Coming of Jesus."

To every child of God I say, "if you really from your heart want to see a great revival in Merkel read and obey 2 Chron. 7:14: 'If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.'"

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## PERSONALS

Mrs. W. C. Cranston is the guest of Mrs. C. D. Hutchins.

C. D. Hutchins left Friday for South Texas to buy cotton.

Miss Arline Willett of Hamlin is the guest of Miss Lola Shelton.

Miss Jane Godfrey of Spur was the week-end guest of Dot Swafford.

Miss Eldora Hill of Abilene is a guest in the J. E. Costepheas home.

Mrs. Fred Groenc has gone to Irving to be with Mrs. Hayden Turner, who is very ill.

Rev. C. C. Montanan, former pastor of the Nazarene church here, is visiting in the city this week.

Mrs. Carrie Holler of Gail, mother of Mrs. Jowers, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and daughter, Jannell, were Sunday dinner guests of relatives at Dora.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Comegys and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson have returned from a visit to Post City.

Jackie Alsop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Alsop, was able to leave the hospital Thursday after four weeks there.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Turner and children of Waco are visiting Mrs. Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reagh.

Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb and little grandson spent a few days last week pleasantly in camp at Paint Rock.

A. J. Stapleton and family attended services at Buffalo Gap last Sunday and visited with Misses Forbes and Bledsoe.

Mrs. W. N. Jenkins and two sons, Jack and Leroy, of Dallas have been visiting the J. L. Baker and Andrew Baker families.

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# SOCIETY

## ICE CREAM SUPPER.

Members of the Philathea and Baraca Sunday School classes enjoyed an outing at Shannon's pool on Tuesday evening. Outdoor games provided happy diversion for all guests until the refreshment hour when delicious ice cream and cake was served to Mrs. E. L. Yeats, Misses Helen Yeats and Mabel McCree, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McGehee and children, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dye and son, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday, Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wells and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee, Mrs. Juanita Dowell, Mrs. Denzel Cox, Byron Patterson; visitors, Mrs. Dovie Stevens and Mrs. Earl Teague.

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Mrs. W. L. Johnson is here from San Antonio visiting in the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler. Her son, Howard, who accompanied her, has returned to San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard and daughter, Miss Modene, of Dallas were week-end guests of relatives, Mr. Sheppard returning to Dallas, while Mr. Sheppard and Miss Modene went on to visit her mother at Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Reeves and family of Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Irl Walker and children of Abilene and Misses Alice and Hazel Reeves of Rotan were here last week visiting relatives and friends. They were en route to Floydada to visit Mr. Reeves' mother.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn and family and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Newberry left Wednesday for Arkansas. They will remain in the Ozarks until September 1. They were accompanied by Mrs. D. I. Shelton and daughter,

after a brief visit with relatives here, has gone to Hereford to visit Mrs. Marvin Alston.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson had as their guests Monday Mesdames J. W. Nevitt, Will Jenkins and C. R. Gauze of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Parks of Lubbock are guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson, Mrs. Parks being a cousin of Mrs. Grayson.

Ben Stinson and Roy Smith stopped over one day this week on their way from California to Gadsden, Ala., to visit Miss Dixie Blair.

Mrs. John Bond of Palo Pinto, formerly of Merkel, and Mrs. J. J. White attended the funeral of Mrs. J. R. Lamar in Slaton Monday.

Misses Doris and Miriam and P. A. Diltz, Jr., spent the week-end in Abilene with Mrs. Sam Nunnally and Mrs. Sam Redwine.

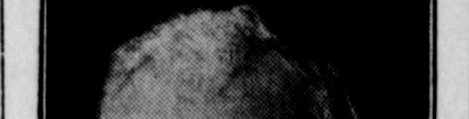
Miss Himalaya Swafford has returned from Spur where she was the guest of Misses Weldon Bell and Verita McKeever and other friends.

Little Billie Joe Riney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney, who fell off a mule and broke her arm Saturday, is reported resting very well.

Alton and Lila Lee Baker of Abilene were recent guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baker, and their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Baker.

## Holcombe Seeking Place in Congress

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"I am stressing the importance of the congressional races to the people of the state," said Mr. Holcombe. "It is a time when they should consider qualifications, for the next congress will likely settle the destiny of the nation for many years to come. Such legislation as impends must be done by congress; the president has little to do with it."

Mr. Holcombe's platform favors decentralization of power, a five-day week and ultimately a six-hour day, a tariff for revenue only, resumption of trade relations with Russia, economy in government and abolition of needless bureaus and commissions. He also says he will vote for re-submission of the prohibition question to the people.

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VOTE FOR C. V. TERRELL OF WISE COUNTY CANDIDATE FOR HIS SECOND FULL TERM AS RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

Mr. Terrell is asking for a second full term on his record, which is in part as follows:

During his term of office, the commission has turned back into the general revenue fund more than \$500,000.00.

They have tried more than fifteen thousand cases, with only four reversals, a record unsurpassed by any similar body in the United States.

Mr. Terrell was the first state official to use the half time job plan, thus helping a number of boys and girls through school, who could not have gone otherwise.

He has never indulged in a mud slinging campaign, believing that "One can never elevate himself by trying to pull the other fellow down."

When Mr. Terrell was elected to his first full term, which he is now serving, he carried 234 of the 256 counties in this great state, which was a large majority over his two honorable opponents.

Only a few of the many things which Mr. Terrell has accomplished can be mentioned, due to the limited space, however, it is believed that his faithful discharge of public duty in the past is the best guarantee of a promise to perform a like service in the future.

(Paid for by Commissioner Terrell's Taylor County Friends.)

## Mrs. J. R. Lamar.

Mrs. J. R. Lamar died at her home in Slaton on Saturday, July 16. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church of Slaton Monday. Rev. C. A