# Che Hawkell tree juress. 



Proposed Bullding to be Erected by the First Baptist Church meeting has been
to three o'clock.
There will be a free will offering social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. church bullding fund. Let everyone as well as their purseen. Heporter








The Haskell County Home CIrcle \& Acelilent Association of Texas is
untler new management. C. E. Rutuntler new management. C. E. Rut-
ledge, who has been Its Secretary
lite since the Home Circle was reorgan-
ized a year or so ago, rettring, and
臬 ized an the field work, and G. R.
taking t.
Couck. President of the Assoclation taking over the management. Mrs. Iris Mendeck, who has been conn
ed with Home Clrele for seve
months, will be the Secretary.

## B. W. M. W

Work for business, met at the usual hour Monday in the Bible study. Mesdames Borman, Nelll and Groom
made everyone feel that it was good made everyon
to be there.

## to be there. <br> Next Monday we will have a state mission quiz; this should be of great

 missiou quiz; this should be of greatinterest to all Baptists, and we are looking forward to a large crow eager to learn what the state Mis-
sion Board in dolng. The time for
REV. IRL HCKS, The
WEATER PROPHET DIEs Rov. Irt R. Hicks, astronomer
and long distance forecaster and pubhisher. diled of pheumonin at hiss
home in St. Louls, Thursday, Oct. He was 71 years of age. He is
sald to have amassed a fortune in $\overline{\text { Missionary Society }}$ Last Monday was the Missionary
Society's Mission Stuly Day. Our hors-is quite fiteresting and the lessons are made expecially so hy
capuble teacher, Mrs. Fellids.
tesson, "Gilmpen of Fint of South American History.
their great need of Cliristinity." at our Mission and bitle classes,
whether members of the soclety or
 Misstionary Voice. Prese Reporter

## Scriptu

Alhert Lemmons.
The Uplift of China-Eruest Rob

Searcy Lewis.
Mextoo Today-Fred Alexander. The south
Song.
Benediction.

## 575 S. E. Lewis. Rule, Overland. 576 J. I. . Farles. Haskell, Ford. 577 57 s I. W. Hushing, Haskell, Ford

## men day

 day, whed from Pencock Saturday, where he spent the week per-toeting the orgmiantion of a Home-
stead of the above uamed order at stead of
that place
Mhe organization $t$ as place Tues-
day night, Oct. 10ut, with 21 cnarter
members. Offlors were elented and
the lodge startel or nicely.
Mr. Ramey is cery optomistic of

## Mr. Ramey is the new Homeste, h. widerful grow'h.

Publle Speaking J. S. Airhart, State lecturer and or
tanizer of the Farmers anizer of the Farmers Union
Texas, will speak places and dates, and the general pubie is invited to attend his lecturas which will be interesting to all who may have the pleasure of hear-
tug him-women and chlldren ng him -women
especially iuvited.
Sagerton, Monday night, Oct. 23rd.
Rule, Tuesday night, Oct, 24th. Rule, Tuesday night, Oct. 24th.
Foster, Wednesday night, Oct. 25 th kechester, Thursday nught, Oct. 23th. 'Brien Friday night, Oct. 27th. Welnert, Saturd
clock, Oct. 28th.
J. R. Johnson, Chalrman
Committee on Arrangement

## marriage licenses

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { E. T. Fouts and Miss Bessle Mae } \\
& \text { Glen. } \\
& \text { Wm. K. Bulzer and Miss Birdie }
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
& \text { E. T. } \\
& \text { Glenn. }
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NEW SHHOO BUIIDMG


the unfavorable condition of of
weather a large crowd gathered at
milies east of this eity, and enfoyed
a box supper, which was given to
raise fumls for the purpose of buy-
ink a new organ. G. F. Burleson
was auctioner, and the receipts
from the sale of the boses amounted
rom the sate of the boses amounted
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Miss Lela Belle Wright was the
Miss Lela Belle Wright was the
winuer in the prettiest girl contest
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## NEW PROOCE HOLSE NPFIS For busilless

The latest addition to Haskell' most important to locate here for

vome time is the Haskell Produce nesday of this week in the old Ged niter building, enst of the County
fiil. The Haskell frm is a branch juil. The Haskell firm is a branch of of the strongest institutions handling produce in Central West Texas. The new firm comes to Haskel highly recommended as upright busi-
ness men, and will furnish the farmers of Haskell and surrounding turkeys, eggs, and produce of al kinds that will compare favorably with the larger cities of the state. A picking and dressing plant will
maintained here, which will give employment to twenty of thirty peo-
ple-making a payroll that will ad to Haskell's prosperity.
Len B. Hammer of Abilene will
have charge of the company's have charge of the company's busl
ness at this place, and he informs us ness at this phace, and he informs
that with their cold storage facilites they will be in a position to handle all the poultry raised in this section of the state. They will ship in ear
lond lots to the northern and eastera londrkets, whith will torn ane easter markets, which will insure che pro-
ducer the highest prices at all times.

BRIDGES-AVERY
B. B. Bridges of Rule and Miss Maude Avery of this city were mar-
ried last Sunday morning at $10: 45$ oclock at the Methodist parsonage. Rev. Ed. R. Wallace offliciating. A
number of friends were present to witness the ceremony
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ contracting parties have a large cir ${ }^{*}$
cle of friends in this city who extend their best wishes for a long,
happy and prosperous life.
Baptist Church Announements9:45 All the members of the
Church and their familles are deemd to be on the Sunday school roll. Come ma answer to sour name,
$11: 00$ Divine Worship. It helps on all the Kingdom interests when
you are present. Can the Lord depend on you?
$4: 00$ sunbeam Band.
$\qquad$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { that baseball has a bad moral effect } \\ & \text { upon the community." Young peo- }\end{aligned}$ plat speciai preaching, topie,
"The seven Wonders of the UniSpecial duets and choruses.
Come and have a great hour. Binmoned. was indicted at a special
term of the District Court of Fisher county on Friday, September 20th.
and the case trant and the case transferred to Jonen
county for trial.
District Judge Thomas has $\begin{gathered}\text { District Juoge Thomas has ap } \\ \text { polntel Attorneys Rattican and Rog }\end{gathered}$ ers to represent the defendant. Bo 1 are young attorneys, and this wilt bu
therir first case in District Court.
The They have announced that they wil
give thetr best service in behalf of
the defendant.
In the prosecution District Atte ney stinson will be assisted b
County Attorney W. B. Ferrell , Fisher county.
Misher county.
Much interest has been ereated in
cuse throughout this seetion, and
is expected that the trial will be a is expected that the trial will be at
to.,ded each day by large crowits.
J A. Ford, F, A. West, W. H. Har
rell, J. B. Newson anr J. H. Lawson
attended the state Fanr last week.
All have returned execpt Mr
who to visiting relatives in county whill away.,
Mrs. $\mathbf{R}$
Veturned
from
Rotertson and
children night, where they had been visilting $\mathrm{Mrs}^{2}$ Rot eratoc's pirenta


A new school bullding is now betng rected in the Bunker Hill commun-
ity which will give to that eection excellent school facilities. The building will be an exact type of the ther school buildings of the county which are well planned and erected for the comforts of the puplis and
properly ventilated. The windows are arranged so as to give sufflecent
light with the view of protecting the light with the view of protecting the
eyes of the children. We belleve eyes of the children. We believe
Haskell county has erected more new chool buildings than any county
the central west the past year.

## Fouts-Gilenn

Ed Fouts and Miss Bessle Mae Gienn were married last Wedneuday evening at 7 oclock at the home of
County Juige A. J. Smith. Juage siaith otllelating.
Mr. Fouts is the congental ass ant in the County Tax Collector's ofThe bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mra. Bob Glenn, of east hankel!
Bloth of the contracting purtice oro
well and faverably known here and have a host of trienisw who join the
Fiee Press in wishing them all the Fise Press in wishing them all
happlneis and prosperity life afto
J. s Airbart, of Yoakum was hooes
Saturiay to the tnterest of the Fan Naturiny is
mers Unlon


Robertson Bros. Co.
$\qquad$


An old word with Modern, $\begin{gathered}\text { meaning. } \\ \text { Uu-To-D }\end{gathered}$ Modern, Uu-To-Date S Service means more simply the selling of ficiency it is increaser Value-Giving and chase. Service, in its fullest meaning is a fixed part of our Let us Serve your needs.
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| Some wives object to insurance but widows never do. Think this over and give application for membership in the Yeomen to $C$. $\mathbf{w}$. Ramey, District Manager. | Mrs. Courtney Hunt last Saturday from abllem she has been for treatment Sanitarium. |
| :---: | :---: |
| LOST:-Two Black Berkshire plgs two months old. Please notify Dr. Taylor. | Seed wheat for sale at ms four miles west of town. Neal. |
| Mrs. Bruce Bryant left Monday for Dallas where she will meet Mr. Bryant on his return trip from Austin. | Mrs. George Dean return day to her home in south T ter avisit here with her mol R. B. Fields. |
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## Styleplus Clothes $\$ 17$ <br> F. G. ALEXANDER \& SONS

 The first hour was spent attend-
ing to the business procelings of the
clab. Mestames Hutto. Tucker and Fred
Alexander were elected to member-
ship The leson on south America was
made very interesting indeed by the teacher. Mrs, J. V. Fields, who n-
ways shows by her instrutions that
she has put a great deal of study on
then the lesson. Mestames Lewis, Bar-
ron and McFatter were on the program, each coming up with her part
either in person or by a substitute. Let it be remembered that DeKov-
en'x Male Quartette will be here Oct. 25 th. This being the second nui
ber of the Lyceam Course. For Sale or Trade I still have a lot of good mares and
horses that I will sell on 12 months time or trade for land. I also have er district in Lamb county, just beyond Plainview, that I would trade for land in Haskell county.
42.3t w. P. W.
At the Yeomen Hall Thursday
ight six new candidates were put ught six new candadates were
through the mill, and District Deputy C. $\boldsymbol{W}$. Rumey is quite optimistic over

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 lem. A true tonic., Por adulte and children. soc.


GAUNTT

 Inoort everbbods has their cotton wid J. B. sevell anal wite and their
 and little son of Knox City were
guests at M. Sanderson's Thursday. Floyd Mayes has returned from an extended visit at Leuders. A. Cox and wife are spending a
few days with Mrs. Cox's parents few days with Mrs. Cox's parents,
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Derrick.
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to postoflice. Airdome bullding next
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at Dick,s Theatre for partionars Dick Nolen The Pree Prees thees smin Job printung
flat tor od rain Saturday night. Most everybody is up with thetr
some are sowing
coton picking. Aheat. August Backhous is back from au
visit to several of the young folks attendseveral of the young folks attend-
ed preaching he Bunker Hill sunday Mr. Jones and family, of mile Munty are here visiting fation of mills: Miss are here ville Dobisiting is relatives. going to school at Abilene.

County Juige A. J. Smilt and Itrde sons Morris and Gilbert left-
Thursday for Dallas to attend the State Fair.
Mise Rena Moseley of Collow Flats, Colorado came in Thursday morning. or a visit with her sister, Mrs. R. B

Mrs.
turned
C. Cox of Sweetwater re visiting here with Mrs. C. A. Pinkerton of this eity.
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## Mens Clothing, Shirts, Shoes and Hats

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Silk and serge dresses, $\$ 7.50$, $\$ 10.00, \$ 12.75$ to $\$ 29.75$.
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A Tactless
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By EDWARD J. STEWART The evacpation of Vera Crus had taken wlece, and the flect was rendy to
sail. The surgenn in charge of the hos: pital npproached the medical director mo report that all invalida had been io
moved.
"Theres a man." "Theres a man." matd the former,
"Who, 1 thnk, must buve died without his death settligg on to the list. He
was dying jexteriay neternco. Was dying sesterday nfternoon. I
havent seen him dituce aud tresume
his body was removel Couper shuuld his boly was removed. Conover should
bane seen to it that the record war made."
"Well,
"W
"Well, there's no time now," кnla thin
medical director - to theestlate the medicat director. "To threstigate the
case. We must go inuard."
So ft was that when the ships reach ed the Tut end tatates the ninmer of Hor
ace Morton, petty otlicer, was reportel "Dted tn taspptai.-"
Now. thapreued that the ulimmat don of Hornce Morton was very an
ceptable to Mrs. Martha Jones. the
mother of Ethel Joues, who had bee mother of Ethel Joues, who had been
betrothed to the sullor before he de parted for Vera Cruz. He had nothing
to marry on. whitle Phllip Thompson,
plumber, who plumber, who also wanted Ethel., had
made considerable funds in bts hust made considerable runds in hts bust-
neess nud was able to take care of her
in gond style. Mrs. Jones had set her in good style. Mrs. Jones bad bet her
face agatuist her daughter's marrymg
Ding Moce ngan, and to quiet the old lady Ethel
promised to promised that if her lover lont his lif
in Mexico she would marry Thompson
After this promise there After this promise there was peace in
the Jones family, Mra. Jones hoplng
that the man who she considered stood that the man who she considered stood
th the way of her daunhters weifare
in let But there was only a amall scrap at the landing at Yera Crus, and greatiy
to Mra, Joues disapponthtment, Morton
was not among the kllled. Then came was not anong the eklilied. Then came
the evacuation, and with it the mother made preparations to renew the Aght
in the matter of a son-ln-law. But When she read in a morning paper that Morton hud died at Yera Cruz she mut-
tered silent thanks and with every aperedane of hearttelt sympathy broke
pearance
the sud news to her daughter, all the While laying
the plumber.

## the plumber. Ethel stut herself up tn her room for a week, then came out with n a surren- der, telling her mother that

 der, telling her mother that since herlover was dead she cared ont whom she
married and was perfectly whilling to take the plumber or any one else. Such
beefng the case. Mrs. Jones sent Mr. for him to win her daughter, but she advised him to be very cercumspect
and proceed slowly. She belleved that
Ethel thourhit she loved another, but that the irl' was decelving herseif. A
few weeks' courtship would do the Mress.
Mrompson, who was not an adept
in woing a woman who had just lost the man she loved, began by sending
Ethel an Invitation to a plumbers ball.
Fors.
Find Ethel an invitation to a plumbers ball.
Fortunately, he sent tht through Mrs
Jones, who threw it in the fire with all
ant haste and wrote her daughter's non.
acceptance on account of indisposition.
Mr. Thompson's next move was sead. Mr. Thompson's next move was send.
ing a buquet of towers. Mrs. Jones
intercepted them, toparster intercepted them, separated the posy.
put them in a box and gave them to
Ethel as an Etbel as an offeriug of sympathy from
the donor. This was a beginnting, and Mrs,
Jones hoped that by carefully beading
 she tok so much pains to provent her
daughters being rutthe by the plumb
er's want of tact is not plain because er's want of tact is not plain, because
Ethel was not in a state of mind to
care whom she mniried. Perthaps her
motive was shoking to the motive was looking to the future. It is
also a question as to why st. Thomp.
son was anxious to marry a girl whose heart was in the grave. He explatined
thas to Mrs. Jones by saylng that a live
man was better any day than a dend
one and Eet It must be admiltted that there is oure
It more ment in the statement
All things have an end, and the
plumber's courtship was no excepton The wedaing day came round and
with it came a colncldence. When the
wedding perty wedding party was asaembiling ha walk whe
ed Horace Morton, who had falled to ed Horace siorton, who had ralled to
get on the dead llst th accordance with
the navy regulations. And there was no time for an inventigation. Was
He
had walked out of the bospital in dell. rium, and the party responsible for hilim
bad been looking for hilm up to the very moment of the salling of the deet
men tomeward
Epon हis guest, pale and emaclated, there was
scattering of alone seemed to consider hitm flesh and and
blood and, rushing blood and, rushing toward him, fell
tito hts arms. He had been aware of Mrs. Jones' opposition to him and her
preference for the quently he took in the siltuation with
out ats belng "I reckon,' he nald, "that since every.
thing is hady for thing is handy for a wedding we may
as well hare one." Mra. Jones, seelng that she had lost.
threw . threw up the sponge. The plumber re
marked that there were as good fish it the eea as ever were caught and wash find
away without any evident disappolint upon to celebrate threseentiling prevaliec
change of the
con con came in she was married to the
uellor. Thts to not the only case of a me
betogs omelally dead and turning
at a tume when be lis not expected.

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Silas Stone sat eating his solitary
supper, which the hired girl had set be supper, which the hiredg gir had get be
fore him. His wife, Mary, had driven Yore no. enast town to stay a day or
over to the nelp
two and help mettle ap the affairs of a two and help nettle ap the affairs of a
cousin who had died the week before cousin who had dides the week before,
leaving twin bables, wix monthx old. Her husband bad alwaya been a shift-:
less man, and seemed, of course, less less man, and seemed, of conrse, less
resourceful in his hour of grlef than ever before.
Sllas was not enfoytng his supper.
He and Mary were very fond of each He and Mary were very fond of each
other, and seldom had cause to be sepother, and seldom had cause to be sep-
arated, and he mssed her. They had
been married ten been married ten years and had no
chlldren, which was a great disnppolntchlldren, which was a great disnappoint-
ment to both of them. Now that it ment to both of them. Now that it
seemed lukely that they would always
have to be denied tep have to be denied the Joys of parent-
hood, they seldom spoke of ft . So, as sllas rose from the thible, and
took his pipe out on the steps while
supper was belng cleared supper was belng cleared away, he was
thinking a little bitterly of the unkind thinking a little bitterly of the unkind
fate that had bestowed twins upon a
couple who couldn't provide and then took away the mother.
He wondered how mary making out, and he pletured her playing
mother to the bables. How he wished he dared propose to her that they
adopt a child: He secretly had wanted it for some time, but Mary-well,
he fancled ©ary wouldn't arre much about any child that wasn't her own.
Many a tume he had trled to talk about Many a tme he had tried to talk about
It with her, but somehow the words
stuck in his throut.
How little we sometimes know of the
thoughts and visions of those nearest How intie we sometimes know of the
thoughts and visonas of those neerest
and dearest to us: While Sllas was and dearest to us: While Sllas was
sitting smoking his lonely pplpe that
summer evet ing Mary was rocking the sitting smoking his lonely pipe that
summer even. nin Mary was rocking the
twins to siep. one ngalnst ench arm twins to sleep, one agninst ench arm,
looking and feeling very motherly and
happy looking and feeling very motharly and
happy. As the chair swayed bnck and
forth. and she sang forth, and she sang softly $n$ little lulla-
by, she was thinking of her own chldd-
lessness and the rift it wis making in
 sent!
Mary's iden took root, however. and
grew rapldy. The next day she dis. grew rapddy. The next day she dis-
contnued her efforts to find a house-
keeper and walted for Sllas, who was to drive over in the afteranoon and see
if she was ready to ko home. When
he came. she somewhat timidly sug.
gested that, as she had been unable gested that, as she hat been unable
to find $a$ responsibe person, they
should take the bables home with them
for whe or a week or so, while she looked
around at her lesure.
Sllas, somewhat astonished, and ad-
miring her for her self.sgerifice, miring her for her self-sacrifice, azreed
to the propositom, ony cautionnz her
not to fatitue herself. And his internot to fatigue herself. And his inter-
est in the twins grew every minute.
As the days passed Mary seemed
very buys in her home. and sllaso ob-
served that she was not exertlos herserved that she was not exerting hor-
self to find the much-talkedtof house
keeper. He was secertyy dellghted for
the bables were winding themselves around his herent. Often and often he
watehed Mary ns he tended hem and
the same thoughts that were tn her
mind grew up in his.' He would like to keep the twins! But what would
Mary thin?
Oue evening. after the bables had
been put to bed, Slas and Mary were
sitting on ther pur sitting on thetr porch, a Alttre buse
body of a nelkibor ran in for a chat.
Finally, the vistor, who was nothing Finally, the visitor, who was nothlng
if not frank, suddenly chrped up:
"'Spose you know everybody says
you're gotin' you're gotin' to ndow everybody says
I told my husband I just didn't bellevese
It, and when it, and when I came over here I was
gorn' to ask you outright. It aln't so,
is It ${ }^{\text {? }}$ There wns enlence for a moment,
then Mary spoke, rather tremblingiy at first, but gatherning courage as she she
went on. "Yes, we've about declded.
I have want I have wanted for a long time to take
a chlld, and thats sems a speclal op-
portunity, beling relattses portunity, beling reeatitves and all-1t
the father is willing." the father is willing."
She glanced tmidy at her husband,
but she could scarcely but he could samirly at her husband, hee his face tn
the gathering darkness. What would
he say he say or do? Had she riskeed too
much? Her heart seemed to stand
still still. At last he spoke. "Sure we're golng to keep them. We
intended that, vikit along, after the
mother intended that, celk.it along, after theit
mother died. Mut tlings like that can't
be decided offhend" be declded ofrhand".
The gossipy nelchbor hurried away
to spread the news, to spread the news, and the husband
and wife sat alone on the porch. After a little, sllas rose and went around
to Mary's chair and took her hand
gently in his. She lifted her tace to his, and he kissed hifted her face to
not heen as fregues had
them of late.

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