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ABILENE RACES 4TH TO DRAW CROWD CUMMINGS ANNOUNCES HIS PLATFORM

Abilene, Tex., June 26.—Holiday seekers, thrill hunters and racing fans all over the western portion of the state are turning their eyes toward Abilene in expectation of a "glorious Fourth", when for the fourth consecutive year this city will celebrate the "biggest automobile racing classic of the southwest". That's the way the speed fans have termed the Abilene July Fourth Auto races at the West Texas Fair Park. A crowd of something like 20,000 is slated to attend the 1924 event. Box seats have already gone on sale in response to the big demand for these five hundred seats, the only reservations available for the Independence Day race meet.

Calcium Chloride, the substance to be used by the officials in rendering a practically "dustless" track for the comfort of the race crowds and greatest efficiency of the racers, was successfully tried out during the past week.

Entries for the July 4th meet will be officially closed at midnight June 21; and on the home stretch of this premier racing event letters are coming in thick and fast from some of the "big ones" of the race aristocracy, giving promise of faster cars, more famous drivers and greater thrills than ever before in the history of the Abilene speed classic. Among the eleven-hour entries is that formidable veteran of the Abilene track the Hudson Super Six originally owned by Gleen Breed, driven in last year's races by Herbert Hass, who will pilot her this year, under the ownership of Haynie Blocker of San Angelo. This car came like a charm thru a sensational smash-up last year in which the two cars caught fire following the crash. Other late entries are John H. Lee of Houston, one of the big daredevil drivers of the country in his Mormon Special, and Rex Edmonds of Houston, an unknown quantity Abilene race crowds, but well known on many of the speedy tracks of the state. Edmonds came out winner in two events of the recent Houston races, making the fastest twelve miles ever made on that course. He will probably enter two cars, a Dodge Special and a "Fronty" Ford.

Surprise Birthday Party.

Wednesday evening at six o'clock a few friends gathered at the home of Miss Tommie Durham and surprised her with a birthday party. Many pretty gifts were received by her. As every one had brought with them their bathing suits, it was decided to go to Shannon's for a swim. After enjoying a swim for about an hour, all were asked back to Miss Tommie's home where sandwiches, iced tea, ice cream and cake were served. Those enjoying this occasion with the honoree were: Misses Inice Brown, Ruby Fae Golliday, Mildred Hamm, Flora Frances Anderson, Sallie Brown, Boog Sears, Johnnie Sears, Mary Ruth Powell of Leonard, Texas, and Miss Melba West.

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In announcing my candidacy for representative from this county I pledge my unqualified support to the following measures:

1. I believe in the most rigid economy in our State affairs and will vote for no appropriation that is not absolutely necessary.
2. I believe that the destiny of our government is largely determined by the education of our youths and so believing, I pledge my unqualified support to the betterment of the Public School System of Texas.

3. We have adopted State and National prohibition and I believe it should be strictly carried out, and to that end, I favor a law prohibiting the sale of liquor by drug stores through a doctor prescription. Such a practice has demonstrated beyond question that it has been abused more than it has done good and is demoralizing and debauching the young manhood and young womanhood of the country.

4. I believe that the people are entitled to legitimate pleasure and recreation. Taylor County is situated practically in the center of Texas. The legislature has determined to establish a system of parks in Texas. Not only are the mountains near Buffalo Gap an ideal place for the establishment of a State Park, but it is centrally located and accessible to the people of Texas. I would therefore use my best efforts to encourage the location and establishment of a State Park at Buffalo Gap that would be a credit to Texas and a pleasure to her people.

5. I believe in an adequate system of highways, and if elected will use my best efforts to promote the building and maintenance of a system of highways in this great state.

6. We have a statute in Texas which makes it a violation of the law for a man to abandon his wife and children. This law has been grossly abused by worthless scoundrels who have seen proper to leave their loved ones on the mercies of the world and flee to another state. We now have no legislation by which these criminals can be extradited for trial. If elected I will favor such a law as will insure the extradition and return of these criminals for trial.

7. We have the cold checking evil with us continually. It should be and can be stopped by a very slight amendment to the Statute making it prima facie evidence of guilt of the giving of a check without funds in the bank with which to pay it. If elected I will favor the enactment of such a law.

8. The civilization of any country can be no greater than the enforcement of the laws of the land. I would therefore unqualifiedly favor such legislation necessary for the prompt and efficient enforcement of all the laws. I believe our present demands require the better enforcement of the laws we now have rather than enactment of new ones.

I have been a Democrat all my life and have always supported the Democratic Ticket.

Other questions of importance will arise from time to time on which I will be glad to give my views, but in my judgment these are the material things confronting the people at this time. I assure you that I will appreciate your vote and influence.

Respectfully submitted,
E. S. CUMMINGS.

Mrs. Ada Lytal and daughter, Miss Evelyn, of Commerce, spent Saturday and Sunday with the former's sister, Mrs. Myrtle Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis and son Alton, and little daughter, Nellie Marie, recently returned from a visit to relatives and friends at Roscoe and Loraine, Texas.

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LUNCHEON CLUB HAS VERY FINE MEETING

(Continued from page One) provided a sufficient number of people here agree to use gas. And Mr. Thompson, as Chairman of the organization, appointed Messrs. Booth Warren and S. D. Gamble as a committee to ascertain the number of people who would be willing to sign up for gas. As this paper views the matter, this is one of the greatest things ever offered the citizens of Merkel, provided the gas can be secured at the proper rate and in sufficient quantity to guarantee good pressure during the cold weather, and in this matter we are told that the party making the offer stated that the rate would be reasonable and the quantity sufficient.

The next meeting will be two weeks from last Tuesday, and since there is and will be revival meetings going on it has been suggested that the next meeting be held at the noon hour, later and announced in the next issue of the Mail.

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Farewell Party

Thursday of last week, Miss Ruby Fae Golliday entertained a number of friends at her pretty home on Oak street with a Farewell Party for Miss Christene Christopher, who left for her home at Lamesa after visiting her sister, Mrs. Len Sublett, for some time.

The grassy lawn was prettily lighted, and as the guests arrived, Miss Golliday showed them a comfortable seat on the lawn. Many games of various kinds, including an interesting contest were played.

Refreshments of punch and cake were served to the following: Misses Christene Christopher, Inice Brown, Mildred Hamm, Margaret Eckard, Gladys Acuff, Ermalee Rea, Mary Hughes, Dorothy Daniels, Ruby Walton, Elizabeth Harkrider and Miss Lois Harris of Abilene, a house guest of Miss Golliday.

Little Miss Margaret Weed returned home Monday night from Abilene where she had been spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Simmons. They returned with her to spend a few days here.

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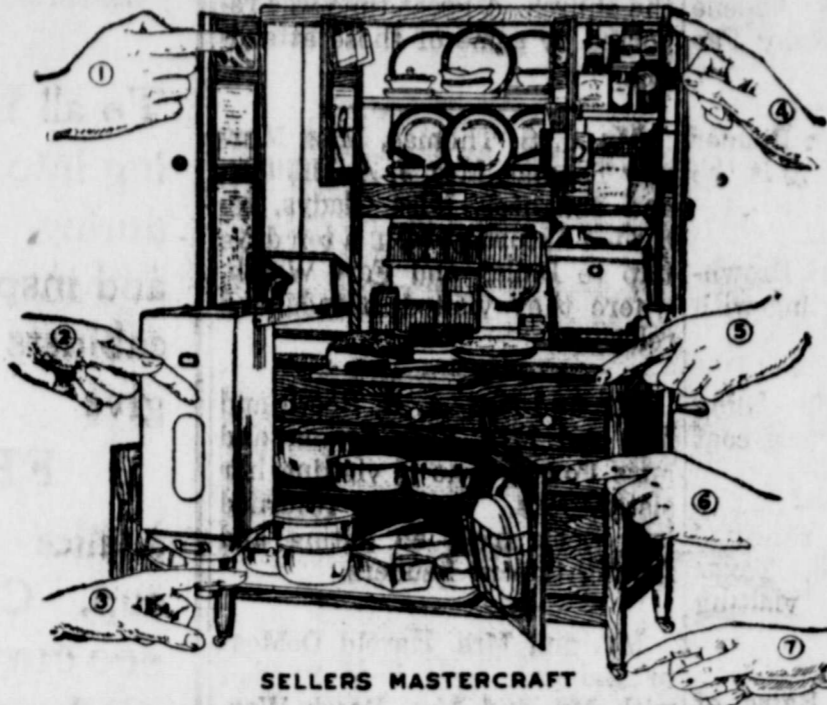
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Baptist Church Notes

Last Thursday evening, June the 19th, the Sunday school teachers and officers had a very excellent meeting in the basement of the church. A number of good speeches were made by different teachers of the school. The main speech of the evening was made by Mr. Emmett Landers, educational director of the First Baptist Church of Abilene. Mr. Landers discussed the teacher's responsibility to the delight and help of all present. There were forty teachers and officers present together with several visitors.

Last Sunday afternoon at four-thirty o'clock, the Senior B.Y.P.U. rendered a good program at the Hebron Baptist church to a crowded house. The program was well rendered and seemed to be very cordially received by the people present. Some twenty-five or thirty B.Y.P.U. members went out from Merkel.

Mr. E. Yates Brown, Mrs. Warren Smith, Miss Nell Swann, Miss Avo Van Eaton and the Pastor and his family attended the district B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Convention at Ballinger Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Mr. Brown is directing the music for these two days' meeting.

The Sunday School pepped up a little last Sunday with a good program at the close by the junior Department under the direction of Miss Nell Swann. The Pastor preached a very interesting sermon on "He Showeth Them His Hands".

Our annual revival meeting begins next Thursday evening, July the third, at the tabernacle, under the direction of Bro. Jno. G. Winsett, evangelist and Mr. T. D. Carroll, singer. The pictures of these two gentlemen appear on another page in this paper.

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Intermediate League Program

Subject: "Hymns Worth singing."

Leader: Tommie Durham. Song Service. Scripture lesson Romans 33:1-12 by Leader.

Lords Prayer. Introductory talk, Ermalee Rea. "O' Love, that will not let me go", Coma Patterson. Piano Solo, Inice Brown. "Abide With Me", Pauline Chin. Solo, Lois Dixon. "Blessed Assurance", Lorene Dixon. "Rock of Ages", Sallie Brown.

Announcements. Benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Eades and son Clarence of Talcott, West Virginia, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burns, Mrs. Eades being an only sister of Mrs. Burns.

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The regular quarterly dividend of one dollar and seventy-five cents per share on Preferred Stock will be paid on Tuesday, July 1, 1924, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Friday June 20, 1924.

R. A. NICKERSON, Treasurer.

Mrs. R. W. Grisham and two children of Hillsboro are here to visit Mrs. Grisham's father, Mr. J. T. Howard, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Jones of Wooddale, North Carolina, returned to their home Monday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones and family for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Costephens of Roscoe, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Costephens of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins returned this week from an extended visit with friends and relatives at Coleman, Ballinger and Abilene. They report a fine trip.

At The Methodist Church

On account of meetings at the other churches, we will have no night services at our church for several weeks, and we want to concentrate on our morning services and make each one of them great. We will study together, at each of these services, "What We Believe". Not controverted points, but the great themes of the Christian Doctrine, such as are vital to every Christian, and we will do our best to make each service "Red Hot" and helpful to all. The particular thought under this head for next Sunday morning, will be "God The Father".

Please remember that our service will start promptly at eleven o'clock and close at eleven fifty-nine.

We extend a cordial welcome to all who have no church home elsewhere.

Senior League Program

Subject: "The Gospel Message in Our Mountains."

Leader: Ethel Wilson. Song service. Prayer. Scripture (Isa. 52:7-10; Acts 1:78.)

Announcement of subjects and introductory explanations by the leader.

Ancestry and early settlement, Tom Allday.

Outstanding leaders, by Lillian Cole.

Characteristics, Castle Ellis. Home life, manners and customs, Lena Stutts.

I can answer for myself, Wrenn Durham.

Problems to be met and overcome, Murphy Thomas.

Song. Benediction.



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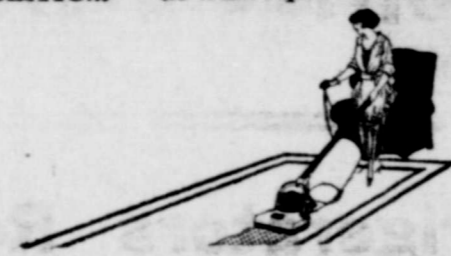
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Born on Monday of this week to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stewart of the View community, a son.

Miss Mildred Richardson is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee at Lawn.

Miss Annie Lou Russell spent last week-end in Sweetwater visiting her Uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Jones and baby of Trent were here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones.

Miss Bettye Rogers spent last week-end in Rotan visiting with relatives.

Mr. Chester Hutcheson went to Rule, Texas, on business Wednesday.

Mr. H. H. Toombs, accompanied by Mr. T. J. Toombs were in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Mr. C. D. Hutchins returned Monday from Cisco, where he visited and attended to business.

Mr. Clarence Eoff of Olney, Texas is here visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy, born on the 23rd.

Miss Hattie Logan Clay of Abilene is the guest of Miss Louise Booth this week.

Mr. Bob Beasley came in this week from Richmond, Texas, to be at home with his family for a while.

Messrs. S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland and L. R. Thompson left Wednesday for a fishing trip to the Concho.

H. Turner and family of Silom Springs, Arkansas, are here for a visit with his parents in the Stith community.

Mrs. Mace Brown of Fort Worth is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Clark and other relatives.

W. M. Tabor of Wingate, was here this week for a visit with the family of his brother, M. B. Tabor.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Redding, in south Merkel, this week. The little fellow weighed eleven pounds.

Messrs. Byers Petty and Wade Darsey spent last week-end in San Angelo, Texas, visiting with friends.

Miss Lola Armstrong, and her mother left last Friday via car for Temple, Texas, for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. Mabin Rogers returned from a visit to DeLeon, Texas, this week, to be at home with his mother Mrs. Maude Rogers.

Riley Horton and Miss Johnnie Mae Finley of Abilene spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Foster.

K. L. Mitchell who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. E. R. Foster, for some time, left last Thursday for Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson of Omaha, Texas, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Jones, left for their home on Wednesday.

Miss Vannie Hamblett who has been attending school at Water Valley, Miss., is home for a visit with her father, Mr. W. F. Hamblett.

Miss Mary Sides of Abilene, is a guest of Miss Annie Mae Swann this week.

Word was received this week from Mr. Ed. Teaff at Troy, Texas that he has not been doing so well.

Mrs. Shirley Smith of Electra returned to her home last week after a short visit with Mrs. C. B. Smith and other relatives.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Beasley on the 26th, a bouncing 12 pound baby boy.

Mrs. C. W. Whitaker of Houston is visiting Mrs. B. C. Smith this week.

Mr. Aubry Reagan is in Fort Worth this week visiting and attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hedgecox of Goldsboro, Texas, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis.

Mrs. G. L. Farrow is a guest in the home of Mrs. C. B. Smith this week.

Mr. R. A. Reagan and family spent the day Sunday at Lake Abilene.

Mr. Parker Sharp spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Mr. Johnnie Ray and wife of Buffalo Gap, Texas, were here Tuesday calling on friends.

Mr. J. E. Richardson, wife and two children spent the day Sunday in Anson.

Miss Mina Jean Drummond of View, Texas is a guest of Miss Lerah Petree this week.

W. T. Sherrill of Abilene was here this week looking after business.

H. D. Smith of Ozona, Texas, was here last week visiting with W. H. Laney and family.

Mr. Arthur Sears and family of Abilene spent Sunday visiting in the Mrs. Frank Sears home.

Miss Lois Harris of Abilene was a guest of Miss Ruby Fae Golliday last week.

Messrs. Roy and John Banner were here Sunday visiting in the J. L. Banner home.

Mr. Walter Bryson of Brownfield, Texas is here visiting with friends and relatives.

The Boney Garage is being improved by adding a new coat of paint.

A. R. Cox and wife returned Friday from Franklin, Texas where they have been visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baird of Lorraine, Texas, are here this week to visit Mrs. Baird's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks.

Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson left last week for a trip to Mineral Wells, Texas, where they will enjoy a few weeks vacation.

Mrs. Kate Harkrider and Mrs. Hill of Lamesa, Texas, are the guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard this week.

Mrs. J. J. Stallings of Fort Worth, Texas, was here this week looking after business interests and visiting with friends.

Miss Dixie Howard of Hillsboro, Texas, is here to visit her father, Mr. J. T. Howard and others.

Messrs. Cecil and Brittan Jobe are here this week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jobe.

Mr. Comer Clay and family visited Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Clay live in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee were here Sunday, spending the day with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Pee live at Lawn, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hill and children from Midland were visitors in the J. N. Teaff home the past week.

Mrs. L. P. Jones left Sunday for her home at Sierra Blanca, after a visit with her father, Mr. J. C. Moore.

Mrs. D. A. Hill of San Angelo, Texas, came in last week to be a visitor in the J. E. Costephens home for some time.

Misses Ollie and Dota Gar-route have recently purchased and moved to the house formerly occupied by Mrs. Polly Bailey.

Mr. Frank O'Briant left Sunday for San Angelo, where he will enter his racing car in the races there the 25th.

Mrs. J. C. Jones of Nevada, Texas, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones the past week.

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum and little granddaughter, Helen Heeter, accompanied by Mr. Harry Woodrum, made a short trip to Abilene Wednesday.

The interior of the offices of Drs. Armstrong and Johnson, located over the Farmers State Bank, are being remodeled, papered and painted.

Full stock of Corn, shelled Maize, Shorts, Chops, Bran, Oats and various kinds of chicken feed. Also have plenty of hulls and fresh Millet hay.

Misses Lillian Watts, Edna Watts, Ruth Watts, Mr. Foster Watts and Mr. Dallas Hand of Abilene left last Saturday via car for a camping trip to San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

Mr. Lewis Swann of Abilene was here Wednesday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Th Horn church was dedicated Sunday. A large crowd attended the dedication services. Dinner was served at the noon hour at the church. A great time was reported by some of those attending.

Mr. J. S. Thomas, Miss Murphy Thomas, Mrs. J. A. Milliken, and daughter, Miss Gladys, returned Saturday from a ten days trip to Dallas and Fort Worth, where they visited friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann and Miss Powell, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Swann, returned last week from an outing and fishing trip to Leuders.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold DeMoss of Lubbock were here to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren for a few days this week. Mr. and Mrs. DeMoss were enroute to Houston, where they are moving.

Miss Lynn Thompson arrived in Merkel from Austin, Texas to spend a while with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson. Miss Lynn has been attending school at the State University for some time.

Mrs. B. D. Black and children of Houston, were here last week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black. Mr. B. D. Black, husband of the former, taught school in Merkel a number of years ago.

Rev. T. J. Rea and family and Mr. L. R. Thompson, wife and daughter, Miss Lynn, spent most of the day Sunday at Buffalo Gap, leaving here after the preaching services Sunday, and taking their lunch where they spread it at Buffalo Gap, the day being very much enjoyed.

The next Fifth Sunday Singing will be at Trent on June 29,

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Mr. G. B. Brown of Abilene was a Merkel business visitor Wednesday.

Dr. W. V. Cranford was in Abilene Thursday attending to some business.

Mr. W. L. Piler of Abilene, a former merchant of Merkel, was here Thursday on business.

Attorney Frank E. Smith and wife were in Merkel Sunday visiting.

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The W. C. Ladies of the Merkel Grove were invited to meet with the Abilene Grove, June 11th, in class initiation.

They met in session at 2:30 p.m. The initiatory work was put on by the Stamford State Team.

Those being present of note were Sov. Dora Alexander Talley Omaha, Nebraska, Supreme Clerk; Sov. Henrietta A. Tomas, Fort Worth, Texas, State Manager; Sov. Alexander, Cisco, Texas, Supreme Delegate; Sov. Tressie Goldsticker, Stamford, Texas, District Deputy. Talks made by the above Sov. were very interesting and instructive. Delicious fruit punch was served during the session.

The afternoon session closed about five o'clock and at 6:30 50 members met at the First M. E. Church for supper.

At 8:30 they met in open house with the W. O. W. and a real interesting program of readings, music and solos were enjoyed.

The floor work was put on by the Sweetwater and Roby W. O. W. team and Abilene W. C. Team.

The night program was closed by serving refreshments of ice cream and cake.

Those who attended the meeting from the Merkel Grove were Sov. Allday, Miller, Polly, Elliot, Lassiter, Boney, Gibson, Ash, Noel, Beene, Richardson, M. Boney, Sov. J. T. Dennis and wife, Sov. S. G. Russell and wife, Sov. W. S. Burns and wife.

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Write W. C. LASLEY, Secretary-Treasurer, Abilene, Texas. Office over Schultz Grocery—Phone 25. 27t4

'A Word From Brownie's Sister'

If I were a little bird around Shiloh, I am sure I would flit from vine to vine and gladly the sweet story tell to every one far and near, the Shiloh Happenings.

When we turn through the pages of the Merkel Mail and there we find a letter from Brownie, it makes glad our hearts for we feel just like reading the whole day through, for we hear of friends and loved ones true. Though we often sat and wondered if fit for heaven we should be, if God should come tomorrow. Are we standing in the way of others, the road that leads to heaven above? We should strive, we should pray to walk closer by His side day by day. Are we living the life that Christ would have us to live? Are we strowing precious flowers along the way of some poor wayward soul? Let's try to make glad the hearts of others as we travel through this life. Brownie's Sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durham and children returned Monday from a visit to relatives at Wellington, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Durham attended the Texas Press Association at Amarillo three days while away.

Mr. John Sullivan of Dallas is here for a few days visiting with relatives and attending to business.

**SATURDAY
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Extra Specials

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Come in Saturday June the 28th and get some of the big bargains a dollar will buy.

Your choice of fifty ladies and childrens hats values up to \$6.00 for \$1.00

Ladies 75c meslin gowns, two for \$1.00

Childrens 75c silk sox, two pair for \$1.00

Ladies 50c knit summer union suits, 3 for \$1.00

Fifty men's dress shirts your choice \$1.00

Extra special prices on odd lots of shoes. Prices too numerous to mention, come in and see for your self just what your dollar will buy.

Bragg Dry Goods Company

The Place Most People trade

Scholarship for Sale

Miss Ouida Campbell has for sale an \$80.00 Scholarship in the Draughon's Business College of Abilene, and any one who is in need of a scholarship now, or anticipate attending this or any other Business College, will do well to see Miss Ouida Campbell at once. It will pay you to see her.

House Full of bargains.—City Furniture, Joe Garland Prop. tf

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McFarland left last Sunday for a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard at Dallas. On their return they brought back Miss Flora Frances Anderson, who has been visiting there. Miss Snookie Sheppard accompanied Miss Anderson on her return home for a visit.

Ice Cream Supper At Union Ridge this Saturday Night

On the play grounds of the Union Ridge school house, Ice Cream and Cake will be served Saturday night. The proceeds to go to the support of the new church to be builded at this place. Every one is extended a hearty welcome. To the most popular boy and the most popular girl present prizes will be awarded.

The first cotton bloom brought to this office for this year was brought in last Saturday by Mr. Homer Patterson, and is considered to be as early as usual if not a little earlier. However, we understand that Mr. S. A. Freeman, residing in Merkel has a small patch of cotton near his home that has had blooms for some wto weeks. Mr. Freeman's cotton is indeed very fine at this time.

Will Preach at Blair Sunday

Sunday morning at eleven o'clock we will have services at Blair in the school house. I would like for you to be present and let us discuss the prospects of a coming revival this summer. M. R. Pike.

Just what you are looking for in the way of a gift is the fashionable Stationery at the Merkel Mail Office. Come and see the samples. tf

The following attended the meeting of the Baptist Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention at Ballinger Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: Rev. W. H. Albertson and family, E. Yates Brown, Mrs. Warren Smith and Miss Nell Swann.

Some of the people here are planning on attending the singing convention at Trent Sunday.

LAUNDRY SERVICE

Semi-Finish or Family washing, everything included except silk and woolen material. Ten pound minimum at 10c per lb. Eighty per cent ready to wear. Finished work and cleaning and pressing our specialty. One day service on cleaning six days out of every week. Leave at West's, Petty's of City Barber Shop, or phone 218. Alfred H. Ligon, agent Abilene Laundry Company. tf

NOTICE

My place and Martin place I have leased is Pested. No boys are allowed to hunt or go in the tank, and will be prosecuted if trespassing. S. G. Russell. tf

Mrs. M. C. Sadler of Fort Worth, is here for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw.

Mrs. Chas. Jones Has Pretty Party

Mrs. Chas. Jones on Thursday afternoon, June 19, entertained her house guests from five to seven. Mesdames N. C. Jones of Dekalb, Texas, R. P. Lindsay of Ashdown, Arkansas, H. I. Robins of Omaha, Texas, James Wheeler of Abilene, and H. C. Harbers.

In her pleasing and charming way, Mrs. Chas. Jones gave greetings at the door and introduced her guests. The house was beautifully and artistically decorated with summer flowers, roses being used in the reception suite, sunflowers in the dining room, and daisies in the room where adieus were said.

A well planned and interesting program was enjoyed throughout the afternoon. Miss Ona Fae Rose giving two numbers, "Hark Hark, The Lark" and "To a Waterlily". Miss Mona Margaret Jones accomplished daughter of the hostess, rendered two numbers, "Ma's Little Sunflower" and "Smiling Through", accompanied at the piano by Mrs. H. I. Robins. Then Mrs. Wheeler who is a splendid reader, in her winning and easy pose, gave a number of selections which delighted her hearers.

Greetings were extended at the dining room by Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. W. C. Harbers, where Misses Johnnie Sears, Ona Fae Rose and Mona Margaret Jones served refreshing punch and wafers.

Adieus were said by Mesdames Lindsay and Wheeler.

During the afternoon some forty or fifty ladies and young matrons called. Out of town guests enjoying the afternoon were Mesdames J. E. Hill, Midland, and Will Brown, Anson.

SURPRISE GIVEN W. C. GUARDIAN, SOV. GARRET

On Monday afternoon, June 9th, at three o'clock, the W. C. Ladies met in the home of Mrs. Ed. Miller and went in a body from there to Sov. Garrett's home for a social hour and surprise to our beloved Guardian and her sister, Mrs. J. C. Williams of Greenville City, S. C.

When we arrived we found that Sov. Garrett and Mrs. Williams were out on a "Horned-frog hunt" as Mrs. Williams wanted to take some of the lovely little creatures home with her.

After waiting quite a while and they had not returned, some of the ladies decided to send a car in search of them. So, in going from place, we at last found them at the home of Sov. Jobe, one of our shut in members.

When Sov. Garrett arrived at home she was very much surprised to see a number of the circle ladies there.

After spending some time in social conversation, refreshments were served to the following: Sov. King, Allday, Elliott, Polly, Hollingsworth, Bullock, Boney, Miller, Beene and Richardson.

Eld. Price Bankhead and family of Frederick, Oklahoma, W. R. Graves and family and C. A. McDonald and family, all of Lubbock, were here this week the guests of O. J. Adcock and family as well as other relatives and friends. Mr. Adcock and family and thentire party of visitors spent a few days first of the week outing and fishing on the Concho. They report a fine trip and plenty of fish.

Two Mules Strayed—On last Saturday two mules, a horse mule and a mare mule, both brown in color, strayed from the Beasley farm. Will pay liberal reward for return of the mules or information that leads to their recovery. J. D. Beasley. 1t

Mr. S. D. Gamble, wife and little daughter, Elma Mae, and son, David, returned Saturday from a weeks visit to Lampasas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and little daughter were here visiting with relatives and friends Sunday.

"DITTO" SPECIAL

Our sale on the regular "dollar" Athletic Union Suits was so great we have re-ordered on this underwear and are giving you again this week an opportunity to supply your needs at this great saving.

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