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BAPTIST REVIVAL BEGINS SUNDAY

Dr. Scarborough is coming to Merkel for a meeting. The meeting will begin Sunday in the Baptist church building, with two services each day in the church, 10 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Dr. Scarborough will not be in the meeting till Wednesday or Thursday but the meeting will be going right on. He is bringing with him Prof. W. B. Moore, head of the piano department of the Seminary and Prof. E. L. Carnett of the voice department. These men are the best to be had in their line of work. This Gospel team is just from Victoria, British Columbia, and were booked for a state wide meeting in Arizona at this time, but the Lord has sent them to us.

The local Baptist church feels that this meeting ought to bring a blessing to every church in this town and community and extends a hearty invitation to all Christians of every name and order to come and help make this the greatest meeting Merkel has ever had. Not only do the local Baptists invite but they urge every one who loves Jesus to come and help in the services. Every singer in and about Merkel is urged to come help make a great choir under the direction of Prof. Moore.

Dr. Scarborough needs no introduction to most of the people in and about Merkel as it was here that he was saved while a school boy. From Merkel he entered Baylor and from Baylor he went to Yale, where he was preparing himself for a career as a lawyer when the Lord called him to preach. Like Paul, he was obedient to the Heavenly vision and has from that day on been a consecrated preacher of the Word of God. Though he has for many years been president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he has not left off preaching and from the time of his surrender to preach till this good day more than a thousand people each year have surrendered to Jesus under his personal ministry.

Would it not be entirely fitting that here where he himself found Jesus he should have one of the most fruitful meetings of his whole ministry. Let every praying Christian begin now to pray that the Lord will make this the good time when he will bless Merkel as never before.

Not only are all Christians invited to come but the invitation is extended to everybody. We are exceedingly anxious that men and women who do not often attend religious services will come and get the full benefit of this meeting. Our church building is the coolest place in Merkel and we will do our best to give a comfortable seat to every one who will come. We will even give up our seats and we will go to a Sunday School room and pray while lost men and women listen to the sermon.

There will be at least three prayermeetings each day during the meeting. One for men, one for women and at least one for young people. The time and place of these meetings will be announced Sunday.

On Tuesday evening the service at the church will begin at 8 p.m. and close at 8:30 on account of the benefit being given that evening for the cemetery.

The Sunday School Sunday morning will be the beginning of the meeting. At this service the evangelistic spirit is to prevail. We will also have a special song when little Burniel Scott and Clara Francis Largent, assisted by Mrs. L. B. Scott, will sing

"Here's to Lynch
Who wanted a cinch
To sit in the Governor's chair.
There's another man
By the name of Dan

The people say ought to be there." —Swiped.

MOODY MAY SPEAK HERE WEDNESDAY

On next Wednesday, July 7, Attorney General Dan Moody will speak in the interest of his candidacy for Governor at 2:00 p.m. at Sweetwater and at 8:30 in the evening of the same day at Abilene. And since he will pass through Merkel enroute from Sweetwater to Abilene, friends of Mr. Moody are making an effort to have him stop in Merkel for a thirty minutes address to the people here, and they feel almost sure of success. Hence should you like to hear him and not be able to go to Abilene to hear him, be in Merkel from four to five p.m. Wednesday and you will in all probability have the opportunity of hearing him here.

On last Wednesday evening Mr. Moody spoke to one of the largest gatherings ever to assemble in the city of Stamford, and Messrs. H. H. Toombs, T. G. Bragg, W. H. Laney, A. T. Shepard, Thos. Durham, Irving L. Jackson and others possibly, made the trip to that city to hear the distinguished Attorney General. They report that the great crowd seemed to be almost unanimously with Mr. Moody and gave him vociferous applause throughout his two hours address. There was no heckling and the people almost solidly seemed to be for Mr. Moody.

for us.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning on "Praying for a Revival and Prayer in a Revival". At the evening hour the subject will be "Our Part in Raising the Dead".

Leave off your coats and bring your Bibles and let's work for the Lord. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

THOS. L. BLANTON WILL SPEAK HERE

This paper is in receipt of a communication from Hon. Thos. L. Blanton, present Congressman, and candidate for re-election, stating that he will speak in Merkel at five o'clock Saturday afternoon, July 3, and extends a cordial invitation to his many friends and the public in general to hear him.

Mr. Blanton will speak at 2:30 the same afternoon at Sweetwater, driving from that city to Merkel for his five o'clock appointment here. He will speak at the tabernacle.

As is well known throughout his district, Congressman Blanton always interests his hearers, and especially since he is our representative in the National Congress, it behooves every man and woman to make an effort to be present and hear him give an account of his work in the capitol of our nation.

COUNTY AGT. SAYS SWAT THE ROOSTER

The county agent is making an appeal to the farmers through out Taylor county to segregate the roosters from the flock. It has recently been proved that an egg begins to incubate twelve hours before it is laid when it is fertile. On the other hand an infertile egg never spoils, the county agent states, but gradually changes into a watery consistency. It has been proved that a flock of hens will lay more eggs when the roosters are taken from them. Millions of dollars are lost by the farmers annually because the roosters are allowed to run with the hens during the summer months. Let's swat or segregate the roosters and not lose a large percent of our eggs during the summer months.

Mr. Sam King of Bristol, Va., is here for a visit with Miss Boog Sears.

Miss Williard Wilson of Abilene, spent the past week-end with Mrs. Emmette Grimes.

T. & P. SPECIAL TO EL PASO SATURDAY

As will be noticed from advertisements in this paper and otherwise, the Texas and Pacific Railway will run a big reduced rate Special Train over its line to El Paso on next Saturday, giving those who wish a chance to visit the Gate Way City as well as an opportunity to see the many interesting sights in Old Mexico. Persons desiring to see that country will do well to take advantage of the very low rates that are offered at this time.

It is also stated that the Mexican government has waived all passport requirements and every one can visit Juarez, Mexico, at their own will.

MOST FIRMS TO CLOSE JULY 5TH.

We the undersigned business firms of Merkel, agree to close our places of business July 5th (Monday) in order that our clerks and bosses may celebrate the 4th as they see fit. Signed: Farmers State Bank, Barrow Furniture Co., Jones Dry Goods, Max Mellinger, Buford and Petty Barber Shop, Liberty Hardware Co., Baker & Wheeler Meat Market, Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Bob Martin Grocery Co., Brown Dry Goods Co., Schindler's Variety Store, City Meat Market, W. F. Patterson, John Sears, City Barber Shop, L. J. Renfro, J. B. Bell & Son, Hodo Tailor Shop, McDonald & Colium, L. C. Patton, J. T. Darsey & Co., A. B. Rose, Merkel Lumber Co., City Furniture Co., A. R. Booth Grocery, Crown Hdwe Co., G. M. Sharp, J. M. Garrett, W. F. Hamblet, H. J. Dunn, H. & C. Grocery, West Texas Utilities Co., Postmaster Taylor F. Davis (no rural delivery), The Merkel Mail Carson & Son, J. T. Dennis, Bragg Dry Goods Co., Merkel Auto Paint Shop, F. M. Smith Barber Shop, Tarbutton the Jeweler, Burton-Lingo Co. All drug stores close from 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Ice Cream Supper at Hebron

On next Friday night, July 9, there will be an ice cream and pie supper at the Hebron Baptist church. The proceeds from the sale will go to pay for a piano. All candidates are cordially invited as well as everybody else.

HOME TALENT PLAY AT COZY TUESDAY

"Deestric Singing Skewl," a benefit play under the auspices of the Thursday Club, will be given on Tuesday evening, July 6th at 8:45 p.m. at the Cozy Theatre. The characters are made up of some of the leading citizens of Merkel, and the proceeds will go toward the fund for the Arch for the cemetery. If you want a good laugh, come and enjoy this home talent play. Popular prices, 25c and 50c. Starts promptly at 8:45. Splendid orchestra program beginning at 8 o'clock.

LADIES OF CITY ORGANIZE MOODY CLUB

On Wednesday afternoon of this week, in response to a call a large number of ladies from Merkel and surrounding country met at the Cozy Theatre at four o'clock and organized a "Moody for Governor Club." Mrs. Len C. Sublett, local chairman of the Ladies Moody forces, presided, and introduced Dr. J. D. Sandifer, of Abilene, who delivered an able and interesting address in behalf of Mr. Moody.

The Merkel Ladies were indeed happily surprised when they learned they had as a visitor at this meeting Mrs. Dan Moody, in person, who in company with her father, Mr. Geo. L. Paxton, and Dr. Sandifer, stopped over here enroute to Stamford, where Mr. Moody addressed a large audience in the evening.

A large number of ladies from Trent and the outlying districts were present, and we are informed most every one signed up for membership in the Moody Club.

We also learn from Mrs. Sam Swann, of this city, who was recently honored with the election to office of President of the Taylor County "Moody for Governor Club," that plans were being made to organize in every precinct in the county.

Mr. B. B. Reynolds, who resides some ten miles south, and who himself admits being a Ferguson enthusiast, in speaking of the popularity of his favorite, "Ma" for Governor, states that in a poll of eight citizens of his community recently the vote stood seven for "Ma" and one for Moody.

LEAF WORM MOVING NORTH, SAID

A report has come to me from the A. & M. College that the cotton leaf worm is doing considerable damage in South Texas, and that it is moving northward. This is the second crop of worms that has hatched in that section. Every farmer should observe his cotton for this pest, and if it appears, an application of calcium arsenate should follow immediately. If the rains continue, we are almost sure to be troubled with this pest, but if the rains discontinue the worm is not likely to appear.

J. R. Masterson, County Agt.

FAIR DATES SET FOR SEPT. 16, 17, 18

At the meeting of the Lunc-eon Club on Tuesday evening of this week, that organization, which is sponsoring the coming Community Fair in Merkel this fall, ratified the work of a special committee in their recommendation of the election of a President, vice-president and the nominations of committees for the promotion of different departments of the Fair.

For president Mr. Henry C. West was unanimously chosen, and as vice-presidents the following gentlemen were named: Messrs. Robert Hicks, Chas. H. Jones, W. D. Hutcheson and R. O. Anderson. Mr. W. L. Diltz, Jr. was named as Secretary-Treas., and Mr. J. A. Buford was named superintendent of grounds and Thos. Durham chairman of publicity committee.

As an executive committee the following were named: T. J. R. Swafford, Taylor F. Davis, R. A. Ellis, Dee Grimes and J. R. Masterson.

As heads of the various departments the following gentlemen and ladies were named:

Livestock, T. J. R. Swafford, hogs and dairy cattle.

For Agriculture County Agent J. R. Masterson was selected as General Supervisor, with the following from the different communities: Salt Branch, J. A. Jaynes, J. E. Higgins and S. M. Redding; Mulberry, W. B. Moore and J. A. Horton; Stith, W. C. Church and M. E. West; Warren, Joe Higgins and G. L. Baker; Compere, J. Wade and L. A. Stanley; Noodle, J. A. Cleveland and Earl Foster; Horn, A. M. Daniel and R. C. Eubank; Golan, A. J. Cook and C. A. Duncan; Union Ridge, J. H. Clark and D. L. Shelton; Goodman, C. P. Church and H. A. Deavers; Blair Z. V. Moore and W. A. Campbell; Nubia, Eli Cordell and W. C. Matthews; White Church, W. E. Malone and Geo. Shuff; Butman, Ed Blackburn and Will Butman; Dora, J. A. Cook and Prof. McDonald; Mt. Pleasant, D. J. Anderson and D. W. Rogers; Cross Roads, T. J. Amason and M. G. King.

Poultry: R. A. Ellis, Chairman, Roscoe Bland and Owen Higgins.

Women's departments: Mrs. R. O. Anderson, supt. Textiles; Mrs. Chas. H. Jones and Mrs. Fred Groene, Culinary; Mrs. Sam Swann, Mrs. McFarland, Flowers and Shrubs, Mrs. L. B. Scott and Mrs. Amy Sears.

On amusements and entertainments, Messrs. L. B. Scott, Sie Hamm, Chas. H. Jones and Guy Darsey were appointed.

The financial committee is composed of Messrs. Dee Grimes Chairman, T. J. R. Swafford, Robert Hicks, H. C. West and T. G. Bragg.

Methodist Conference at Nubia

Rev. R. E. L. Stutts, pastor of the Merkel circuit, announces that on next Saturday, July 3, the third quarterly conference will be held for the Nubia church with the Rev. W. E. Lyon, presiding Elder in charge. Preaching at 11 a.m. with the business session following. All officers of the church are requested to be present.

Mr. H. L. Propst, one of the proprietors of the Merkel Garage, is spending a few days this week at Plainview, where he owns some of the finest business property within the limits of that growing and hustling city of the Plains.

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RESOURCES

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Loans and Discounts | \$392,296.91 |
| Overdrafts | 819.45 |
| Banking House | 12,500.00 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 5,430.00 |
| Other Real Estate | 11,702.50 |
| Stocks and Bonds | 1,000.00 |
| Assessment Gty. Fund | 7,000.00 |
| Int. Depositors Gty. Fund | 8,422.66 |
| Cash and Bills of Exchange | \$156,667.65 |

Total \$595,839.17

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Capital Stock \$ 50,000.00

Surplus and Profits Net 29,615.78

Deposits 516,223.39

Total \$595,839.17

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CO. CANDIDATES TO MAKE NO SPEAKING TOUR

A number of Taylor County candidates met at the Court House June 26 in response to a call issued in the Abilene Daily Reporter, for the purpose of deciding whether or not they would have the usual candidate speaking dates over the county.

It was reported by several of the candidates present that especially the farmers, and a large number of business men were so busy at this time of the year that they did not have the time to spare to attend such speakings. It was further reported by some of the candidates that various communities had already requested the candidates to speak.

It was decided by the candidates present that they would leave it to the people of each voting precinct to decide whether or not they wanted the candidates to speak in said precinct. And in order to find out said information, Milburn S. Long and

Frank E. Smith were appointed to receive the invitations from the various precincts, together with the dates that they desired the candidates to speak, and to make up a speaking calendar, and so advise the candidates and the public.

It was further decided at said meeting that if any individual candidates such as candidates for County Judge, should decide to arrange any other speaking dates, in the interest of their individual candidacy, that said arrangements may be made.

Mr. O. R. Rodden, Merkel's enterprising and splendid Photographer, returned first of the week from Amarillo where he attended the Big West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention. He reports a very fine trip.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bridges of Breckenridge are up this week for a visit with home folks and friends.

MORE NEW HOMES TO BE BUILT SOON

Recently some new and lovely homes have been erected and others are in course of construction while still others are being planned. The latest we learn of are those of the Misses Garoutte which has already been started on the site where they have resided for some time, and Mr. Slaton, rural carrier on Route No. 4, who is building a splendid new home in the southeast part of the city. Also Mr. John R. West, who this week sold his home, will immediately start the erection of a beautiful new and modern home on the seven acre site he recently purchased from Mr. A. V. Dye in the south part of the city.

NATIONAL GUARD LEAVES FOR CAMP

On next Thursday some forty-five enlisted men with First Lieutenant Emmette T. Grimes and 2nd Lieutenant Lake J. Renfro, in charge of the First Battalion, Headquarters Detachment and Combat Train, 131st Field Artillery, will leave for Camp Palacios, at Palacios, Texas, where on the 9th they encamp for some two weeks.

Last year our boys made a fine record in their National Guard work, and will no doubt return this year with an even better report to their credit.

MT. PLEASANT WINS FROM TRENT BY 7-5

Following is the box score for the Trent-Mt. Pleasant game of last week, in which Mt. Pleasant won 7 to 5.

| Mt. Pleasant | |
|---|-----------------|
| Mashburn 3b | 5 1 3 2 4 1 |
| Humphreys lf | 4 1 0 2 0 1 |
| W. Blevins lb | 4 1 1 15 1 0 |
| McCoy m. | 4 0 0 1 0 0 |
| Darden ss. | 4 1 1 1 5 1 |
| Seymore 2b. | 4 1 1 2 2 0 |
| Thompson p. | 4 1 1 2 4 1 |
| B. Blevins c. | 4 0 2 2 0 0 |
| Horton rf. | 3 1 1 0 0 0 |
| Totals | 36 7 10 27 16 4 |
| Trent | |
| Payne c-1b | 5 0 3 11 2 0 |
| O'Kelly r-m. | 4 0 0 2 1 0 |
| Joe Boone 2b | 4 1 1 2 3 1 |
| Boone 3b-ss | 4 1 1 2 2 1 |
| H. Jones m-p | 4 1 1 2 1 0 |
| O. Burks ss | 3 0 1 0 4 2 |
| Chambles lf. | 3 0 0 0 0 0 |
| B. Burks lb. | 0 0 0 1 0 0 |
| Shouse c. | 4 0 0 4 0 0 |
| O. Jones p-r. | 4 1 0 0 0 1 |
| *Nugent | 0 1 0 0 0 0 |
| Totals | 35 5 7 24 13 5 |
| *Nugent batted for O. Burks in the 9th. | |

Mt. Pleasant .120 400 00x-7
 Trent .001 003 001-5
 Summary: Three base hits, Joe Boone. Home runs, Seymore, H. Jones. Stolen bases, Mashburn, Jack Boone, O. Jones. Double plays, Seymore, unassisted, H. Jones to Jack Boone to Payne Left on bases, Mt. Pleasant 9, Trent 6. Bases on balls, Thompson 1, H. Jones 1. Struck out, Thompson 2, O. Jones 2, H. Jones 3. Hits off O. Jones, 8 in three and two-thirds innings with 6 runs; off H. Jones, 2 in four and one-third innings with 1 run. Hit by pitcher, O. Jones (Humphreys), Thompson (Chambles). Wild pitch, Thompson. Passed ball, Payne. Losing pitcher, O. Jones. Umpires, Bryant and Quattlebaum.

Will Open Beauty Parlor Here

Miss Edna Gordon, of Dallas, with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Gordon, arrived in Merkel first of the week and, after having visited many of the best cities in the west, decided to locate in Merkel. Miss Gordon purchased the John R. West home in the Southwest part of the city, paying the sum of \$3,000 for same, and has opened a Marinello Beauty Shop in her home.

Read her ads in this paper.

NEEDS OF MERKEL TRADE TERRITORY

The Merkel trade territory needs, in an educational way, many things she does not now have. We need a more equitable system of taxation with reference to the results obtained. I mean by this that we should practice good and sound economy. It is not always good economy to buy the cheaper priced article of merchandise. The same is true in reference to educational facilities. We may think we are doing the right thing to cut our taxes and cut a corresponding part of our course of study as offered in the schools, but if we did that we would have to go elsewhere for our instruction. This in itself would be much more expensive in doing. We want our boys to be able to do something constructive in the world and at least know how to provide them and their dependents with a living. We want our girls to be able to cook and sew if their ideals are directed along the course of domestic life, and to be able to earn a living wage, if they pursue a professional line. Where can we most economically provide these things? Not all boys and girls will choose the industrial or commercial courses. Not all of them will even stay in school for any course, but that doesn't lessen our responsibility. We must make these things available and encourage them to take a constructive course, and when this has been done we will not have it thrown up to us "Why did you not give us a chance".

Most boys and girls will be just average men and women a few years from now, doing the things that they are best fitted to do. If they are fitted for good, sound, safe and economic farming that will be their profession, and this is true of the medical profession or law profession, and for that matter all professions. What are the people of this country going to do—equip their boys and girls for doing the thing they want to do in an efficient manner so they may go to the top, or just give them a half start and let them, even force them, to be only the ordinary man or woman in his respective field? I believe the people of this district and territory have as laudable ambition for their children as do the people of any other county in Texas, or state or the U. S. or the world, and because of this ambition will help to provide the things to foster their worthy aims.

This is not intended for Merkel folks alone. I have in mind the rural boy and girl. They who support the business houses of Merkel and live in our territory are entitled to all the opportunities of the business man's son or daughter. Will you make it possible for him to obtain these things? How can this be done? I want you to think this over. It can be done and is going to be done. The cost will be negligible. The Legislature of Texas has authorized a measure of relief and offers a plan to help the Rural Boy and Girl get the same educational advantages as the City boy or girl.

You will readily see that every rural community cannot build, equip and support a standard high school. Then why not cooperate with some one who has and reap the profits with them. The rural schools can now be annexed to independent schools (for high school subjects and grades only) if they so desire. They can keep their rural grade schools and send high school students to city. Any one can see the financial saving to the rural schools. The better class of instruction, an affiliated course of study and numerous other advantages.

These are some of the things I want you people to think about. Next week I will have something else to add to this; some figures to give that will open your eyes and make you wonder. I don't

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Marcelling---Call Edna Gordon at the John West residence. Itp

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Big Basket picnic at Blair Friday, June 9. Every one invited. Concessions for sale. See W. A. Campbell, J. R. Cavitt or Z. V. Moore. Date changed because of picnic at Buffalo Gap on July 16, date formerly set. 26t3p

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CRUDE OLD NOTIONS OF TABLE MANNERS

Free-and-Easy Etiquette of Seventeenth Century.

"If the plate before you is not clean, do not scrape it with your fingers—ask for another," says a Seventeenth century book on etiquette. A reading between the lines shatters a few illusions and reveals the silk-stockinged, plume-hatted gallant of the period as anything but fastidious in his manners at table. With all his fine bows and graceful phrases, he was still at a crude stage of social development.

"Nothing is more improper than to lick your fingers or to wipe them on the tablecloth," was a hint evidently needed, or it would not have been given; and books at that time, he it remembered, were not written for the lowly. The rules quoted above by the mentor applied to dining out; what unfolded in the privacy of his home was nobody's business.

In France and England people of all classes were accustomed to eat with the fingers. Forks were curiosities. Queen Elizabeth tried one, and her subjects thought it an affectation. Ill-bred and cultured used the same methods in helping themselves from a common dish. The only difference was that one fished about until he got the choicest morsel, while the other delicately inserted three fingers and drew the handiest piece.

A guest sat at table with his hat on and only removed it if a toast was offered to his health. One drinking glass usually served the whole company, and was kept on the sideboard. When one wanted wine he had to call for the goblet. Extra consideration was paid to a lady when drinking; attendants standing on either side held a napkin under her chin.

A person in society that pretended to good manners, advised one Seventeenth century authority, should not "stick his meat into the mustard pot," neither should he "return meat to the dish after removing it." Swallowing too fast often made a man choke—"which was impolite and inconvenient." "Pocketing the dessert" was another offense.

Such were the rules for table behavior that early English and French colonists brought to America. Dutch culture contributed something, and out of the lot we got a foundation on which to build a standard of our own. From these beginnings there evolved a code of manners that is an undeniable improvement on the one that prevailed in the homes and banquet halls of Europe three centuries ago.

Say It With Flowers

Once upon a time there dwelt a couple who grew tired of looking at each other across the breakfast table.

Also, the dinner table. "Shall I consult a lawyer?" queried the man of himself. Then, shaking his head in negative fashion he added: "No, I shall consult a florist."

Beginning next day, a high bank of cut flowers adorned the dining table, completely cutting off the man's view of his wife, and his wife's view of him.

"This costs less than a lawyer," said the man, "and it looks better from the outside."

But in a few weeks the florist lost a good customer. The daily order was discontinued.

The woman had caught the man peeping curiously around the roses. And she had caught him.

Sixth Sense for Antiques

A sixth sense enables one to pick the real antiques from the spurious ones, according to a veteran antique dealer, who claims possession of such a sense.

"By running his fingers over the surface of a highboy, looking at its joints, legs and drawers, a dealer who knows his business can tell the age of the piece, how much and what kind of service it has seen; the class of family that owned it, and numerous intimate details of its history that are mystifying to the casual observer," he says.

"It is impossible to develop this sixth sense except by actual contact with antiques over a period of years."

Had to Keep Him

Hazel Lyman, a woman probation worker, was talking with a colored woman last week about the latter's domestic affairs. The colored woman's husband would not work. He couldn't be made to work.

"Why don't you leave him?" suggested the social worker. "What good is he to you?"

"Lawsy, missus, I can't leave him. He's a gift from God."

"A gift from God?"

"Yassum. Foh I married him, I jest prayed he'd marry me, and God answered my prayer. I can't kick him out when he's a present from de good Lawd."—Los Angeles Times.

"Lot's" Earliest Meaning

An interesting sidelight on the way "lot" came to mean "a parcel of ground" was given by Dr. W. A. Craigie, senior surviving editor of the Oxford dictionary, generally regarded as foremost authority on English words.

"The use of 'lot' to signify a parcel of ground is distinctly American," Doctor Craigie said. "It originated in the custom of the early American settlers in dividing up the land and distributing it by lot. Finally lot became synonymous for a parcel of ground thus distributed and now has been taken over into standard usage."

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Idlewise Club

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Earl Baze was the gracious hostess to the Idlewise Club. The artistic appointments were cheerfully decorated with colorful sweet-peas in cut glass containers. The appointments were uniquely carried out in fourth of July colors and symbols. After interesting games of bridge were enjoyed the hostess assisted by Miss Annie Mae Swann, served a cooling and appetizing plate to: Misses Ruby Hamm, Evelyn Hamm, Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Mesdames Roy Largent, George White, W. S. J. Brown, Jack Durham, and guests: Misses Annie Mae Swann, Willie Swann, Lorena Dry, Johnnie Sears, Julia Martin and Gladys Mayfield.

Mr. J. L. Harris reports that his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Duckett, of Tulia, was recently operated on at Temple and is now getting along nicely.

Writes From Cuba

Mr. E. Yates Brown, member of the Brown Dry Goods Company in this city, who is on a sight seeing trip to Cuba, New York, and other places of interest, writes from Havana, Cuba, stating that he is having a fine trip and enjoying the many interesting sights in that country. His card was written on the 22nd and stated that his party would sail for New York on the 24th of June.

The Merkel Mail is very thankful to Mrs. W. C. Reid, of route four, for the renewal of their subscription to the Mail.

W. B. Moore and family, of route four, are spending a few days this week with relatives at Colorado.

Mr. Russell Laney of Wills Point, Texas, was here this week guest of his uncle, Mr. W. H. Laney, and family.

At the COZY THEATRE

Friday and Saturday, July 2 and 3

BUCK JONES

The COWBOY and the COUNTESS

HOW A WESTERNER WON FAME AND FORTUNE IN EUROPE



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Also International News No. 39
With Universal Comedy "THE TIGHT CARGO"

Be sure to see the twins, Priscilla and Sophronia Flipkin Tuesday night.

Mr. Hurley Bowden, we regret to learn has been seriously ill for a day or so, but was some improved at last reports.

Mr. Tom Largent placed an advertisement in the classified columns of this paper last week, offering a refrigerator for sale. The article was sold a few hours after the paper was in the mails, Mr. Largent said.

Mr. J. W. Schindler, of Winters, owner of the Schindler Variety Store of Merkel, was up this week looking after business.

Mrs. McKinsey and daughter, of Abilene, were guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. N. Campbell.

Mrs. Ruth Owen and baby of Wichita Falls was accompanied home by her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway and sister Mrs. George Groene and Mildred Holloway, after a visit with them here for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West left this week for an extended visit with friends and relatives at Wichita Falls and points in Oklahoma.

Mr. Louie Juenger, of Winters, came up first of the week to assume the management of the Schindler Variety Store. Louie is a fine young fellow and will no doubt make business hum for this firm.

Mrs. A. D. Harmon and son have been the guests of relatives in Brownwood recently.

United States Tires are Good Tires

A Word to the Wise—

You can now buy USCO Balloons, High-Pressure Cords and Fabrics—trade marked and warranted by the United States Rubber Company—at a price which will make non-trade-marked, unwarranted tires a dead issue with you. Even lower than mail order tires.

USCO

has always been a wonderful value and today USCO Tires, built by the owners of the world's largest rubber plantation, are a better value than ever.

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THEY WEAR
—LONGER

MOODY IS GAINING EVERY DAY, HE SAYS

Dallas, Texas, June 30.—“I never felt better in my life, and I find the enthusiasm getting stronger as the campaign progresses. It looks like a sweeping victory against Fergusonism.” This is the statement issued by Dan Moody, Attorney General and candidate for governor, as he began the final month's campaign for Governor of Texas.

“I am more thoroughly convinced than ever, through my travels over Texas in this campaign, that the people are sick and tired of Jim Ferguson's dictatorship without responsibility or accountability to the laws or to the people. During the weekend, letters, telegrams and telephone calls have come to me from all sections of the state, not only assuring support for my candidacy, but reporting such support is so strong that there is a probability that there will be no need for a second primary. The most constructive thing that could be done at the present time in Texas would be to get rid of Ferguson and Fergusonism. Unless that is done, and done emphatically, it will be futile to speak of anything else of a constructive nature. I believe that the people will accept the opportunity they have to accomplish this, July 24th, in the most decisive manner.”

Citing as evidence of the wholesale deflection of support from Ferguson, the fact that in one day he (Moody) was introduced in three different counties by men who, two years ago, were campaign managers in their respective counties for the Fergusons, Mr. Moody declared that he, himself, had been surprised at the large number of “rock-ribbed” Ferguson men who are openly and actively campaigning

COUNTY AGENT PREPARING BULLETIN ON INSECT PESTS

In the near future the county agent will have prepared a circular covering practically all of the garden and flower pests, which will be for free distribution. “Most of the bulletins and circulars that are printed covering pests are too complicated for the person who has not made a special study of chemicals and plant habits to understand,” states the county agent, “and I am so simplifying plant insects and diseases and furnishing a remedy for them that the person who knows nothing of the technical phase of them will have no difficulty in finding the trouble and in applying a remedy.”

Mr. and Mrs. George Groene and little baby daughter of Bastrop, Texas, are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway.

Mr. A. J. Jarrett of El Paso spent Sunday with W. C. Reid and family out on route four.

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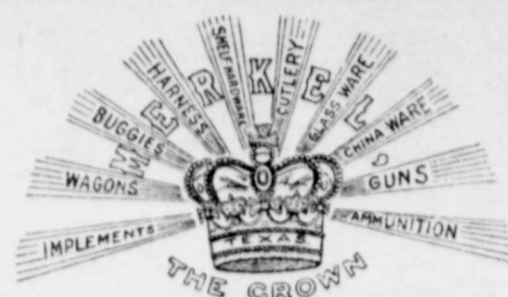
Taylor and Jones counties \$1.50
Anywhere else\$2.00
IN ADVANCE

TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas as second class mail.

Mr. J. A. Ellison of near Trent was in the city last Saturday exhibiting a big, fine stalk of cotton containing many squares and a bloom. Mr. Ellison states that his entire crop is good, and that he is a full fledged supporter of “Ma and Pa” Ferguson, and wants the Cockeyed World to know it.”

Mrs. T. H. Spears of the Blair community recently brought to this office a big, fine, white Bermuda onion that weighed two pounds and thirteen ounces. It measured 17 inches in circumference. Some fine specimen of onion.



THEY ARE GOING! GOING! GOING! WHAT?

Our close out stock of windmills, and at prices that you will likely never buy a windmill again. We just have a few left in Wood Eclipse, Steel Eclipse selfoiling, Star double gear mill and Dempster selfoiling. These are all popular makes and up-to-date mills and at prices plus quality. Which is worthwhile to investigate.

We also call your attention to the “SELFOILING STEEL STAR,” our feature windmill. The selfoiling mill with timpkin roller bearings that has been tried and proven and is built to stand the test of time and service.

When you buy a “SELFOILING STAR” you get, not merely a windmill at a price, but service of the dependable kind. Come look this mill over—it is the latest and most complete in windmill construction.

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Flags and Boomerangs for July 4th

HAMM DRUG COMPANY

Sie Hamm, Manager

“What you Want when you want It”

against the Fergusons.

“Forgetting all of the other misdeeds of Jim Ferguson—and they are legion—these former supporters just couldn't swallow Old Jim's statement that ‘we don't owe these road bonds’, and his attempt to repudiate the bonds, when every good citizen of Texas knows they are honest debts, and ought to be paid.”

Moody began this week's tour with a speech at Mineral Wells, Monday afternoon, and spoke at Weatherford Monday night. His itinerary for the remainder of the present week is as follows: Tuesday afternoon, Paducah, night, Wellington; Wednesday afternoon, Haskell, night, Stamford; Thursday afternoon, Stephenville, night Cleburne; Friday afternoon, Marlin, night Temple; Saturday noon, Ganado, afternoon, El Campo, night Weimar.

Mr. T. F. Allan, of Kansas City, was here several days first of this week visiting his aunts, the Misses Garoutte. Mr. Allan stated that this was his first trip to Merkel in twenty years, but said he well remembered being here twenty years ago by reason of the fact that he was unable to buy a cigar on Sunday. Remembering this, Mr. Allan came prepared, supplying himself with a box of cigars before coming, but found that conditions had changed.

Trent Missionary Society

Our Auxiliary is doing good work. Have been making better progress the past quarter than ever before in its history. We have overhauled our parsonage and repainted it. Have repainted our church and have all our dues and pledges paid up to date except the Belle Bennett Pledge, and we feel sure we can meet that by the end of the year.

On July 24 we will serve dinner in town and cordially invite every one to come and dine with us. A good dinner for 50 cents.

Miss Yandell Weds Philadelphia Young Man

Miss Joe Willie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Yandell, of this city, and Mr. Lou E. Montgomery, of Philadelphia, were married on June 16, at the home of her sister, Mrs. John M. Henry, of Ranger, and were here last week to spend a few days with the young lady's parents before going to Chicago, where Mr. Montgomery will complete his Electrical Engineering training and Mrs. Montgomery will further study art.

Mrs. Montgomery was librarian in the Ranger High School the past year, and is one of Merkel's most accomplished young ladies. Mr. Montgomery is a stockholder in the Cosby Oil and

Gas Co. of Fort Worth, and is very popular in business and social circles in Ranger, where he is also a successful oil operator.

Baker & Wheeler will appreciate your patronage in fresh and cured meats of all kinds in season. Call on them for fresh pork, sausage, steak, cured meats, roasts, etc.

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money.

I have installed two new gas pumps and am selling the American Products at the following prices for Saturday only: gas 19c, oil 20c quart. Free air and water. South of Tabernacle, J. L. Tucker.

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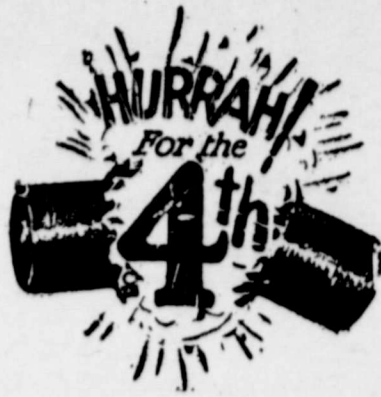
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WARREN NEWS
By Vera Jones

The farmers are all about thru with their crops.

The health of the community is good at present.

Mrs. Shouse and her daughter, Mrs. Juanita Payne, of Trent, spent Sunday with Mrs. C. T. McCormick.

Mr. Truman Jaynes spent Saturday night with Mr. Oddie Jones.

Miss Lottie Gressett spent Saturday night with Misses Helen and Artie McCormick.

All who attended the party at Miss Helen McCormick's Satur-

day night reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Medford Jones,

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas of Merkel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones.

Messrs. Wilmer and Wilbert Criswell spent Sunday with Mr. Zebbie Sumpter.

Miss Ruth Chancey spent Sunday with Miss Azline Sumpter.

Mr. Joe Higgins spent Saturday night with Mr. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Criswell visited their son, Mr. Albert Criswell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Higgins visited Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson a while Saturday.

Miss Willie Newman spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Vela Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy spent the day Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Newman of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Shouse of Hebron spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick.

Misses Azline Sumpter and Ruth Chancey spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Artie McCormick.

SALT BRANCH NEWS
By Blue Eyes

The farmers of this community are getting along nicely with their crops.

The rain was very nice. The grasshoppers are doing some damage to the crops, some of the farmers having to put out poison.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Higgins were the guests of Mrs. Robertson Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson were the guests of Mr. Horton and family Sunday.

Mr. Mason Barker was the guest of Mr. Buster Horton on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty Sunday.

Mr. Lester Beene was the guest of Mr. Austin Petty Sunday at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Outlaw Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson took dinner with his mother Sunday.

We are happy to know that Mr. Earl Walker is doing just fine over his operation.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones were the guests of Mrs. W. B. Robertson Sunday afternoon.

Jack Higgins was the guest of Austin Petty Sunday night.

MULBERRY NEWS

Health of the community is very good at present. Every one is busy trying to work roads and plow their crops over and get ready to thrash their grain.

After the big storms and rains wheat and oats are badly damaged. Lots of cotton was hailed out but the rest of the crops are fine.

Mr. C. P. Wortham, wife and son, Earl, made a trip to Lamesa May 27th. They were called to Mr. Wortham's father's bedside. They left him better and went on over to Levelland to visit Mrs. Wortham's parents and brothers. Her mother came home with them and spent about three weeks with her children.

Mr. Mattingly and family took their mother, Mrs. Julia Hodges, to Abilene one day this week shopping. She and all of her children around Merkel met

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Judge:

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LEE R. YORK
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For County Attorney:

FRANK E. SMITH

For District Clerk:

BELLE WELLBORN

For County School Supt.:

M. A. WILLIAMS

For Sheriff:

H. T. O'BAR
JOHN BOND

For County Clerk:

W. E. BEASLEY
W. P. BOUNDS

For Tax Collector:

R. A. McCLAIN
EARL HUGHES

For Tax Assessor:

J. T. HOWARD
CLARENCE W. BOYCE

For County Treasurer:

AUSTIN FITTS
(Precinct Offices)

For Public Weigher:

THOS. A. BEARDEN
B. M. WILLIAMS
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For Commissioner, this Precinct:

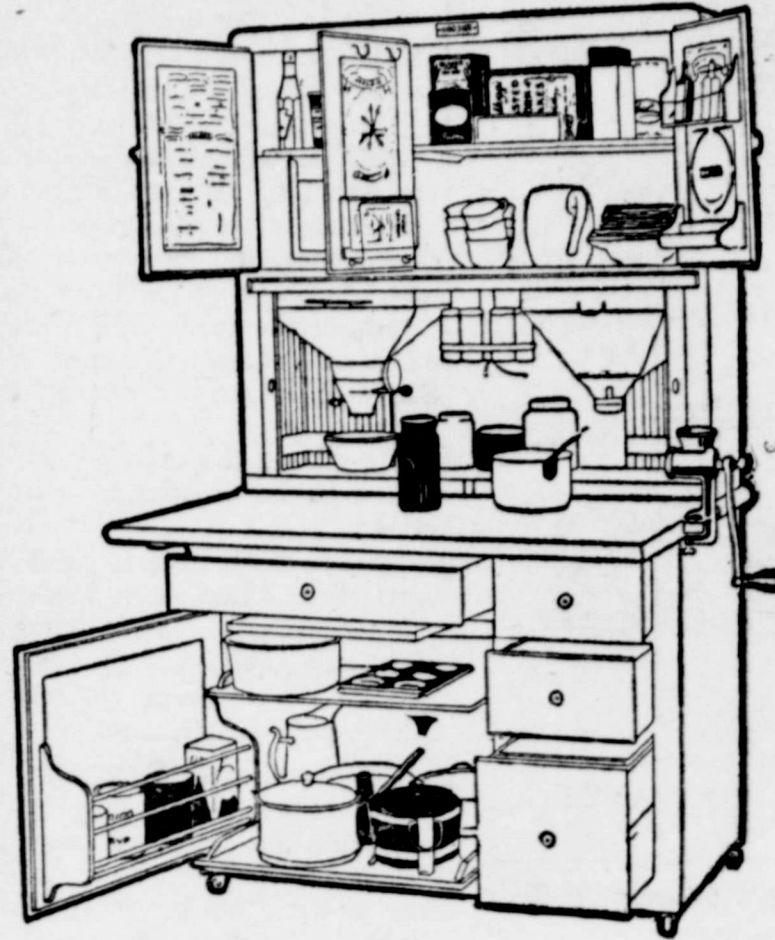
PHILLIP A. DILTZ

For Commissioner (Jones Co.):

W. R. SUMPTER
W. T. RAINWATER

CLOSE OUT WEEK

In order to clean house of all odd pieces before leaving for market, we are offering the following pieces this week at real close out prices



This Hoosier Cabinet has been used, but is in A-1 condition. In fact you can hardly tell it from a new one.

This cabinet sold when new for \$75

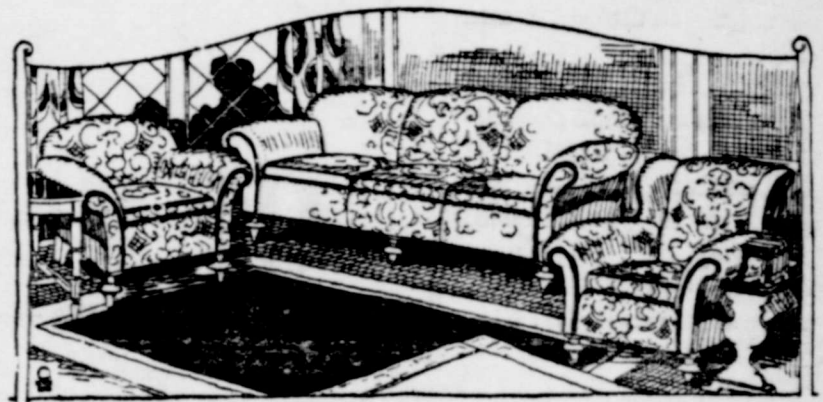
Priced this week for \$30



One 9x12 fringed velvet rug, slightly soiled. Sells for \$27.50

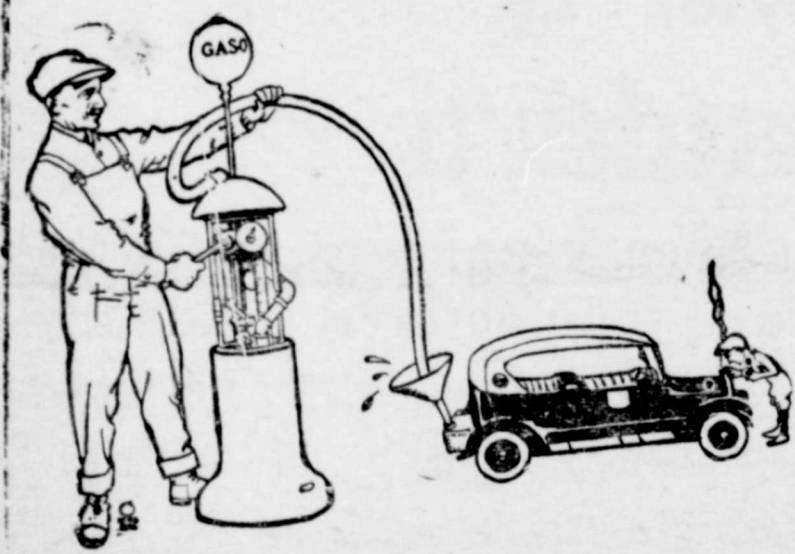
To close out \$18⁷⁵ this week at .

One 3 piece Living Room Suit. Upholstered in good grade Velour. This is a very massive suit and is a good buy at \$225.00. This week \$149⁷⁵ at



We have mentioned only a few of the many close out pieces that we have. Come look through them, we may have just what you want at money saving prices

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Now that the hot weather is near, Your battery will need cleaning and refilled with distilled water, your crank case drained and refilled with new oil.

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As I will be unable to see each voter personally I take this plan to reach all possible.

I promise if elected to give my personal time and attention to the duties of the office and will extend to one and all the same courtesy, with special favor and privilege to none, and will not confine the road work to any one district, but will work roads needed in each community. I am also in favor of road hands that can grade roads to take teams and do work for the county and draw pay for same. In that way we could build roads faster with little cost.

I promise the people if elected to be very considerate in court, and devote all of my time to the

job. The Commissioners Court has the power to raise your taxes to some extent. Equalizing is all right, but we must limit the tax free privilege. The tax surveys show that the farms are more often over assessed than the city property, as noted tax reform is to tax farms on the basis of production and land value.

If you can see your way clear to give me your support on the 24th of July it would be appreciated. W. R. SUMPTER. 1t

Mr. J. C. Mason was in Dallas this week attending a directors meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association.

Mr. J. N. Carson is visiting relatives in Wichita Falls this week.

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CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH

We had a fine day last Sunday at the Methodist church, the Sunday school and all the services being well attended.

Next Sunday should be one of the greatest days of the year. Commemorative of American Independence, and coming on Sunday, the true spirit and best sentiment of the day will be featured in our services, both in our Sunday School and the 11 o'clock service.

We extend a warm invitation to the public to attend our services.

Intermediate League at 6:30 p.m. Senior League at 7:30.

No preaching service Sunday night on account of revival meetings. W. R. McCarter.

Senior League Program

Hymn; prayer (Lord's prayer). Debate. Subject for discussion "Resolved that we have been true to the Founders of the Republic." Debaters: Affirmative, Tommie Durham and Lewis Giles, negative, Cora Lee Hulsey and Wrenn Durham.

Hymn; League Benediction. Every one is invited to come to the League and bring some one with you.

Don't miss that organ solo by Polly Rumpus at the Deestrick Singing Skewl Tuesday nite. It

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching service at 11 a.m. Senior Christian Endeavor at 7:30 p.m.

Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

There will be no evening service on account of the Revival meetings.

Regular monthly session meeting Monday at 8:30 p.m.

Choir practice Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. Chas. H. Little, pastor.

Christian Endeavor Program

Leader, David Ferries. Topic: "My Country: Its past, present and future."

Scripture reading, Ps. 33:1-22. Talk by leader. Song.

Some Bible Hints, by Norma Shannon.

Our country's God, Missie Dye Song. Topics for talks:

"The Value of Public Discussion of National Problems," by Helen Compton.

"A good book concerning our nation," Selma Lee Russell.

Debate: "That our country is growing better—or worse."

Song: Mispah.

Mrs. J. E. Richardson and children returned last week from a visit with the former's parents at Burnett, Texas.



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PATRIOTIC PROGRAM AT METHODIST CHURCH SUN.

At the morning service Sunday at the Methodist Church, a fine patriotic program has been arranged, the title of which is: "The Light of America"

The cast of characters are as follows:

America, Cora Lee Hulsey. Wealth, Doris Durham. Agriculture, Georgia Daniels. Labor, Julia Martin. Education, Miss Bird. Invention, Alma Patterson. Democracy, Willie Toombs. Religion, Lorena Dry.

Volunteers: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Simpson, Cyrus Pee, Ethel Wilson.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Huffman of Louisiana, a son on the 27th. Mrs. Huffman before her marriage was Miss Ruth Jones, daughter of Mrs. G. J. Jones.

Miss Ruth Newberry left recently for Canyon, where she went to visit her brother, Cecil, and family.

Mr. V. B. Sublett and sister, Mrs. Bishop Hunter, left first of the week for a visit with friends and relatives at Lampasas.

Mr. O. M. McMullin and family of Wills Point, Texas, were here this week, guests of W. H. Laney and family.



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A staunch, sturdy fan—made by General Electric with the same precision as the big G-E Fans.

6-inch fan \$5

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FIX ASSESSMENTS UPON CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICE

To defray the expense of holding the Democratic primary election on July 24, the Taylor county Democratic executive committee has made the usual assessments upon candidates for county and precinct offices. The assessments were fixed on recommendation of a committee appointed to estimate the cost of holding the election and making necessary assessments. The committee members were R. M. Wagstaff, chairman, Z. D. Hailey, C. M. Hunt, H. U. Drummond and B. E. Holly.

The assessments are for each candidate in the race for the different offices. The number of candidates asking for each position is given in parenthesis: County attorney (1), \$75; County Judge (3), \$75; Tax Collector, (2), \$65; District clerk (1), \$75; County Clerk (2), \$90; Tax Assessor (3), \$65; Sheriff (2) \$80; County Treasurer (1), \$85; Superintendent of Schools (1), \$65; Commissioners of Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4, (10), seven being for No. 1) \$45; Public Weigher, Precincts 1, 2 and 8 (8) \$45; Justice of the Peace, Precincts 1 and 5 (3) \$20; Constable precinct one (2), \$20; County Surveyor (1), \$25; Public Weigher precinct 3, (1), \$15.—Abilene Reporter.

OBITUARY

Julian Franklin Mann, son of Ross and Nora Mann, was born Jan. 30, 1921, and departed this life June 18, 1926, at the age of 5 years, 4 months and 19 days.

He leaves to mourn their loss his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Mann, and little sister, Helen, his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mann of Napoleon, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton, of Merkel, Texas, three aunts and two uncles, Mrs. Dale Mann of Napoleon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hampton of Clyde, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Porterfield of Post City, Texas, also several cousins and a host of friends.

He was very fond of attending Sunday school and seemed to grasp things far beyond his years. He was baptized by Rev. Hall of the Methodist church. He was highly spoken of by his Sunday school teacher and loved by all who knew him, and will be greatly missed by all. His dying thoughts were the care of his little sister, Helen, saying "mama, watch Helen".

A loving one from us is gone A voice we loved is stilled, A place is vacant in our home That never can be filled. From the Henry County Signal, Napoleon, Ohio.

Marcelling—Call Edna Gordon at the John West residence. 1tp

Mr. B. T. Sublett and family left last week for a trip to Corpus Christi and other points on the coast.

Missionary Program at Blair

There will be a Missionary Program at the Blair Baptist Church Saturday evening, July 3rd, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

They are preparing the biggest program ever exhibited at Blair and a large crowd is expected. Everybody is invited to come. Com.

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T. J. PARKER BADLY BURNED BY CURRENT AT MERKEL STATION

T. J. Parker was brought from Merkel in a Laughter ambulance early Wednesday afternoon suffering from severe burns and injuries sustained when he came in contact with a high-tension electric transmission line.

According to ambulance attendants he was suffering from bad burns about the back and on other parts of the body, as well as a broken arm. He is an employe of the West Texas Utilities Company at the Merkel substation.

It is believed by attending physicians that he will recover. —Abilene Reporter.

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Sun Is Slow

One of the most important of the issues discussed by the fifth international congress of industrial chemistry in Paris concerned the ultra-violet ray and its practical potentialities. It has been established in the course of experiments that vanilla beans picked before ripening will develop normally and acquire all their characteristics of flavor and of smell when submitted to the action of ultra-violet rays; and that sugar cane, pineapple and bananas will attain perfect growth in much less than the normal time when treated in this artificial fashion. It has also been discovered that the ultra-violet ray provides a test whereby the purity of flour may be determined. This ray, brought to bear, for purposes of analysis, upon flour made from a mixture of barley and maize, as well as from wheat, showed up each ingredient with perfect clearness, and under this peculiar light influence the product of each grain taking on a slightly different color.

The ultra-violet ray, it is believed, has a great future in this kind of laboratory work.—New York Times.

Few Windjammers Left

The windjammer has just about given up the ghost, at least so far as the British flag is concerned. The old full-rigged vessel that once carried the brunt of the sea cargo is too slow nowadays and it doesn't pay. The thousands of these British ships that sailed the seven seas now number six. All have served 30 or more years, and, with one exception are three-masted vessels.

Finland seems destined to become the world's last owner of ships of this type, as most of the British sailing vessels sold within recent years have been bought by Finnish interests. Grain from Australia, nitrate from South America and salt outward from Liverpool are about the only cargoes now offered for sailing ships.—Detroit News.

Record in Thinness

Some of the thinnest films on water ever subjected to scientific measurement were recently described before the National Academy of Sciences by Prof. W. D. Harkins and J. W. Morgan, or the University of Chicago. They are composed of only one layer of the molecules or building bricks of material substances, and some of them are so very thin that ordinary X-rays could not do their vibratory dance within the thickness if such a location were selected for their performance. Numerically, the thickness of some of the films was found to be twenty-four billionths of an inch. Professor Harkins explained that such thin films can be easily formed by simply spreading the proper kind of organic substance upon water.

Worth a Long Hunt

A tiny tube containing \$800,000 worth of radium disappeared from a St. Paul hospital. It had probably been washed into the sewer. A radium detector was constructed which was attached to electroscopes and then began a long hunt along all sewers leading from the hospital. After weeks of patient searching the detector one day indicated radium inside a nine-inch sewer. Workmen dug down and there was the radium tube.—Capper's Weekly.

Wealthy Canada

Canada's wealth, says a return from the National City Bank of New York, has doubled in the last ten years, and since 1870 has increased more than seven-fold. She is now recorded as the seventh richest country in the world, national wealth totaling approximately \$20,000,000,000.

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| | At Noodle | At Mt. Pleasant | At View | At Trent |
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| NOODLE | WATCH THE | June 19 July 5 July 24 | June 26 Aug. 28 | July 31 Aug. 21 |
| MT. PLEASANT | Aug. 14. Sept. 4 | MAIL FOR | July 10. | June 12 July 17 Aug 7 |
| VIEW | June 12 July 17 Aug. 7 | July 31 Aug. 21 | RESULTS OF | July 5 Sept. 4 |
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Miss Ouida Shannon left Tuesday for her home in Dallas after a visit with relatives here.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Marsh, of Tyler, while enroute to El Paso, stopped over here for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Mr. and Mrs. Joiner, of the Teaff school community, have been guests in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Bill Haynes, this week.

**ALL SET FOR JULY 5th
RACES AT ABILENE**

Final preparations are under way at Abilene for the Independence Day Automobile Races on Monday, July 5th, and by the end of the week everything will be in readiness to receive the thousands of visitors to witness some of the fastest drivers in America in action. The seating capacity will be greatly enlarged to care for a record breaking crowd. The track has been inspected and approved by the Representative of the American Automobile Association and particular attention was given to safety devices for the protection of spectators and drivers. The high banked turns, which were added to the track this spring are in perfect condition and the engineers and race drivers who have inspected it pronounce it the fastest dirt track in America.

Some of the foremost racing stars in America will participate in the races, chief among them being Frank S. Lockhart, winner of the Indianapolis Speedway race, May 31, 1926. Lockhart won the 100 mile race at Detroit Sunday June 27th and left the next day for Abilene. Another entry, Fred Lecklider, drove the \$20,000.00 Nickel Plate Special at Indianapolis until forced out by motor trouble. He then took Red Shafer's Miller Special at the 300 mile mark in 1-4th place and in the last 100 miles lapped the whole field twice finishing 9th and averaging ten miles per hour faster than the winner, Frank Lockhart. Both Lockhart and Lecklider will drive Miller Specials. Babe Stapp, a star Pacific Coast driver, will pilot a Hamlin Front Drive Special, another Indianapolis Speedway car. This will be the first front drive to appear in Texas. George Souders and his team-mate, W. C. Gerrish, are entered driving Chevrolet Specials. Jack Pettitcord and Ted Simpson have been suspended by the American Automobile Association for driving on outlaw tracks and forbidden to race at Abilene. The West Texas Fair Track is operated under the rules and with the sanction of the Three "A" and all cars and drivers must be licensed thereunder.

Some of the West Texas drivers entered in the Abilene Races are: R. A. Nelson, Chevrolet Special, Cisco; John H. Lee, Dodge, San Angelo; Bob Stillwell, "Fronty" Ford, Breckenridge; Freeman Midyett, Ford Special, Breckenridge; Herbert Haas, Hudson Super Six Special, San Angelo; Robert Cusick, Dodge Special, Estelline; Gordon Wardlaw, Ford Special, Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns returned this week from an extended vacation trip. Mr. Burns attended the State Firemen's meeting at Harlingen, and then joined his family in a visit at Port Arthur, Canton and other points in the East and South.

Miss Susie Bell Weedon, of Brownwood was the guest last week of Miss Martha Bird. Miss Weedon was formerly a teacher in the Merkel public schools, and has many good friends here.

Mr. Charlie Breedlove and son of Fort Worth spent Friday night at the Butman ranch.



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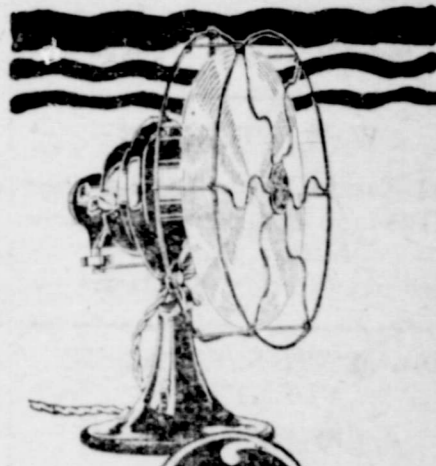


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**RESOLUTIONS ON THE
DEATH OF G. W. JOHNSON**

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Merkel Lodge, No. 710, A.F.&A.M.

We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of brother G. W. Johnson, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, on the 27th day of May, A. D. 1926, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in his infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother G. W. Johnson, and to transplant him a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; and whereas, brother Johnson had been an honored member of the Masonic Fraternity for more than Fifty years, and had held a continued mem-

bership with us for a number of years; at all times loyal to the principals of the order; during his active life, was punctual in attendance upon the meetings of the lodge.

And whereas, in the death of our brother this lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principals of our order, and in his every day life was a living example of those great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity; having faith in God, Hope in immortality and Charity toward all mankind; ever ready to lend a helping hand to a brother, or friend, to aid him in his efforts at reformation, and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Hea-

venly Father, and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother.

Therefore, be it resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother and a copy handed the Merkel Mail for publication and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

W. W. Wheeler, W. B. Farmer, N. D. Cobb, Committee.

Passed and approved this 19th day of June, A. D. 1926. Attest, Henry R. Hicks, Secretary, Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M.

Messrs. Jimmie and Willie Brown left last week for California, where they will make their home indefinitely.

The Judge

"He Had Lots of Horse Sense"

by M. R.

