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VOTERS ELECT GOVERNOR, ALSO FOUR STATE OFFICERS IN SATURDAY'S PRIMARY

Much Interest Locally in All Races; Two Precinct Contests to Be Run-Off; Polls Open at 8 A. M., Close 7 P. M.

Five state races, one for district office and three county contests, besides the precinct races for public weigher, precinct 5, and county commissioner, precinct 2, will be before the voters of Merkel and this section in Saturday's run-off primary.

W. O. Boney, precinct chairman, who will preside as election judge, has selected the following assistants: Comer Patterson, Castle Ellis, Mrs. Holland Teaff, Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, Miss Pauline Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney.

The Rainbolt building, next to the West Texas Utilities, will again be the voting place. Polls will, as usual, open at 8 a. m. and close at 7 p. m.

SAMPLE OF BALLOT.

Following is a copy of the ballot which will be before Merkel voters next Saturday:

For Governor:

James V. Allred.

Tom F. Hunter.

For Lieutenant Governor:

Joe Moore.

Walter F. Woodul.

For Attorney General:

Walter Woodward.

William M'Crav.

For Railroad Commissioner:

John Pundt.

Lon A. Smith.

For Associate Justice, Supreme Court:

H. S. Lattimore.

John H. Sharp.

For 104th District Attorney:

W. J. Cunningham.

Otis Miller.

For 116th District Representative:

W. A. Stephenson.

J. Bryan Bradbury.

For Sheriff:

Burl Wheeler.

W. R. (Ruck) Sibley.

For County Superintendent:

Tom McGehee.

M. A. Williams.

For County Commissioner Precinct 2:

A. J. Canon.

Andy Shouse.

For Public Weigher Precinct 3 (Merkel):

Clyde Shouse.

Orien Higgins.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones, of Comere, Friday, August 17, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Johnson, Jones county, Monday, August 20, 1934.

Hottest On Record.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The year 1934—the driest and hottest on record, thus far. The weather bureau says so and it has been keeping tab on precipitation and temperature since 1864.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 21, 1914.)

R. A. McClain, for three and one-half years city secretary, tendered his resignation to the city council Friday afternoon to accept a more lucrative position in Abilene and goes there the first of September where he will be connected with the McLemore Bass Drug Co. Mayor Stallings, having the name of F. J. Ferrier presented to him, placed the appointment before the board and received the unanimous vote of those present for Chief Ferrier as city secretary.

Miss Virginia Hamblet, who has been visiting in Water Valley, Miss., has accepted a position with one of the leading dry goods firms of that place as head saleslady and will not return to Merkel as she intended. Mrs. W. H. Dickson has accepted the position as saleslady with the J. T. Dennis Dry Goods Co., in place of Miss Hamblet.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Payne and daughters, Misses Elva and Ruby of Abilene, have moved to Merkel and will occupy the Gunn residence on Elm street. Misses Elva and Ruby have

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Dr. Williams Simms Allen has resigned as vice-president and dean of Baylor university to accept the presidency of the John B. Stetson university at Deland, Fla.

Four towns in West Texas felt a break in the drought Wednesday night when Big Spring was visited by an inch rain and Midland, Lamesa and Garden City reported showers.

A 30-year-old man, fatally shot at Childress when he resisted arrest, was identified by fingerprints Wednesday as James Alvin Baggett, one of the five men who broke jail at Waco on June 13.

Sterling Williams of Austin defeated Carl Smalley of Palestine at the Waco meet for the new state municipal courts championship, also teaming with Bruce Baxter of Austin to win the men's doubles.

An open safety pin that was swallowed at the home of her parents in Port Arthur Saturday was removed from two-year-old Mary Jane Hall's throat at a Houston hospital Tuesday by Dr. John H. Foster.

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson Monday issued a proclamation calling the forty-third legislature into third extraordinary session to convene at noon August 27, naming the issuance of state relief bonds as the purpose.

Pete Gifford, Dallas sharpshooter, shot a score of 99 points of a possible 100 in a telegraphic shoot in which teams from summer camps all over the country were entered. Gifford represented Camp Lincoln at Lake Hubert, Minn.

Fort Worth's five-day milk strike ended Tuesday night when creameries agreed to pay \$2.50 per 100 pounds for all milk they buy from producers and promised there would be no discrimination against those who participated in the milk blockade.

Sweetwater's city manager form of government was re-endorsed in a special election Tuesday when by far the largest vote ever cast in that city voted 1,060 against election of a commission with authority to draft a new city charter, with only 634 favoring the move.

The collapse of an oil derrick in the East Texas field near Jacksonville Monday killed two men and injured three others seriously. The dead are T. E. Prater, 36, who was crushed to death, and E. J. Shenall, 40, who suffered a skull fracture which caused his death before he reached the hospital.

been elected to teach in the Merkel schools during the coming year.

Hon. J. C. Mason of Deport was in the city the first of the week looking after farming interests he has in our country. He is highly pleased with his investment in Merkel country property and expects to pay our town a return visit soon.

S. L. Grayson of Route 2 was in the city Saturday taking in the "broncho busting" and talking good times for Merkel and country.

Mrs. E. M. Thomas and granddaughter, Glynn Buford of Roscoe, are visiting the former's son, J. A. Buford, and family this week-end.

Dewey Brakeen, who lives just within the city limits in the north-west part of town, was in The Mail office Wednesday evening showing an open bole of cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cavitt of Red Oak returned to their home Tuesday after a few weeks visit with Walter and Oliver Boden of the Canyon country.

C. R. HUTCHESON TRENT RESIDENT 50 YEARS, DIES

Well Known Farmer Passes Away at Eleven Sunday Night; Funeral From Family Home, Burial in Rose Hill.

C. R. Hutcheson, 65, well known farmer of western Taylor county who had made his home in the Trent section for nearly a half-century, succumbed at his home there Sunday night at 11 o'clock after an extended illness. He had been in failing health for several months, his condition having become grave about a week before his death.

The funeral service was held from the family residence at Trent at 3:30 Monday afternoon, with Rev. W. B. Reaves, pastor of the Methodist church there, officiating. The body was brought here for burial in Rose Hill cemetery.

Charles Robert Hutcheson was born in Ray county, Tenn., April 2, 1869, and came to Texas with his family when he was a child of three. The family resided in Tarrant and Denton counties for a number of years and Mr. Hutcheson came westward when he was 16 to establish residence in Taylor county. He had made his home at Trent since, covering a period of approximately fifty years.

Mr. Hutcheson was married twice. His first wife, who was Miss Wilda Trent of Eskota and to whom he was married in 1895, died over 21 years ago. On October 24, 1913, he was married to Miss Katharine Taylor, at Trent, by whom he is survived. There are four children by the first marriage: Mrs. Pearce Bonner of Clyde, R. T. Hutcheson of Norton and Mrs. Rena Campbell and Mrs. L. C. Barnhill of Clyde, and three by the second marriage, Charles Hutcheson, Jr., D. A. Hutcheson and Katy Lou Hutcheson, all of Trent. Other survivors are eight grandchildren, three sisters and one brother. The sisters are Mrs. John Skillern of Sweetwater, Mrs. John Campbell, Trent, and Mrs. W. H. Warren, Greenville, and the brother is W. D. Hutcheson of Merkel.

All of the children were present and at his bedside except one daughter, Mrs. Barnhill of Clyde. Named as pall bearers were J. T. Vessel, H. H. Tittle, A. C. Terry, Lon Martin, M. G. Scott and J. R. Gafford, all of Trent.

Five Work Projects In Precinct Approved

Five projects for street and road work in precinct 2, as approved by W. F. Bell, project engineer under the relief administration for a five-county district including Taylor, will afford work during the winter months for a great many in this section.

These projects, as enumerated by Mr. Bell, on a visit to The Mail office in company with County Commissioner A. J. Canon, are grading and graveling: two miles of streets in city of Trent; four miles of the Butman school bus route; distance of five miles from Will Toombs corner to intersection of Blair highway; 2 1-2 miles on Mt. Pleasant bus route, and a 1 1-2 mile offset to the same.

Preparing Schedule of School Preliminaries

As announced in The Mail last week, the Merkel schools will open for the 1934-35 session on Monday, September 10.

During the week preceding the opening of school, that is the week of September 3, all preliminary matters that can be attended to before school opens will be got out of the way. This includes credits or report cards of all students who did not attend the Merkel schools last year, return of summer books, registration of Seniors and taking the entrance or make-up exams.

Supt. Burgess will outline this schedule fully in next week's issue of The Mail.

Death of Infant Son.

Owen W. Martin, Jr., infant son of Mrs. Owen W. Martin, died Saturday after having lived only the brief span of five days. Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church, at Stith, conducted by Rev. Berry Baker, Methodist minister at Tye, with interment at Rose Hill cemetery here.

W. S. CHINN IS KILLED INSTANTLY IN GUN ACCIDENT

Funeral Services Held Sunday Afternoon at Potosi for 78-Year-Old Merkel Farmer; Survived by Eight Children.

Funeral services for W. S. Chinn, 78, well known Merkel farmer and pioneer Taylor county resident, who died Friday at the home of a son in Abilene, the victim of an accidental shotgun discharge, were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Potosi, former home of the family, and interment was also made there.

Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church here, conducted the rites, assisted by Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor of the Southside Baptist church, Abilene, and Rev. Dick Bright, Potosi minister. Music for the service was given by Luther and Lucian Webb and Jim McGee of Abilene and Yates Brown of Merkel.

Mr. Chinn was struck in the heart by the charge from a shotgun which went off accidentally as he removed it from the back of an automobile. He died instantly, as Mrs. W. V. Chinn, his daughter-in-law, stood watching him from the doorway of her home. Mr. Chinn had carried the gun from his home here to Abilene to complete a trade and had driven in the driveway of his daughter-in-law's home. As he removed the gun from the back of the car, a roadster, the turtle cover fell against the hammer.

Mr. Chinn, who was born in Louisiana in 1858, came to Bell county as a youth, and in 1881 was married there to Miss Annie Boase. They moved to the Potosi area before 1900. For 12 years the family has resided in Merkel, preceding which period they had made their home in Abilene for three years.

Besides his wife, who is more than 70 years of age, five sons and three daughters survive. They are M. V. Chinn, G. B. Chinn, Abilene; Roy Chinn, Brownwood; H. B. Chinn, Oakland, Calif.; R. L. Chinn, Peoria, Ariz.; Mrs. G. A. Webb, Abilene; Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Potosi; and Miss Pauline Chinn, Galveston.

Miss Pauline, a nurse in the Texas medical college, was en route to her home for a vacation, and had reached Brownwood when news of her father's death reached her.

Other survivors include ten grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Lloyd Bynum, M. A. Williams, and John Hancock of Potosi; J. Y. Biggerstaff and Cloy Davis of Abilene, and John Brookshire of Sweetwater.

101st Birthday Observed By Mrs. Elizabeth Curry

Celebrating her 101st birthday Mrs. Elizabeth Curry, mother of Mrs. Mary Pogue of this city, was the honor guest for an all-day outing Sunday at the Presbyterian encampment grounds at Buffalo Gap. All told there were 91 present, including her seven children and 40 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Curry was a visitor in the home of her daughter here last week, being now a guest of her son and daughter, E. S. Curry and Mrs. Nannie Brown, in Abilene.

Since the death 13 years ago of her husband, who was a Civil War veteran and who lived to be 93, Mrs. Curry has divided her time with her children and grandchildren, spending the winter in Oklahoma, and the rest of the year in Weatherford, Breckenridge, Merkel or Abilene. She makes these trips by automobile.

Attending the birthday party Sunday from Merkel were Mrs. Mary Pogue and her three children, W. H. Pogue, Miss Connie Pogue and Mrs. Ben Jones.

Local Relief Officer Attends Conference

Miss Lona Brayn of the local relief office joined the Taylor county delegation of about 15 who attended a district relief conference at Glen Rose on Saturday of last week. She returned Sunday.

Relief workers from 26 central West Texas counties were called to the conference at which instruction in relief work, from administrative to investigative functions, was presented.

SATURDAY'S PERFORMANCE CLIMAX OF RODEO SEASON; STREET PARADE AT TEN

TRENT, NOODLE FIRST WINNERS

Start Three Game Series Thursday for League Championship And Prize Money.

In an atmosphere somewhat resembling the world series, Trent and Noodle were to clash at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the first of three games to determine the championship of Merkel's inter-community league. Incidentally, the winner will receive \$100.00 cash, the loser \$50.00 cash, the amount of prizes offered the first of the season by Merkel merchants for first and second places in the league playoff under the Shaughnessy play.

By defeating Tye Wednesday, 9-4, Noodle made it two straight, while Trent duplicated the trick, winning from Nubia, 13-2. The losers, Tye and Nubia, will settle their place in the league in a single game to be played (Continued on Page 2.)

Merkel Girl Wins Pair of Boots at Double Heart Rodeo

A Merkel girl, Miss Maimie Walker, was winner of a pair of riding boots as second prize in the sponsor contest of the fourth annual Nolan County Cowboy reunion held at Double Heart Ranch south of Sweetwater, on Thursday and Friday of last week. Mrs. Tobe DeRacy of Pecos, deputy sheriff of Reeves county, was awarded the \$150 saddle as first prize. There were 22 contestants.

Among the winners in rodeo events were: Elmer Jones, Toyah, best calf roper of the show; Leonard Huff, 12-year-old cowboy from Dora, best cowboy under 15, and Alec Fincher, Guion, winning calf roper over 50.

A. C. Wilke, San Angelo, was awarded a pair of chaps for the best two day average in bronc riding.

Prizes Offered for Cowgirls, Cowboys, Bicycle Riders, Decorated Cars; "Last Round-Up" Scheduled to Start at 2 P. M.

Eighth and final free rodeo performance of the summer series of shows sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel will be staged Saturday afternoon of this week beginning at 2 o'clock.

Special interest will attach to the calf roping events, as records made by the competing ropers include all performances of the season and prize winners will be determined after the closing show Saturday.

Committees in charge of Saturday's various features are planning to make the last show the best show of all.

First event of the day will be the big street parade, forming at 10 o'clock at the rodeo grounds and featuring decorated floats, cars and bicycles and riders and ropers in their best regalia. Elmer Lowe, chairman of the rodeo committee, says there will be some clowns, too.

For entries in the parade competing for prizes, awards of \$1.00 each will be given as follows, as announced by O. R. Dye, chairman of the parade committee:

For best decorated bicycle.
To boy, under 15, with best cowboy rigging and horse.
To girl, under 15, with best cowgirl rigging and horse.
Oldest cowboy in parade.
To girl, over 15, with best cowgirl rigging and horse.
Best decorated float, wagon or car in parade.

Immediately following the parade a bicycle race will be staged at the baseball ground, the winner to receive \$1.00.

Judges of these events will be: M. G. King, Mt. Pleasant; Aaron Horton, Mulberry; W. T. Cox, Castle Peak; and Eli Cordeil, Nubia.

A special morning program at the rodeo grounds will include roping for boys under 15 and for men over 50.



... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures ...

BRUCE BARTON

A MASTER GATHERS PUPILS.

To all the temptations Jesus answered, "Get thee behind me, Satan." And He emerged from the wilderness with a clear-cut picture of His mission and His program. He saw very quickly that He could not adopt John's methods. John was an ascetic, a reformer, a denouncer. Jesus was fond of people, loved social life and liked to be in a crowd. John said, "Flee from the wrath to come." Jesus said, "God is your Father, and has made the world as a happy place for His children." The two messages were complementary, but, while the friendship of the cousins was firm and their respect for each other deep and true, they were utterly unlike in personality. Each must speak the truth as he saw it and in his own chosen way.

It was an age when philosophers in cities like Athens and religious teachers in Palestine moved about out-of-doors and gathered as they went.

It is interesting to remember that the name by which Jesus most liked to be called was "Master," not a master of servants but a master of pupils, a schoolmaster. And the name He gave to His associates, "disciples," means simply "pupils."

The story of the way in which He gathered these men is full of interest. He seemed to have no studied method. "As Jesus passed by" He called one and another, saying, "Follow me," and the man who was called left his fishing, or whatever his work might be, and followed instantly.

The significant thing to remember is His amazing faith in plain ordinary folk. He did not look over the Blue Book or the Directory of Directories, saying to Himself, "This is the most important mission that any one ever undertook; I must have the very best and ablest assistants." On the contrary, it was almost as though He said, "If I can pick up about a dozen honest chaps who are physically strong enough to stand hardships and simple enough to let their faith carry them beyond intellectual doubts, I can trust this message of mine to their keeping and feel sure that it will never die out."

That supreme confidence in common humanity sets Jesus apart from most other leaders who have attempted large things, and the magnificent way in which His faith was justified is one of the finest proofs of His divinity.

It will be worth while to look briefly at these pupils of His. How many of us know anything at all about them, or could even write a list of their names. The first two of the permanent disciples were John, the son of Zebedee (with whom was afterward associated his brother, James), and Andrew. Andrew was apparently the sort of man who likes to discover good things and then tell them to a brother or to some one else with more initiative than himself. That is the fate of many of the world's most useful characters.

Next Week: The First Miracle.

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PERSONALS

Miss Laura Barnett returned Monday from a week in Dallas.

Mrs. J. C. Wright of Animas, N. M., is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. L. Holden.

Miss Lorena Dry, home demonstration agent for Bell county, is here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry.

J. J. Russell, Jr., was here from Midland this week to visit his parents. Mrs. Russell is visiting her mother in Minnesota.

Miss Idabel Propst of Anson, who had been the guest of Miss Billy Gardner since Sunday, returned home Thursday.

Miss Altie Grayson has returned home after visiting her sister, Mrs. Ernest Hill, and brother Floyd Grayson, both of Burlington.

Miss Jessie Mae Lassiter, who has been visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter, returned Sunday to her home in Commerce.

Miss Mary Lou Derington has returned from Big Spring where she has been at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Effie Derington, for the last two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones, after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mayfield in Anson last week, were accompanied home by them for a week-end visit here.

Barney Garrett of Waco accompanied his sister, Miss Iris Garrett, home Saturday and remained for several days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Messrs. John N. and B. M. Wheeler returned Tuesday from an extended trip to Tennessee and Georgia. They report conditions better in those states this year than in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Steele and children, Maurine and Ada Belle, returned home Sunday from Comanche where they had been attending a reunion of Mr. Steele's people.

After a visit with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Brown at Quanah, J. S. Thomas has returned home. He was met at Knox City by Mrs. J. A. Milliken and Mrs. Gladys McLean and son, Wayne.

Coach E. B. Irvin and Mrs. Irvin have returned from Berkeley, Calif., where they did summer work in the University of California. They will visit their parents in Ovalo until September 1.

Miss Anna Lou Russell is spending part of her vacation in San Antonio with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr. Later she will visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan in Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Booth in Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn, accompanied by Constable and Mrs. N. A. Dowell, have returned from a visit to Denton and Royce City. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs. Dunn's cousin, Miss Oneta Allen, of Royce City, who is her guest.

Mrs. W. B. Graham is here from Overton for a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. H. McDonald. Her son, Joe Earl Kimbrough, has been spending the summer with his grandmother and Jimmie Leaton, another grandson, of Overton, is also visiting her now.

Mrs. G. H. Bullock and daughter, Annie Marie, returned to their home at Stanton Wednesday after a visit with Mrs. Bullock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, Hill Kaderli, of Stanton, who was a guest Tuesday in the Garrett home, returned with her.

George S. Berry of Tulsa, Okla., who with his wife is visiting in Abilene, was shaking hands with old friends here Thursday morning. He was organizer of the Bank of Merkel, which later became the First National bank and was the predecessor of the Farmers State bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gaither and two children have returned from an enjoyable trip to El Paso, Old Mexico and points in New Mexico, including Cloudercroft, Ruidosa and the Carlsbad Caverns. They were accompanied as far as El Paso by their niece, Miss Ella Belle Dillard, of Tuscola, who will visit an aunt there.

ATTENTION VOTERS.
It takes nerve to run against a good man. I have it. It takes nerve to vote against him. Have you got it? Would appreciate your vote.

ANDY SHOUSE
For Commissioner, Precinct 2.
(Political Advertisement.)

The Box Scores

TYE	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
W. Jowers, If	4	0	1	0	0	0
Herod, 2b	4	0	2	5	2	1
Abby, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
J. Jowers, c	4	0	0	3	1	1
Street, 3b	4	0	0	2	4	2
F. Burns, p	4	0	0	0	1	0
B. Jowers, cf	3	0	0	1	1	0
Davis, lb	3	0	1	1	0	0
Darby, ss	3	1	0	2	4	2
Totals	33	1	4	24	16	6

TRENT	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Weaver, c	4	1	1	4	0	0
J. Payne, cf	4	2	3	2	0	0
Terry, ss	5	1	1	1	4	2
D. H. Jones, If	4	1	1	2	0	0
H. Tittle, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Reid, lb	3	0	3	14	0	0
T. Tittle, 2b	4	0	1	2	4	1
Garnes, 3b	4	1	1	2	4	0
H. Jones, p	3	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	35	7	12	27	12	3

Score by innings:

Tye	000	000	010	—1
Trent	004	201	00x	—7

Summary—Runs batted in. Herod, Terry, D. H. Jones 2, Reid, J. Payne 2, Weaver. Two base hits, W. Jowers. Earned runs, Tye 0, Trent 3. Left on bases, Tye 5, Trent 8. Winning pitcher, H. Jones. Losing pitcher, F. Burns. Time of game 1:20. Umpires, Benfro and Dunagin.

STITH	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
D. Higgins, If	4	0	0	0	0	0
N. Palmer, 2b	5	0	0	2	2	1
C. Mashburn, lb	1	0	1	2	0	1
Byrd, c	3	0	0	4	2	0
W. Higgins, cf	4	0	1	1	0	1
Reddin, rf	4	0	2	1	0	0
R. Mashburn, ss	1	1	0	3	4	1
D. Mashburn, 2b	4	1	1	2	4	1
Dunagin, p	3	0	1	8	0	1
Dobbs, p	3	0	1	1	0	0
M. Mashburn	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	2	7	21	13	5

Score by innings:

Stith	000	000	002	—2
Nubia	005	100	10x	—13

Summary—Runs batted in. B. Mashburn 2, Latimer 3, D. Seymour 2, T. Seymour 2, McLean, Miller 2, Petree 2, Neill. Two base hits, Reddin, McLean. Three base hits, Latimer, J. Seymour, Palmer. Home run, Latimer. Earned runs, Stith 1, Nubia 6. Left on base, Stith 7, Nubia 11. Base on balls, T. Seymour 4, Dobbs 1. Struck out, by Dunagin 2, Dobbs 2, Palmer 4, Seymour 2. Innings pitched, Palmer 3, no runs, 2 hits; T. Seymour, 2 runs, 4 hits; Dunagin 3 innings, 11 runs, 8 hits. Winning pitcher, Palmer. Losing pitcher, Dunagin. Double play, R. Mashburn to D. Mashburn to Dunagin. Time of game 1:45. Umpires, Young and Benfro.

BASEBALL LEAGUE STANDING

Team.	W	L	Pct
Tye	6	1	.856
Trent	6	1	.856
Noodle	5	2	.714
Nubia	4	3	.571
Stith	4	3	.571
Merkel	2	5	.285
W. O. W.	1	6	.142
Compere	0	7	.000

RESULTS
Trent 7, Tye 5.
Merkel 14, Compere 1.
Nubia 7, W. O. W. 3.

At the conclusion of the 28 games schedule of the inter-community league, Nubia and Stith were tying for fourth place, which called for a playoff. In Monday's tilt, Nubia won a place in the first division by defeating Stith 13-2.

Tye and Trent, also left in a tie, played off Saturday afternoon for first and second place, with Trent the winner 7-1.

Box scores of these two games appear in the next column.

Score by innings of the other games follows:

Thursday	R	H	E	
Trent	010	000	102	—7
Tye	001	001	210	—5

Nugent and Weaver; Herod and Landers.

Friday	R	H	E	
Merkel	000	020	204	—14
Compere	001	000	000	—1

Wilson and Hale, Essom; Merritt, Stout and Spurgin.

Saturday	R	H	E	
W. O. W.	000	001	020	—3
Nubia	102	000	22x	—7

Higgins and Ashford; D. Seymour and Miller.

Baseball

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Saturday. The winner will be awarded \$25.00 as third place money.

Trent and Noodle will play three successive days unless one team wins two games straight. If a third game is necessary, it will call for two games Saturday, Trent-Noodle and Tye-Nubia.

Score of the two games in each series follows:

Monday	R	H	E	
Nubia	000	000	230	—5
Trent	003	022	23x	—12

Palmer and Miller; O. Jones and Weaver.

Wednesday	R	H	E	
Nubia	000	000	020	—2
Trent	002	021	04x	—13

D. Seymour and Jones; Nugent and Weaver.

Tuesday

R	H	E		
Tye	010	000	020	—3
Noodle	011	000	001	—4

Ashby and J. Jowers; Black and Vick.

Wednesday	R	H	E	
Noodle	113	051	000	—9
Tye	101	001	001	—4

Goode and H. Vick; Burns and J. Jowers, Darby.

Vote for Lon A. Smith for Railroad Commissioner. Led opponent in first primary over 40,000 votes. (Pol. Adv.)

Hundreds at Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Grayson

Climaxing a day of reunion when hundred of relatives and friends called to help celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Grayson of Goodman Sunday night sat down, for the first time during their fifty years of married life at a dinner table with all their eight children present. The eldest of the group had married and established a home when the youngest was born.

A three-tiered wedding cake, decorated with fifty gold stars enclosing a miniature bride and groom, centered the table. Adjoining was a smaller wedding cake honoring Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson, Jr., of Bovina, who had been married the day before here. The bride was formerly Miss Laverle Winter of Trent.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Grayson present were: W. R. Grayson and Mrs. U. B. Wheeler, Bovina; Mrs. J. F. Du Puy, Mexia; Roger Grayson, Tahoka; Floyd Grayson, Hamlin, and Edgar Grayson, Mrs. May Seago and Mrs. Winnie Green, Trent.

Relatives and visitors began arriving early Sunday for the celebration, bearing gifts and flowers. Throughout the morning they came, until at noon the guests numbered over 200.

Registrations were made with a home-handled pen staff, used by Mrs. Grayson in her school days. Among those registering were Mr. Grayson's sister, Mrs. Alice Caswell, Chillicothe, and Mrs. Grayson's two sisters, Mrs. Carrie West, Ada, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Porter Bristoon, Neinda, and three brothers, Rev. W. B. Bennett, Spur; Charlie Bennett, Gilpin, and Ed Bennett, Oklahoma City.

On the lawn in front of the home in the afternoon, numbers of other friends and relatives gathered. An arbor of gummy sacks, stretched over barbed-wire strung from posts, offered shelter from the hot sun. Mr. and Mrs. Grayson were seated near the piano, facing the audience. At Mrs. Grayson's left sat "Grandma" Phillips, age 92, of Trent.

An informal program of songs and hymns, readings and musical selections was rendered by the children and grandchildren, an especial feature being a quartet number, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." Mrs. Grayson's favorite hymn, sung by three of her brothers and a sister.

As a fitting climax to the program, Carl Bonneau, Jr., of Trent, read a poem composed by his mother which he dedicated to Mrs. Grayson.

Your Reporter Adopts Refreshing Frankness

The Mail was furnished the following report of visitors in the home of Miss Dota Garoutte by Margaret Dunn, a student of Miss Garoutte's:

"Rev. Willis P. Gerhart, pastor of the Church of Heavenly Rest at Abilene, and Mrs. Mac Alexander of the same church came to see Miss Dota Garoutte Tuesday, August 21.

"She had on her print dress and everyday shoes. She was embarrassed."

BASEBALL

During the next few days the winners will be determined in the INTER-COMMUNITY LEAGUE. We congratulate the teams finishing 'in the money' and to the other boys we say that, after all, "It Matters Not That You Won or Lost But How You Played the Game."

RODEO

The last Rodeo of the current season will be Saturday of this week (Aug. 25th) and for this 'Last Round-Up' we are confidently expecting the biggest crowd and the best show of them all. The various committees in charge are making a special effort to this end.

We believe that this series of programs—provided for the entertainment of the folks in the territory round about Merkel throughout a hot dry summer—has been a success in every respect and that the Merkel Merchants, Professional and Business Men should and will enjoy a larger measure of good will and genuine friendship. Anyway we've all had a lot of fun together, witnessed some mighty good ball games and some fine exhibitions of riding and roping.

Another reason why—we would rather live in this neighborhood than any we know of.

Farmers & Merchants National Bank
Merkel, Texas

Present Sheriff's cost to you for four years will not be \$19,853.45, as stated by Mr. Sibley, by about \$8,000.00. The records reveal the facts; they are open to the public, and were accessible to Mr. Sibley. I invite your investigation.

As might be expected at the eleventh hour, Sibley's statements should be investigated.

THE FACTS ARE, that during the year 1931, 1932 and 1933 I refunded to the county \$3,422.46 in excess fees. In addition to this, in 1933 I took a 20 per cent cut in fees and refunded to the county \$1,100.00, making a total of \$4,522.46.

His statement that I am being supported by the criminal element of Taylor county as a unit is not true. I have worked night and day when necessary to enforce the laws and have depended on the law-abiding citizens of the county to back me up in performing my official duties and I am depending on the same class of people to re-elect me sheriff Saturday.

I am indeed grateful for the support given me in the first primary, and if you see fit to re-elect me on August 25 I promise you my best efforts toward a still better law enforcement, consistent with an economical administration of the department, as in the past.

Respectfully,

BURL WHEELER
For Sheriff
(Political Advertisement.)

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I am using this means of saying a final word to the voters of Precinct 5, asking for your vote and influence. I have done my best to see each of you personally and to those I have not seen personally it is with regrets I missed seeing you.

So please study my qualifications and, if you can help me, it will be gratefully appreciated.

ORFEN HIGGINS,
(Political Advertisement.)

Will pay 14c for infertile eggs; must be stamped. W. I. Peters, Red & White Store.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

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Pledge

I will think—talk—write... Texas Centennial in 1936! This is to be my celebration. In its achievement I may give free play to my patriotic love for Texas' heroic past; my confidence in its glories that are to be....

ANDY SHOUSE
For Commissioner, Precinct 2.
(Political Advertisement.)

ALONG THE COAST OF ALASKA

By Mary Kate Campbell

(Second of a series of four descriptive articles on "A Tour of Alaska.")

On Board S. S. Aleutian, July 16, 1934.

Monday, July 16, was spent in steaming through fog and rain. Late in the afternoon the sun came out and we had a clear sunset. From seven July 16 to 3:30 July 17 we were plying between Vancouver and Ketchikan. As we sail along there is beautiful scenery on either side of the deck and a great deal of time is spent in going from one side to the other so that you will see all the beautiful points of interest.

The tree laden mountains, or perhaps you would call them islands, rise right out of the water. Many of them have large patches of snow on them. Hundreds and hundreds of waterfalls and many cataracts are seen coming down the mountainside. They are simply beautiful and you always think the last one seen is much prettier than the one before. As you stand and admire their beauty you also think of the vast amounts of horsepower going to waste.

On some of these mountain islands there are a few inhabitants, perhaps natives for fishermen. Now and then a lighthouse is seen.

In Swansons Bay there was a large pulp mill operated by waterfall. The mill is called large but I am afraid we would consider it rather small with so much wild country around. The same is true of the salmon cannery in Buttedale, which is also operated by water power.

In the evening about 8:45 it was still quite light—we passed a scope of fishing grounds where were scores of small boats with their nets cast for fish. Even though all kinds of fish may be caught in the nets when they are taken in, only the salmon are kept. A large boat is stationed and the small boats deposit their catch there. The fishermen have cabins on their boats and there they live.

At 3:30 Tuesday morning we were docked at Ketchikan, the first stop on Alaskan territory. At 4:30 we went ashore and it was quite light then. Just a small fishing town jammed against the mountains some of which were snow patched. The building material at hand is wood and it is used for everything, even for paving the winding streets. There was one concrete paved street about two blocks in length.

In this town there was nothing open except the curio shop and, of course, it is to their interest to open any hour that a boat docks, especially one laden with the many tourists that ours carries. The principal souvenir is the totem pole which is prevalent all along. However, there is a regular totem city ahead of us. There is much interesting history about these totem poles which may come later.

Of course, only the light points have been touched, for if I were to go too much into details about some things I would be missing many things as we sail along.

Leaving Ketchikan at 7 we were again on our way. Our next stop was Wrangell, known as the totem city. The streets are made of boards and, as most of the villages, it is employed in fishing and lumbering. Not a large place, by that I mean only a few hundred inhabitants. Along the streets are a number of old totem poles designed in very weird figures carrying a history that no one can interpret except the ones that the pole belongs to. A pole is started by a family and handed down several generations, each family adding some carving that tells of his family. It is a history, or family tree as it may be called. We visit the old home of Chief Shake, who was the leader among a rather progressive tribe who had very well built homes. We also visited his grave which was across the channel.

Early in the evening we have to go

very slowly and it takes a long time to go through the narrows that are not more than 200 feet wide in some places. There is one place that is too shallow to go through unless the tide is in. In case the ships arrive at this place at low tide it has to wait about twelve hours but we were fortunate enough to reach that place at the proper time and went right through.

All along we see small fishing vessels searching for their wealth. Just before dark we saw in the distance some very small bits of ice floating about. Much snow is seen on the mountains in the distance.

We go to bed thinking of waking in Juneau the next morning.

Reviews History of First Power District

History of the failure of the hydroelectric project built four years ago for Crisp county, Ga., which was heralded as the first publicly owned and operated "power district" in the country, is chronicled in the July, 1934, issue of Electric Progress, San Francisco, Calif., in referring to a federal court judgment for \$147,684.

The statement of details follows: "The original bond issue of \$1,250,000 was expected to provide a plant with four generating units having a total capacity of 20,000 horsepower. Only two units were completed, with a capacity not to exceed 5560 horsepower.

"The plant was expected to make the county tax free. Instead, the tax rate has been doubled, increased from 13 mills in 1927 to 26 mills on the dollar and today is the highest county tax rate in Georgia.

"An audit by the county board of commissioners shows that in 1931 the project's expenditures for operation and interest, without allowance for depreciation, exceeded income by \$31,433.70; in 1932 they exceeded income by \$28,014.81, and in 1933 they exceeded income by \$30,171.26."

Establishes Production Record Month of July

Chevrolet Motor company established a production record for the month of July, building 92,947 passenger cars and trucks, the highest July production since 1929, according to an announcement made by the officials of the company.

To meet the demands of dealers, which continued on a high level during the month, the heavy production schedule was maintained. In the last four full working days of the month 16,901 units were produced with a record of 4,953 cars in a single day.

Handicapped by a late start in the early part of the year, Chevrolet production set a pace during March and April which was maintained through June, July, and the early part of August. It is significant to note that at the close of production on Saturday, August 4, Chevrolet had surpassed last year's total production figure, building 626,303 units as compared with 626,277 units for the entire 12 months of 1933.

"July sales rivaled the June record in reflecting the current demand for Chevrolet cars. Deliveries made during July totaled 86,570 units, officials of the company said. Retail sales for the month, as compiled from dealers' reports and Canadian and export deliveries, were the basis of this announcement.

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THE FARMERS STATE BANK.
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Only 25 of the 57 attempts at crossing the Atlantic in heavier-than-air machines were completed without loss of life.

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Spirit of Confidence, Says Zone Manager

At a recent Chevrolet dealers' and salesmen meeting in Dallas, H. C. Howard, zone manager of the Chevrolet Motor company, announced new selling plans for the balance of this year.

In expressing his appreciation for the July Chevrolet passenger car and truck sales record, made by the salesmen in the Dallas territory, Mr. Howard said: "Proof that Chevrolet is assured a good fall business is the way the car buying public has accepted the new 1934 Chevrolet passenger car and truck. Production figures from January 1 through July 31, this year, nearly exceeded the production figures for the entire year of 1933."

The dealers and salesmen attending this meeting expressed confidence and optimism in their local community market and are anticipating an increase in Chevrolet car and truck sales during the fall months.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

Vote for Lon A. Smith for Railroad-Commissioner. Led opponent in first primary over 40,000 votes. (Pol. Adv.)

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

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Law Enforcement Is More Important Than Promoting a Friend

With every other law-abiding citizen, the undersigned are deeply concerned in maintaining strict law enforcement. Defective indictments, inadequate and unskillful development of evidence before the grand juries and trial courts, unfamiliarity with legal technicalities, improper argument, and inability to assist the court on bills of exception after trial, cause many criminals to escape punishment, numerous cases to be reversed by the Appellate Court, and needless court costs and expenses to be heaped upon the tax payers.

It takes years of study, training and experience to draw good indictments that skillful criminal lawyers cannot quash. Without such extensive study, training and experience, there are some technical indictments, such as swindling, that not one lawyer out of one hundred can properly draw.

After a grand jury spends days investigating a case, and the court room is filled with witnesses and large special venire, sacrificing their personal interests in attending court, and the court spends days in the trial of a case, and conviction is obtained, the Appellate Court frequently reverses the judgment because of some technicality in the indictment or some technical failure of the prosecutor, and the people stand the loss and pay the expense.

Honorable W. J. Cunningham is one of the ablest districts attorneys in Texas. He has had many years of technical study, training and experience. He knows all of the loop-holes. He knows how to develop the State's case before grand juries. He knows how to draw technical indictments. He knows how to pick juries that will give the State a fair trial. He knows how to present his evidence and try cases. He is a most eloquent advocate. He knows how to assist the Court in preparing proper bills of exception and perfecting the trial record for appeal.

It would take any new man, however well qualified in law, many years of experience to fill his shoes. And while the new man is being trained, criminals escape, and the people suffer. It would be a distinct loss to the counties of Fisher, Jones and Taylor to lose Judge Cunningham's services, especially in this crucial period when strict law enforcement is at stake.

We earnestly recommend him to the voters and solicit for him their hearty support. Let all of us give our faithful and able District Attorney, W. J. Cunningham, a rousing vote of confidence.

Gray Browne (County Attorney); J. R. Black (District Attorney); Belle Wellborn, District Clerk; John Camp, County Judge; L. R. Thompson, County Auditor; W. P. Bounds, County Clerk; Roy C. Fuller, County Treasurer; C. W. Boyce, Tax Assessor; Carl P. Hulsey, Justice of Peace; Esco Walter, Justice of Peace; J. M. Wagstaff, R. W. Haynie, E. M. Overshiner, Maurice V. Brooks, John H. Alvis, R. M. Wagstaff (member Legislature), A. K. Doss, Thomas E. Hayden, Jr., D. M. Oldham, Jr., (U. S. Referee in Bankruptcy), T. J. McMahon, Fred Cockrell, E. S. Cummings, Bruce E. Oliver, Letcher D. King, T. A. Bledsoe, John Sayles, O. E. Radford, H. O. Wooten, George L. Paxton, Henry James, J. O. Shelton, W. R. Keeble, B. L. Ellis, W. A. Minter, Jr., T. C. Campbell, George L. Minter, Dr. J. M. Estes, Dr. J. M. Alexander, Dr. William R. Snow, Dr. W. Auda V. Cash, Dr. T. B. Cox, Dr. A. J. Pope, Dr. W. H. Barnett, Dr. Scott W. Hollis, Mrs. J. M. Estes, Dr. Lawrence W. Hollis, Jr., G. L. Corrie, T. S. Rollins, Mrs. C. F. Trantham Jr., W. G. Swenson, Frank Hewitt, W. D. Mayfield, C. W. Gill, L. E. Long, C. W. Barnes, Charles Motz Jr., T. H. Willis, Jack Linton, W. J. Behrens, George W. Parker, Mrs. R. E. Rankin, W. J. Schultz. (The above representing a fair cross section of the citizens who signed the above, whose names are too numerous to publish here).

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Here at the Farmers State Bank in Merkel we are proud of the record of our many depositors, and proud of the part we have been privileged to take in their progress.

Accounts of new depositors are cordially invited.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Rev. W. H. Howell, Mrs. Howell and daughter, Leora, and Mrs. L. M. Williamson, accompanied by Mrs. Alex Williamson, visited the Carlsbad Caverns, leaving here Monday and returning Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bright, accompanied by L. W. Dekle and Mrs. L. M. Williamson, visited friends in Menard over the week-end, hunting and fishing while there.

Mrs. E. Howell, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Phillips, of Big Lake, who is her guest, motored to Hamlin Saturday and spent the day with Mrs. Howell's brother, W. L. Boyd and family. Mrs. Phillips returned home the early part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens attended the funeral of the former's uncle, John Stevens, which was held at Roby on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Stewart has as a guest this week her sister from Houston.

The M. E. meeting is in progress, with Pastor Reeves doing the preaching and H. R. Poor leading the singing. These men are home talent and efficient. They invite each and all to co-operate with them to make the meeting what it should be.

Mrs. Clement and children of Abilene and Miss Emma Nalley, also of Abilene, together with Miss Opal Nalley of Fort Worth were guests last Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Garnet Bryan. Miss Opal Nalley remained for an extended visit with her sister.

Willie Ray Howell spent last week in Abilene visiting friends.

On last Saturday Miss Laverne Winter and W. R. Grayson were married at Merkel. They are a popular young couple and we wish them a successful married life.

Noble White of Sulphur Spring will be at Trent for a few days to visit in the home of his sister, Mrs. C. R. Shannon.

Ike Parker was here last week to visit with his mother, Mrs. Era Parker.

Mrs. Joe Wilson left Tuesday morning for Castro county where she will visit her parents for two weeks.

Horace Taylor of Groesbeck visited a few days recently in the John B. Winn home. Mrs. Taylor, having been here for sometime, will remain.

Mrs. Bonner of Clyde was an all-day guest of Mrs. J. I. Leamon last Sunday. She also attended church at the M. E. church.

Several from here attended the open house Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grayson on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers left the first of the week for Dallas markets where they spent the greater part of the week purchasing dry goods for the Bowers and Hammer Dry Goods company. Jack Bowers, who attended the summer school at Abilene High, will have the management of the store in his father's absence.

W. E. Hamner returned home last week from South Texas where he has been engaged in the cotton business for the past month.

Mrs. John A. Woodward, who has been quite ill, is improving. Her son, Homer Easterwood of Taft, returned home this week after attending his

mother's bedside the past week.

Mrs. S. H. Phillips and two daughters, Wilma Kate and Ivy Lou, of Big Lake, returned home the early part of the week after making a visit here with a number of relatives.

Miss Helen Bright visited friends in Abilene last Tuesday afternoon.

On Wednesday of last week Mrs. Joe Nalley and two daughters motored to Cottonwood and spent the day with her father, Mr. Rutherford, of that place. She was joined at Abilene by her brother, C. R. Rutherford and wife, and at Putnam by another brother, Earl Rutherford and wife. They all had a pleasant day together. Their father is an invalid and his condition is not improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone of Memphis are here this week for a visit in the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Annie Boone. They were hosts for a bountiful dinner which was served Sunday in their mother's home. Those partaking of the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone, Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Winn Boone and son, Jack, Mrs. Hosea Joe and two children, Edward Earl and Martha Ann.

Mesdames Tom Roko of Huntsville and Ellis Qualline of Conroe returned to their homes the first of this week after attending the bedside of their sister, Mrs. Woodard, who is some improved.

CHICKEN BARBECUE.

On Wednesday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson entertained their house guests with a chicken barbecue at their home in South Trent. They have recently built a rock pit and tables and benches of native rock in their yard, the grounds were lighted and chairs and benches were scattered about and everyone had a good time in general.

Tom Williamson, John Strawn, Earl Norwood and Claude Stribling presided at the pit, attending the chickens. Those invited for this gala occasion were: L. W. Dekle and Mrs. L. M. Williamson of Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. Pearl King of Seymour, Mrs. Jack Frost and Miss Laura Williams of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and family, C. C. Stribling and family, Earl Norwood and family, H. W. Poor and family, Mrs. C. M. Stribling, T. H. Williamson and family, Ollie Smith, Jack Frost, J. P. Roberts and family, J. B. Winn and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murry, E. D. Bowers and family and the host and hostess.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY OUTING.

Mrs. Oliver Bright was the honoree

at a birthday outing at Sweetwater park on August 12, when her children surprised her with a supper on the occasion of her 54th birthday anniversary.

After supper a treasure hunt was suggested, all took part in the hunt, Mrs. Bright being the lucky one and finding a treasure of many nice gifts.

All the children were present except Mrs. Lester of Tulia. Those present were as follows: Mr. Bright, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Shannon and children, Kathryn, Coyce, Marvel, Billie Wayne and Mary Nell, Mrs. Herbert Regans and children, Troy Gerald and Wanda Lou, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Spence and son, O. B., Lora, Henry, Wilson and James Bright and the honoree.

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Vote for Lon A. Smith for Railroad Commissioner. Led opponent in first primary over 40,000 votes. (Pol. Adv.)

EASTERN STAR SALE.

The public is invited to attend the sale held by the O. E. S. ladies in front of Max Mellinger's store on Saturday, August 25. They will sell that good old home made ice cream, cakes, sandwiches and bottled drinks. Your patronage will be appreciated. (Advertisement.)

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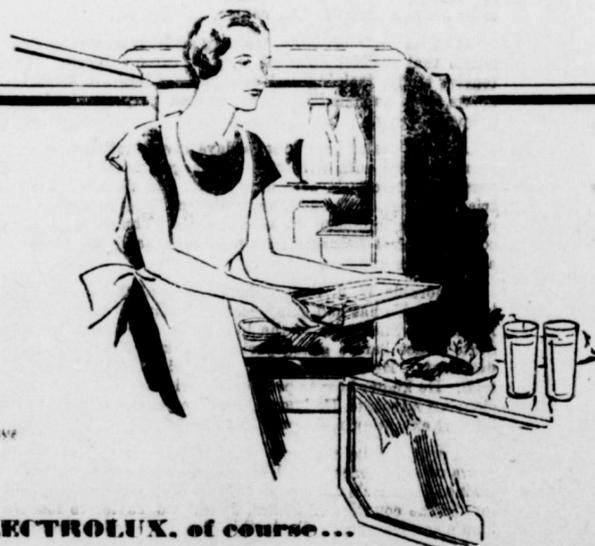
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It is these fundamental advantages which have swung housewives in all parts of the Southwest to gas refrigeration to reduce the cost of safe food protection in thousands of homes. See Electrolux, the gas refrigerator, today!



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If Paid in October	Principal Plus 13%
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After January 1, 1935, no further deductions will be made. So you are requested to pay now and save the difference. The above plan applies only to those who take advantage of same as petitions are being prepared to file additional suits in the near future.

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(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in August.)
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B. W. WHEELER (Re-election.)
BUCK SIDLEY.
For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
ORIEN HIGGINS.
CLYDE SHOUSE.
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
A. J. CANON. (Re-election.)
ANDY SHOUSE.
For County Supt. of Schools:
M. A. WILLIAMS. (Re-election.)
TOM McGEHEE.
For District Attorney, 104th Judicial District:
OTIS MILLER, of Jones County.
W. J. CUNNINGHAM. (Re-Election.)
For Representative (116 District):
W. A. STEPHENSON.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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FORD TOURING, model-T, for sale.
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PEACHES August 27, \$1.00 per bushel, six miles south of Anson, one mile west of highway, at orchard. J. F. Caffey.

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WANTED TO RENT from 80 to 125 acres good land, third and fourth; must have water and pasture; good reference, J. B. Belvin, Sylvester, Texas.

LEGAL NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:
You are hereby commanded to summon W. A. Jones by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day thereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1934, the same being the 3rd day of September, A. D. 1934, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 31st day of July, A. D. 1934, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 10,066-A, wherein Myrtle Jones, is plaintiff, and W. A. Jones, is defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: Plaintiff and defendant were married about Dec. 3, 1904 and separated about Aug. 1, 1925. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of three years abandonment, all of which is fully alleged in her original petition.
Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 31st day of July, A. D. 1934.
Belle Wellborn, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County, Texas. (Seal)

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our love and appreciation to each one who so kindly remembered us in our recent sorrow over the loss of our son and grandson. The floral offering was so beautiful. May God's holiest benedictions be upon each of you.
Mrs. Owen W. Martin.
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church and Family.
Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Martin and Family.

A good hint for keeping flies away from the windows as well as to give the glass a brilliant polish is to soak a clean duster in paraffin oil, hang out to dry, then clean the windows well with it, and polish with a soft cloth.

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We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscriptions to the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

NOODLE NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)
Rev. W. B. Reaves of Trent is holding a revival at the tabernacle here. Everyone is urged to attend.
Brother W. G. Cypert filled his regular appointment Sunday at the Church of Christ.
Miss Ruth Justice of Houston returned home Monday after a visit with her uncle, O. L. Justice.
Misses Mildred and Tommie Ruth McCoy of Divide are guests of their aunt, Mrs. C. B. Jinks.
Miss Dorothy Fay Scott of Stamford spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. A. C. Sosebee.
Miss Dorothy Rainbolt of Fort Worth is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. S. Bird.
D. C. Herring has gone to Waco to be at the bedside of his brother, who is critically ill.
Mrs. G. G. Cantrell and children of Corpus Christi are visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee.
Mrs. Lucille Amson of North Carolina is a guest of her uncle, J. M. Cook. An interesting feature about the visit is that she has never seen her uncle before nor ever visited in Texas.
Mrs. Fronia Compton of Merkel visited Mrs. J. M. Cook Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Womack and children of New Mexico are here, the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Goode.
Mrs. Ida Reeves of Amarillo spent the week-end with her brother, J. S. Bird.
Mrs. Seymour Cousins and children of New Mexico are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Goode.
Misses Mildred and Mozelle Sosebee are visiting in Stamford.
Dub Ford and Jim Derrington spent the week-end with J. D. and Roger Sosebee.
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan returned Monday from East Texas where they have been visiting relatives.
E. W. Herring went to Las Cruces, N. M., last Tuesday. He was accompanied by his son, E. W., Jr., and Merrill Thompson, who returned to his home there after visiting relatives here and at Corpus Christi.
Misses Higgins spent the week-end with their parents in Merkel.
Little Misses Irma and Betty Lou Herndon returned home Thursday from Las Cruces, N. M., where they have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. W. C. Thompson.
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hawk and little daughter of Amarillo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee, several days last week.
Little Bobbie Nell Bicknell and Naylor Harold Eoff celebrated their birthdays with a party for their little friends last Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell.

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RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH 4-H CLUB.
The Salt Branch 4-H club met on Thursday, August 16, with Maxine and Laverne Abernathy. During the business session plans were discussed concerning the encampment at Buffalo Gap.
The dress and apron contests were held at this time. Lena Faye Harrell won first place in the dress contest and was awarded a box of face powder. Lou Jane Land won first place in the apron contest and was awarded a handkerchief.
The following club girls were present: Lola Higgins, Lena Faye Harrell, Maxine and Laverne Abernathy, Ann D., Evelyn and Christine Garvin, Fay and Vannie Sue Pinkley, Wilma Lee and Jenn Payne. Visitors were: Joyce Hays, Mrs. McAninch, Wilma and Pauline McAninch and Mrs. Payne.
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GOLAN NEWS
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill visited in Alpine a few days last week. A daughter, Mrs. Lee Smith, returned with them for a month's visit.
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Davis were in Rotan last week on business.
Mrs. Cecil Stevens' sister, of Abilene, is visiting here this week.
Mrs. G. M. Byrom and sons, Val and George, were in Abilene last week attending to business.
Mr. and Mrs. Conway Stockton of South Texas are visiting relatives here.
There were about 50 present for prayer meeting last Wednesday night. The Union meeting started last Friday night with Johnnie Hill of Floydada preaching, the Methodist evangelist having been unable to get here until Monday night.
There were 106 present for Sunday School Sunday morning. We have the new song books now and everyone is invited to come and help us sing.
Miss Marjorie Dawn Hill of San Angelo is visiting her uncle, W. C. Hill.
Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Hill left Tuesday morning for Lubbock. Mr. Hill is to preach for the Cumberland Presbyterian church there August 26.
Rev. Mr. Hill and wife wish to express their thanks to those who participated in the pounding given them Monday night at church.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.
On account of Election Day, the undersigned banks will remain closed all day Saturday, August 25. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.
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CLYDE SHOUSE**
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Specials at THE RED & WHITE STORES

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ORANGES, California, each	1c	MACARONI, R & W, 2 pkgs.	15c
TOMATOES, fresh firm, 2 pounds	19c	TAPIOCA, Minute, pkg.	13c
APPLES, Jonathan, dozen	30c	GRAPE NUTS, package	18c
GRAPES, Concord, 5 lb. basket	19c	DRESSING, Sun Spun, pint	20c
SPUDS, Utah, 10 pounds	25c	PEANUT BUTTER, pint	16c
COFFEE, Sun-Up, pound	19c	BRAN FLAKES, package	9c
HOMINY, No. 2 1-2 can, each	10c	ICE CREAM POWDER, jello, pkg.	9c
SPINACH, No. 2 can, each	10c	APPLE BUTTER, quart	23c
TOMATOES, B & W, No. 2 can, 3 for	25c	CHERRIES, Red Pitted, No. 2, 2 for	27c
GREEN BEANS, No. 2 can, each	10c	CLOROX, pint	15c
SUGAR, Pure Cane, cloth bag, 10 lbs.	54c	DRANO, per can	22c
GRAPE JUICE, Red & White, pint	17c	SANI FLUSH, per can	22c
CERTO, per bottle	29c	GOLD DUST, large pkg.	18c
WESSON OIL, pint	23c	SOAP CHIPS, Blue & White, pkg.	32c
APRICOTS, No. 10 can	47c	SOAP, Lady Godiva, bar	5c
COCOA, B & W, 1lb. 14c—2 lbs.	23c	VANILLA WAFERS, pound	15c
PINEAPPLE, No. 10 can	58c	BACON, sliced, pound	25c
RIPE OLIVES, Red & White, pint	22c	BOLOGNA, pound	15c
PEARS, R & W, No. 2 1-2 can	23c	JOWLS, dry salt, pound	14c
PEAS, Kurer's No. 2 can, per can	15c	CHEESE, full cream, pound	20c



VISITORS COMPLIMENTED.
 Little Misses Mary Joe Russell and Doris Gay West entertained on last Thursday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock, complimenting little Misses Katherine Coit of Dallas and Betty Booth Beckett of El Paso, at Shannon's Pool.

Water sports were featured during the game hour and iced watermelons were served at the refreshment hour to Misses Katherine Coit, Betty Booth Beckett, Billie McGehee, Bonny Church, Mabel Murray, Betty Jane Diltz, Betty Joe Reid, Anne Lee Blake, Tommy Evelyn Grimes, Helen Heeter, Dorothy Shannon, Mary Fae Johnson and the hostesses.

T. E. L. LAWN PARTY.

Mesdames Booth Warren and Sam Swann most delightfully entertained the T. E. L. class members on the spacious lawn of the Swann home on Wednesday evening of last week with a supper party. A profusion of yard flowers made a beautiful setting for foursome tables on which was served a delectable summer menu with iced melons later in the evening.

Out of town visitors who helped to make the affair enjoyable were: Mrs. Thomas Boarden of Fort Worth, Mrs. John Tombs, Abilene, Mrs. Kirby Beckett of El Paso, Mrs. Henry Coit of Dallas. Class members were Mesdames Angus, Stevens, Brown, Teague, Lassiter, Booth, Winters, Watford, McFarland, Renfro and the hostesses, Mesdames Swann and Warren.

FAMILY REUNION.

In the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson Monday all of their children and grandchildren were present: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill and son, of Burleson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grayson and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Webb, Altie and Deloss Grayson, also Mr. and Mrs. Wilner Grayson and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson, Mrs. Alice Caswell and Mrs. Callie Grayson and a little granddaughter, Billie Jean Grayson.

Two Bus Routes to Bring Pupils From Outlying Districts

The Taylor county board of school trustees has now let the contracts for two bus routes in the Mulberry Canyon-Mt. Pleasant region. These busses will bring from these districts to Merkel all high school children whose grades are not taught in their home districts. The districts involved are Mt. Pleasant, Castle Peak, I. X. L., Butman, White Church and Blair.

One contract was let to John McLeod. His route will begin at Nubia, thence south to Cross Roads church, thence via I. X. L. school house to the Lilly corner, thence to Castle Peak school house, then double back to corner where the Nubia-Mt. Pleasant road crosses the Castle Peak road, thence east to Mt. Pleasant school house, then follow the gravel road to Merkel and Merkel High school.

The other contract has been let to Ulysses Richie. His route will begin at the Cross Roads church corner, thence to Butman school house, thence south, west, north and east around by Wade Ensminger's residence back to the gravel road leading from Butman to White Church, thence via White Church school house and the Demars corner to Blair school house, thence over the gravelled Merkel-Blair road to Merkel High school.

Both of these busses will be ready to begin operating on the morning of Monday, September 10, when the Merkel schools open. Patrons of the routes are requested to watch the columns of the Merkel Mail for a tentative schedule which will be worked out before school opens. Parents are urged to watch for this schedule so their children may know about when to catch the bus the first few mornings until a definite schedule can be worked out.

All students in these districts under twenty-one years of age whose grades are not taught in their home district may attend the Merkel High school the entire year without payment of tuition and transportation will be furnished on these busses. This is furnished by the state under the present rural aid law.

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THANKS HIS FRIENDS.

I want to thank all my friends and former patrons, who have supported me so liberally since I have been in business here, and to bespeak best wishes for Mr. and Mrs. Carr, who have bought my sandwich shop.

COTTON OWENS.

CHURCH SERVICES

Revival at Church of Christ Starts Sunday

Our meeting begins next Lord's Day, August 26, with Tice Elkins of Alamogordo, N. M., doing the preaching. Brother Elkins is a man with quite a number of years experience in the pulpit, a strong preacher, and will preach the gospel in love and with force. We invite all to hear him. The time for the day services will be announced later. The evening service will be about 8:15.

Bible study at the church building at 10 a. m., preaching service at the church building at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.

During the time the meeting continues the regular Wednesday evening services will be omitted and the preaching services will continue on.

Yours in love,
 The Elders.

METHODIST CHURCH.

There are but a few more days of the revival, and then it will be history—have you had a part? If not, then come the rest of the services. We have had fine attendance throughout the two weeks, and there has been much good accomplished in that the church has been revived and new interest has been manifested.

We will have our day services at 10 a. m. up to Friday morning and will not have any morning service Saturday, as this will be election day. Our night services the rest of the week at 8 p. m.

Our Sunday School will meet at 9:45 a. m. at the tabernacle and we want 300 in Sunday School at this hour, so come and be with us. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. and this will bring to close the meeting. U-R invited.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here Sunday was 20 short of the previous Sunday, the figures being 732 and 752, respectively. On the same Sunday a year ago, 901 were present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. This will be the only service Sunday at this church, as the pastor will be in Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to these services.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. No preaching service, as the pastor is away in a revival. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday night as I preached on the great text, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," a fine young lady came down the aisle, putting her trust in the Lamb of God, stating that Jesus had taken her sin away, and she with her mother united with the church.

We have five approved for baptism and hope they will be ready for baptism next Sunday.

We are having some wonderful prayer meetings; good crowds are attending and last Wednesday night there were two who came to unite with the church. Not knowing about it be-

fore service, we failed to give the invitation.

In the near future we will begin in the power of the Lord a special effort to win the lost. Get ready by prayer and consecration.

The Lord will bless us in the effort. He has never failed us. Let us not fail Him.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

Returned Missionaries Have Relatives Here

Mr. and Mrs. Page Pace, missionaries to India and the latter a cousin of Marvin Smith, gave lectures at St. Paul's Methodist church, Abilene, Sunday morning, and Mrs. Marvin Smith, accompanied by her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones, drove over to hear them.

Mr. and Mrs. Pace are accompanied by their four children, all of whom were born in India, where they have been stationed for fourteen years. This is their second furlough to this country.

As Miss Mildred Smith, Mrs. Pace visited relatives here when a little girl. She has a sister who is a missionary to Brazil.

Fifty Descendants Gather in Honor of "Mother" McGehee

Fifty lineal descendants of Mrs. H. L. McGehee of Abilene joined Sunday in an all-day family reunion held at Lake Abilene as a special compliment to her.

All but two of the twelve children of Mrs. McGehee, who is 79 years of age, were in attendance at the reunion. The two children not present were Mrs. Will Kennedy of Oklahoma and Chris McGehee of Houston.

Joining in the family group were the two sons who live here: Mr. and Mrs. Ted McGehee and children, Teddie Joe and Betty Joyce, and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McGehee and three children, Billy, Sammie and Jerry.

Informality marked the day's outing program, when an elaborate lunch and supper were served in a pretty park spot.

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Tom McGehee

For

County Superintendent

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Guardian of Merkel Circle Presides in Joint Initiation

A joint meeting of Abilene Grove No. 259 and Merkel Grove No. 563 of the Woodmen Circle was held in the W. O. W. hall at Abilene on Friday evening, August 17. Mrs. Lila Rea, guardian of Merkel Grove, assisted by her officers, presided over the meeting. There were twelve candidates initiated, five from Merkel and seven from Abilene. Mrs. W. T. St. John, captain, and her staff of officers put on the initiatory work.

Mrs. Jannie B. Garner, district manager, was introduced and gave a very impressive talk on the subject of "Fraternity."

There were 125 members in attendance from various groves.

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Able-Bodied Persons on Relief Go to Fields

Attention of farmers in this section is called to the fact that the local relief agency will endeavor to supply cotton pickers to those making application through the office here. Several families have already been placed.

In this connection, County Administrator Lloyd B. Thomas has issued instructions to see that able-bodied persons go to work in the cotton fields. Jobs on the farms are expected to become more numerous with opening of cotton, Thomas said, and those who refuse to accept cotton picking jobs at the prevailing wage scale will be removed from the rolls.

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Card from A. J. Canon Asks Support of Voters

To the Voters of Precinct 2:
 Because of work I had to do on the roads, I have failed to see every voter in the precinct. I hope you will accept this as my personal solicitation for your support and your vote in Saturday's election. I shall be grateful for anything done in my behalf and assure you that your past favors are highly appreciated.

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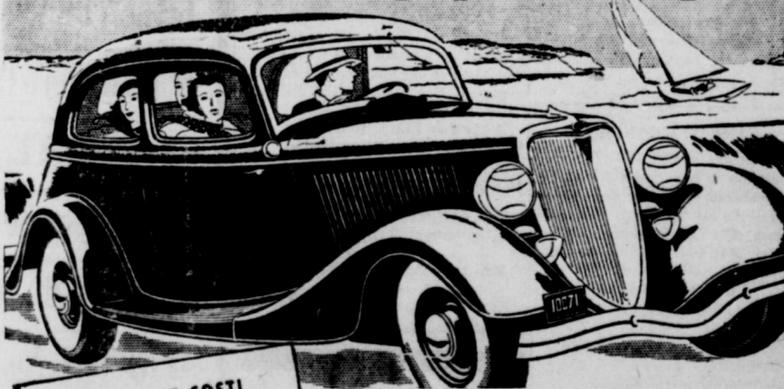
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