

Live News from our Correspondents

INDIAN MOUND

This being one of the finest days in the settlement we just thought it a good time to tell our Editor and Correspondents some of the things that are going on around Indian Mound.

Ed Slater of Red Top is threshing here. He likes about one day being finished. He has been here about three weeks.

While threshing at J. S. Fisher's last Thursday, a wagon belonging to W. P. Fisher and a part of a load of wheat caught fire from the engine and burned up before it could be put out. No other damage was done except the loss of a large stack of straw.

Homeite if Bill Bunker cutting stove wood has anything to do with our wet weather I want him to begin work at once.

Tell Uncle Jake Jones the Kid is needing some more chops and when he gets through laughing—well he may tell you the joke he played on himself.

Miss Jolly Girl I guess since you read your last week's paper that you have had another thought haven't you?

Miss Spinster Maid I guess you saw the Kid on a bundle wagon when you were here. They use Kids here whenever they can't get grown-up folks to work. That's been my daily occupation almost for the past three weeks.

Miss Bluebird we do certainly enjoy what little foot-back riding we get to do. We get to ride on a bundle wagon from eleven to fourteen hours a day. We aim to try to do with that until times get better.

Miss Brunette I was just too busy to write that week.

Our Sunday school was rather small Sunday owing to the quarantine. There were only thirty present. If nothing more comes along to hinder us than the quarantine we expect to have Sunday school every Sunday and if any one don't believe this just let them be there next Sunday at 10 o'clock and see.

Prayer meeting was called in for a while.

The protracted meeting here is postponed for a while.

Next Sunday there is to be a called conference to attend to some church business and it is expected or should be that each member try and be present.

Miss Candy Kid, our community is noted for its good-looking and industrious men—it's useless to say anything about the ladies for everybody knows they are all both industrious and good looking, while of course, some are better looking than others.

F. E. Borchardt was bitten by a large snake Saturday evening while bathing in a pool, but seems to be getting along fine today (Sunday).

Thank you Gray-eyed Girl for your pencil and if I never return it please remember that I never borrowed it, I only took it.

Jack o' Diamonds hurrah for your country. I found an interesting article in last week's paper entitled "Doesn't Believe in Union Sunday Schools" and I wish to tell A Reader that he spoke the very sentiments of my heart on this subject. I am raising no complaint about other places having union Sunday schools, because I don't think that is any of my business. I think that's their business and not mine.

Well it's now past bed time so I must close and if I don't get to write any more maybe the assistant will finish it up and mail it for me.

Mrs. Hoggard has been on the sick list several days.

Mrs. Dee James is visiting at the home of G. M. James this week.

Mrs. Jim Smith visited at the home of G. M. James Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Fisher visited her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Bryan, Sunday.

MOUNTAIN HOME

Oh, me! did you say warm? I think it is.

The feed stuff and gardens and flowers look like they have been in a fire.

Mr. Editor get out in this cool weather and sling a hoe a while then go back and tell the Graham people what work is.

Mr. John Matlock and son, Travis, are up in Archer county stacking his wheat.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barker gave an ice cream supper at which all present reported a nice time.

Miss Mary Carney of the Rockland community attended the ice cream supper.

Mr. Sid Matlock is mowing Mr. H. Plaster's millet for him today (Thursday).

Mr. G. A. Boling and Mr. Joe Rupard and son, Lester, of this community are baling Mr. H. Plaster's oats.

Mr. Paul Plaster was shopping in Bryson Saturday.

Mr. Clyde Plaster spent last night (Wednesday) with his grandpa, Mr. Henry Plaster.

I am sorry to hear of that dreadful disease that is raging among the stock, but we can't help it. It was just intended to be this way.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Miller spent last week with their son, Charlie Miller, who lives ten miles west of Archer City.

Yes Red Wing I enjoyed myself very well with Mr. Virgil Ross, but I could have enjoyed life better had I been with Mr. S.—you know the rest.

Mr. Alvin Robbins has gone cross-eyed since he went to Graham. He said he looked at that girl so much he got his eyes crossed.

Plow Boy I think your description of where you live was fine. I know right where you live.

I live nine miles west of Jacksboro, a half mile from the Jacksboro and Graham road, four miles from Bryson. Now guess the rest.

Mr. Earl Clark of Dakin spent Saturday night with Mr. Paul Plaster.

Earl where did you go Sunday?

Mrs. Massengale spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Matlock.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Matlock, Jr., a fine girl.

Gray-eyed Girl.

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LOWER TONK

Hello Mr. Editor and Correspondents. I will try to send in a few items this week. I was just so busy last week I did not get my Reporter letter off.

Bluebird foot-back riding gets old these hot days when a fellow has been used to riding everywhere he went.

The thresher has completed its work in Tonk Valley and wended its way to South Bend, having finished here last Friday.

Mrs. Willie Wadley and little son, J. T., spent several days last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McClannahan.

Mr. nad Mrs. W. E. Moore attended the funeral of Mrs. Hand last Tuesday.

It sure is bad to hear of so many stock being sick and dying. There is only two sick in the Valley, one horse and one mule. They belong to Messrs. Lee and Sam Jones. They seem to be better at this writing. Hope they will soon get well.

I think that nearly everybody has vaccinated their horses and cattle. It is nearly as bad having to do without milk and butter as it is to have to walk everywhere or stay at home.

Grandma George was right sick a few days last week but glad to say she is some better at this writing.

Miss Anna Belle Wadley visited Miss Alma George Tuesday.

Miss Maud Clark spent one day last week with Miss Effie Wadley.

Grandpa and Mrs. John Youngblood were sick a few days last week.

Mesdames Sneed, Bill Wadley, Bill McClannahan and Miss Effie Wadley spent one day last week at Mrs. J. F. Clark's.

The people are not quite through hoeing in this community, and it is sure hot to be hoeing, too.

Mesdames W. E. Moore, Lee and Sam Jones and Misses Jewel and Nora Moore spent last Friday with Mrs. G. W. Gowens.

Most everybody here has been going to Graham at night or getting there about sundown to get groceries, as the quarantine keeps them at home through the day.

Roy Jones spent Saturday night at his brother, Lee Jones'.

Mesdames A. A. and Bill Timmons spent Saturday afternoon at Mrs. Renick's.

Miss Lillie Gray spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gray's daughter of Fannin county is visiting the former here.

Lee Jones, wife and Ruby Fay and Roy Jones spent Sunday at W. E. Moore's.

Mesdames Lee Jones and G. H. Barnett and Misses Eppie and Jewel Moore took supper with Mrs. Alice Moore Sunday night.

Sylvester Gowens and little brother, Clarence, spent Sunday afternoon with Lee, Ivan and Kemp Moore.

Murry Moore called at A. H. Jones' Sunday night.

Jim McClannahan called on Miss Alma George Sunday afternoon.

J. R. McClannahan and family spent Sunday at J. T. Rogers'.

Joe Clark and wife spent Saturday night with J. T. Rogers and family.

Mrs. Poppie Pinkston of Gooseneck is visiting her parents, Grandpa and Grandma Youngblood.

Dr. Duncan was called out to see Joe Youngblood, who was right sick Sunday, but glad to say he is better at this writing.

Misses Gracie and Zula Jones spent Saturday night with Miss Ethel Hollybee, and she accompanied them home Sunday and spent the day.

Mrs. Sam Jones and little Ireda spent Saturday evening with Mrs. A. H. Jones.

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Ask your friends to take The Reporter. They'll enjoy it.

SOUTH BEND.

We are still needing and looking for a good rain.

Health is better at this writing.

T. Marvin McBrayer is able to be at work again this week.

Miss Syble Peters of Kernes, Texas visited Miss Bertha McBrayer for a few days last week. She returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harrell spent Sunday with Mrs. Harrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCluskey.

Misses Ola McCluskey, Nona Richardson and Christine Harrell ate Sunday dinner with Misses Fannie and Naomi Goode.

Two threshers in the Bend this week. W. E. McCharen's and Burgess Bros.

The Baptist people have changed the time of meeting from 3 until 4 o'clock until further notice.

Preaching next Sunday by Rev. Marcus M. Chunn.

O. A. McBrayer left Monday morning for a two weeks' vacation to northern points.

W. E. McCharen passed thru the Bend Sunday afternoon en route to his home, after spending some time in the Beckham Sanitarium at Graham, as the result of a fall from his thresher engine.

Gov. O. B. Colquitt passed thru the Bend last Friday en route to Breckenridge.

Everett Harrell is clerking for McBrayer Bros. in the absence of O. A.

What was the trouble last week we only had a few of our Correspondents present? Perhaps it was the quarantine.

Merritt Cunningham and Miss Addie Akers of Lone Star attended Sunday school here last Sunday. Honeysuckle 2nd.

HAWKINS CHAPEL.

Mrs. Odus Stratton and Wayne were the guests of Mesdames Robert Miller and Lindsey last Thursday.

Bro. Strickling could not be with us last Sunday, but will preach at the Baptist church the 4th Sunday in July. Every one has an invitation to come.

There has been quite a lot of walking to town the past week. Some carried home groceries. The weather has been quite hot for such long walks with a package to carry, too.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Bavousette is still on the sick list.

Miss Bavousette called on Mrs. Robert Miller one day the past week.

Mr. Daniels of Loving passed through the community last Thursday in his car.

Mr. Bernie Baker, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Elzie Tedrow of Megargel for the past week, returned home Sunday.

Master C. F. Harman is suffering from an insect bite on his foot.

Mr. Arthur Hawkins moved his wife's sister and family to the Bavousette place last week.

Mrs. Lindsey kept Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Harman's baby, little Robert, while Mr. and Mrs. Harman, Miss Eula Carman and Eugene, Mr. Robert Miller and wife walked to Sunday school. Mr. Arthur Ward also walked to Sunday school.

Miss Ruby Newman was the guest of Mrs. Mary Oatman Monday night.

Mr. Walter Baker called at Messrs. Will Smith's and C. F. Newman's last Tuesday afternoon.

Messrs. Jesse and Jim Oatman were in Loving Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Harman called at his cousin's Sunday morning before Sunday school time.

Mr. Robert Miller is improving his place putting a coat of paint on his residence.

Mr. Walter Baker went to second Monday with a crowd in Mr. Claud Reeves' car.

Mr. Robert Miller and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Harman Sunday.

Mr. Holt cut some feed stuff for Mr. Jim Oatman last week and Mr. Oatman plowed for Mr. Holt while he was cutting feed.

MIDWAY

We are having a right smart of sickness in this part of the community. If it doesn't rain we are afraid there will be more sickness than ever before, for it is so hot and dry.

The corn and feed stuff is burning up for the want of rain and the cotton looks pretty bad every day about 12 o'clock.

The grasshoppers are eating up some of the cotton in this community.

Mr. Charley Bridges walked to his father's at Red Top Saturday morning.

Mr. John Cox walked to Markley to vaccinate some horses and cattle this morning.

Mrs. Lawyer, who has been visiting relatives in this part of the community, has returned home.

Grandpa Drum is going to Oklahoma to spend a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Daily, and will go from there to his claim in Mexico.

Mrs. Pearl Stratton spent Wednesday morning with Mrs. Will Smith.

Mrs. Loftin spent the evening with Mrs. Hiram Drum one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin received a message that their mother was sick and they went to Graham Saturday night to see her.

Miss Lillie Drum spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with Miss Minnie Porter.

Miss Nannie Adams, Messrs. Lonnie Ward, Clancer Cox and Arthur Ward took dinner with Misses Hettie and Lillie Drum Sunday, and had a jolly good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Loftin took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith.

Mrs. Rose Bridges and baby spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thigpen.

Mr. Clancer Cox spent the night with the Ward boys Friday night, and Mr. Arthur Ward spent the night with him Saturday night.

Miss Myrtis Woodrome has been on the puny list the past few days.

Our Sunday school met Sunday morning at the usual hour, with good attendance and four new names added to our roll.

We have singing at Midway every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The party at Miss Nannie Adams' Friday night was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Bailey Langston took dinner with Mr. Lewis Drum 2nd Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Loftin entertained the following friends in her home the past week: Mrs. Lawyer and children of Wichita Falls, Grandma Drum, Mrs. Lee Drum and little son, Ross, Mrs. Ward and children, Mrs. Hiram Drum and children, and Miss Nannie Adams.

Mr. R. A. Drum and wife, and Miss Annie Tate paid his mother, Grandma Drum, a pleasant visit one day last week.

Some of the Midway boys attended the ball game at Farmer Saturday afternoon between the Olney and Farmer teams. The Olney boys carried off the laurels.

The voters as well as the candidates are looking forward to the approaching election with great interest and anticipation.

Apple Blossom.

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FLAT ROCK

A good rain would be greatly appreciated in this part of the country: cotton is looking real pretty, but corn and other feed is suffering for rain.

Horses and cattle are still dying. We think the vaccination was too late to do any good.

Messrs. W. A. Cook, J. P. Hodges and Charlie Parsons are the only ones in this community that haven't lost some live stock.

Doing without milk and butter is almost like starving, especially to those who have always had plenty.

There is some sickness in the community among the people as well as the stock, but nothing serious we hope.

Dago our Sunday school was just a little ahead of yours in attendance Sunday. Thirty-seven were present, and forty-one Sunday before last and not a horse to be seen. I suppose everyone else, like myself, are thinking they had just as well get in practice for likely they will have to keep up their walking.

Miss Lucille Cook spent Sunday with the Carey girls.

Brit Alford and wife rigged up their feet and walked over to her father's Saturday night and stayed until Monday.

Miss Leota Hodges spent last Sunday with Miss Maggie Taylor.

Some of the prodigal sons have returned, and of course there was rejoicing, but we did not have to kill the fatted calf as he was already dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Boatman and baby of Oklahoma are visiting his sister, Mrs. Roark.

The young people enjoyed a singing at Brit Mayes Sunday night.

The hour for Sunday school has been changed from three to four o'clock. Everybody invited to come and be on time.

Miss Lona Corley visited Mrs. Iva Fain and Miss Margaret Corley Monday afternoon.

Messrs. Brit Mayes, Jim Barnes, Boatman and Rev. Roark took supper at E. H. Corley's Saturday night.

Miss Maggie Taylor spent Sunday night with Miss Leota Hodges.

Miss Georgia Burton went to Graham Saturday afternoon to meet her father, who has been overseeing the building of a bridge above town.

Horace Fain visited in this community Sunday and attended Sunday school and singing.

Where were so many of the Correspondents last week?

Carrie Nation, I claim you are some walker. I've never got up the courage to walk to town yet and you live three miles further than I.

We can excuse Plow Boy if he isn't present this week, for we will know he is preparing for his election Saturday.

Some of the farmers are cutting and shocking their feed. Guess what stock are left will live fat next winter.

Mr. Robbins of Tonk Valley called at Mr. Corley's Sunday. He was on his way home from Rock Creek, where he had been looking after his livestock, and reported that he had lost eight or ten head of cattle and one mule down there. Candy Kid.

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LONE OAK

The weather still continues to be dry and warm. It is kinder cloudy today (Sunday). Maybe we'll receive a rain before many days. Jim Edwards drilled the well for the Lone Oak school. A fine stream of water was obtained at a depth of seventy-two feet. A. P. Stewart is erecting two silos on his place. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Boye were on the sick list last week. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rutherford of Red Top spent Monday and Tuesday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lowe of this community. Mr. John W. Saye of Loving was in our community last Friday. Dr. Roy W. Rutherford and Messrs. Claud and Tom Rutherford and Olan Waters were in our community Friday administering the second vaccination to some of the livestock. Henry Lloyd of Archer county was in this community one day last week. Mrs. G. C. Boyle is still improving. Mr. Poole dined with J. W. Pratt Sunday. Jim Edwards returned to his home at Shinola Saturday evening. Messrs. Roy and Claud Rutherford and Misses Eureka and Mary Slater and Alye Reed enjoyed a watermelon feast at A. J. Lowe's Sunday afternoon. Miss Clara Slater of Red Top spent a few days last week with Miss Emily McBee. I wonder if all the candidates will look as pleasant after election day as they do now. I'll tell you they sure greet the voters with a 'smoiling visage' at present, but how do you suppose it will be when some of them find that their long grins were wasted? I imagine they will wish they had saved some of them for future use. Brunette.

MYERS BRANCH

I will now come in again, after a few weeks vacation, which I spent in working out the weediest crop you ever saw and in "pizenin" grasshoppers. The hoppers are very plentiful but have not done any great amount of damage. There is some sickness now but have not heard of any of a serious nature. Threshing is over in this community. The grain yield was small. The rust damage was far above the estimate. Will now try to tell of the place where I live. I am 30 miles west of Graham and 10 miles northeast of Woodson in Throckmorton county, the garden spot of the world. That is, I suppose it is, but we can't get anything to grow in order to find out. It's either too wet or too dry, or if we should accidentally get anything up there is a million bugs waiting to devour it. I'll wager that this country can produce more and a larger variety of insects than any other portion of the state. A few more days and the candidates will be relieved of the great strain under which they are now laboring. I have kept a nicely sharpened hoe in the field especially for office seekers but did not get a single one to use it, though one candidate for sheriff said he might use it if he wasn't in such a hurry. I just thought "old man, you will have to hurry if you get any where." Some of the farmers are harvesting maize and feterita. The crop is spotted. The early feterita and maize are the best. I'll now let some good writer have my pencil and I'll go fishing if I can find some one to dig bait for me. Gringo.

MURRAY

The Baptist meeting closed Sunday at 11 o'clock. The attendance was small throughout the meeting on account of the threshers in and around our neighborhood. There were four additions to the church. Three by letter and one by baptism. We are sure all those who attended were strengthened.

Mr. Frank Brown and daughters, Thelma and Inez of Woodson visited at Mr. Kramer's Sunday. Mr. J. H. Megginson has returned from a two weeks' visit in Oklahoma. Joe Crump and Miss Maggie Bruce of Woodson visited at Mr. Megginson's Saturday and Sunday. Joe Wootton made a business trip to Graham Monday. Mr. and Mrs. East of Everman are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bowling. Mr. Donald Parrott of Woodson attended church here Sunday. W. H. Ardis and children visited at Eliasville the last of last week. Miss Lois remained down there to accompany her sister, Mrs. Gore, home to San Antonio, where she will visit for some time. Miss Leila Brockman is visiting her brother, Earl Brockman. The Methodist Sunday school met with the Baptist school the past two Sundays, but will meet at their own church next Sunday. Borri, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Walsh, the 16th, a girl. Bluebell.

CRAIG POINT.

Rev. G. B. Hall preached an interesting sermon to a large and attentive audience at the road camp Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Messrs. Z. A. Hudson, A. A. Morrison, C. P. Hutchison and J. W. Akin attended church at the road camp Sunday. Mrs. Will Mayes and children spent from Saturday till Monday visiting her mother, Mrs. S. D. Baugh. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lisle visited Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Walter Green. Mrs. W. A. Shannon and daughters, Misses Nora, Jewell, Eidone and Leedelle and Misses Edith and Clyde Birdwell spent Sunday at Mrs. Killion's. They with Mrs. Killion enjoyed eating watermelons at Mr. Green's in the afternoon. Mrs. S. D. Baugh and daughters, Miss Vena, spent Friday with Mrs. Bessie Busch. Messrs. Jake Stephenson and Denver Killion called at Mr. Robt. Sheppard's Sunday evening. Mrs. Etta Wade and children attended Sunday school and church in town Sunday. Mrs. Walter Green and children spent Friday night with her mother, Mrs. Moore, in town. Misses Nona and Minnie Cornelius and Mrs. Alva Frazer visited at Mr. Baugh's Wednesday. Messrs. John Knight and son, Carl, Robt. Sheppard, Walter and George Wade, Charlie Orrell and Gilbert Wadley took dinner Thursday at Mr. Killion's. Master Hall Baugh spent Thursday night and Friday with his sister, Mrs. W. A. Babb, in Graham. Miss Vivia Baugh attended the band concert in town Friday night. Miss Pearl Gallaher spent Saturday night with Miss Elsie Kelley. Mr. Joe Timmons of Medlan Chapel attended church at the road camp Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Denver Killion spent Monday afternoon at Mr. Baugh's. We have no sick stock yet, and hope not to have, but we are all quarantined. Several from here attended the speaking at the Court House Friday morning. Bluebird.

MILLER BEND

Hot, dry and no rain. Crops are suffering. I guess it rained it all out in the fall and spring. L. E. Wright and John Steadham went to Newcastle Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. John Lowrance returned from Navarro county last Friday, where they had been visiting Mrs. Lowrance's parents. Mrs. Tina Wright and Mrs. E. H. Ratcliff visited Mrs. Jessie

Wright of Fish Creek last Friday. Mrs. Winnie Ratcliff visited Mrs. Griffin Saturday. Mrs. G. W. McCallister is slowly improving. Mrs. R. E. Griffin visited Mrs. Wess Wright of Fish Creek Friday. Rob Casburn of Graham was vaccinating stock in the Bend Tuesday. As I have been at work away from home and don't know any news will ring off. Maybe this is enough to keep me from being absent. Happy Ben.

MARKLEY

Yes, we are still dry and hot. Some of the crops are badly damaged, the cotton is not doing any good, and the prospect for a bumper crop has gone a glimmering. If the cotton is a failure this year it will force some good men to leave our gin district, which will make it hard on our school, our merchant, gin and blacksmith, not saying anything about our doctor. We of Texas are a brave people, but we can be knocked down so many times that we become tired. But, there is one thing sure, we have got a full crop of grasshoppers. If some good man will tell us how to handle the hoppers and rabbits to get some money out of them he will have the blessings of this part of the vineyard. That stock disease has not reached our district. The people of Archer county who get their mail at Markley ride to the county line and then web-foot it to Markley. Mr. John Cox of Hawkins Chapel has been in our vicinity assisting M. M. Wallace and others in vaccinating stock. Since this dry weather has set in our forty-two club is running on full time. Say, Johnnie, do you want to know where I live. The Markley School District No. 22 is in the northeast corner of Young County and Markley is near the center of the district. So when you come to Markley and want to find Bono you will find me one mile north of the forty-two parlor, and when you see a house with large cedar and oak trees in the yard you can get down for you have found the home of Bono. With due courtesy to A Reader, first I will say I am not in the habit of answering assertions. You have not a specific fact in that long, windy article. You object to international literature, why? You say it would interfere with isms and dogmas of the different denominations. If these creeds are taught by Christ I have failed to find it in the life of Christ written by the apostles. At this time, we in the United States, have two hundred and fourteen different creeds, no denominations. Rome in her halcyon days had a different god or ism to worship each day in the year, and Rome with all of her intelligence fell, and became a third-rate power of the world. And we, with all of our dogmas and isms, might profit by the example. Reader your erudition in, ages to come will be known as the gem of ignorance. Prideaux Bros., Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. H. O. Prideaux visited Graham last week. They went down in a car, as that is the only way you can go and get back, since the quarantine has been put into effect. Archer county has quarantined against Young and so has Jack county, but if reports be true Jack county has about as much of this disease as Young county has. But let that be true or not, I think the quarantine law is good, and if we will assist the officers in enforcing the law we will hold the disease in check, at least long enough till we better understand how to fight it. Bono.

Protect your live stock from flies—Spray 50c gallon at Doty's Drug Store. Ask your friends to take The Reporter. They'll enjoy it.

PROFFITT

We are truly sorry to say that Grandma Wells died at her home Thursday eve at 6 o'clock and was buried Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Proffitt cemetery. Revs. English and G. W. Black conducted the funeral service. We extend sympathy to the bereaved relatives. Messrs. Ira Putman and John Bridges are hauling wheat to Newcastle. Mrs. Jennie Hester and Miss Birdie Dooley spent Wednesday night with Miss Maggie Weatherbee. Mr. W. M. Gibbs and daughter, spent Sunday with Mr. Strother and family. Miss Maggie and Homer Weatherbee and Misses Willie and Heggie Hudson attended church at Johnson school house Sunday night. The picnic was postponed on account of so much disease among stock. I will not take up very much space this time so will hand my pencil to Plow Boy. Snowflake.

OAKLAND

We are still having warm, dry weather and it keeps us busy walking trying to find a cool place. We have failed so far to find one and most of us are chasing over the place at night from place to place with a pillow trying to get to sleep a few minutes. The stock in this community are still dying, but we hope to have it stopped soon though hopes are forlorn. Mr. D. J. E. Clark lost a horse last week.

Mr. Ben Ragland lost a cow Sunday. We are glad to report that Mr. Fred Garrett's horses are improving fast. Mr. Singleton lost a cow last week. Mr. Bray near Center Ridge lost a mule last week; also Grandma Bray lost a cow. Mr. Copeland lost several head of stock last week. Mr. Miller lost several head of stock last week. Mr. Roberts' horse is much better. Mr. J. D. Baty has some sick stock. Mr. Lester has some sick animals. Mr. J. D. Baty walked to Graham Friday on business. Mr. J. M. Whitfield and family went to town Saturday night in their new wagon. It being the first wagon seen or heard in this community in a long time it seemed to excite every one. Mr. Ben Ragland and wife visited Mr. Ragland near Graham Saturday night. Mr. Elmer Garrett is working at Mr. Edgar Craig's this week. Mrs. Sam Ragland is visiting home folks this week. Yes Jolly Girl you sure saw me, but say, what is the Prof. going to do? What would he have thought if he had seen you instead of me? Mr. O. M. is crippling around with a sore foot caused by a nail. Carrie Nation. The West Texas Reporter is fast spreading over territory in West Texas. Are you taking it? It is your subscription we want.

ROCKY MOUND

Well it is still hot and dry in this part of the country. Mr. J. W. Atcheson has a mule with the anthrax. Mr. Bud Gohlstom and little brother, Horace, walked to town Tuesday morning. Misses Sadie May and Eulelia Ragland spent Saturday night and Sunday with their uncle, Mr. H. K. Ragland, near Graham. Miss Hattie Belle Reed spent Sunday with Miss Ruth Robertson. Mr. G. W. Gohlstom lost a cow last Saturday night from anthrax. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ragland spent Sunday afternoon with his sister, Mrs. F. Atcheson. Wesley Reed and Charles Gibson spent Sunday with Jim Robertson. Mr. Tate Phillips and Mr. Melas Brewton walked to town Saturday afternoon. Miss Adia Hunter visited Miss Eulelia Ragland Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Homer Brashears was in town Saturday. Raymond Ragland visited his sister, Mrs. F. Atcheson, Sunday. As news is scarce and it is most time for the mail carrier I will quit. Roses. Irate Father (to his daughter)—"Elizabeth, how could you be so inhospitable to that young man who called last night?" Bess—"Inhospitable! Why, dad—" Pater—"You should by no means have let him go without asking him to breakfast."—Columbia Jester.

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SALEM

Salem is still in the valley and shadow of death, but strange to say we are all in good health. Don't know of any one being sick in the community, but stock of all kinds is undergoing a fearful scourge here.

Crops are not bad by any means. The present dry spell is hard on late planted stuff but cotton is fine where it has been worked out and in every instance where the teams did not die or were sick the crop has been well cultivated. We have plenty of fine watermelons, tomatoes and other garden truck and they are all bottled up with the cork in good and tight, so we can keep them at home this time.

Wonder where the editor is getting his watermelons now. "Spect he is getting them from Skeers and Boreck, since" we quit associating with him, and of course they are shoddy and no good. Well we are sorry for you folks up there but bear in mind we told you some time ago that we could get along very well without you. Everybody stays at home now and boards at the same place for Salem has been so sorely stricken that there is not really near enough saddle horses left or able to go to hunt out the pastures as they should be searched out, for dead and sick cattle. And hunting for dead stock is a grewsome task. It is a case of making close search for something you don't want to find and when a dead animal is found it is no easy task to cremate it by any means, when the thermometer registers 104 degrees in the shade, and there is a cord of wood to chop. It makes one wish that the ice wagon would come along and run over him.

There has been a loss of 56 head of stock in this community and with very few exceptions they were all good animals. It makes quite a loss for as small a community as this is.

The following is a list of the loss: Archie Martin two mules, all the stock he had; John Sadberry, one horse and one mule; Frank Burch, two mules and four cows; Mr. Sadberry had charge of Mr. Burch's stock; John Alford, one horse and one mule; J. W. Henderson, one mule; Tom Gilmore, one horse; W. I. Gilmore, thirteen head of cattle; J. H. Carter, two horses and one mule; T. K. Criswell, one horse, one mule and one cow; H. C. Criswell, one mule; Geo. Hinson, three cows and one mule; J. A. McLaren, three head of cattle; Jackson Higgins, one horse; Marion Henderson, one mule; Bob Henderson, one horse; Jno. Kisinger, one mule, one horse and nine head of cattle. Besides there is from one to six cases on every farm here and three of the cases are expected to die at any time. Some of the cases are among the first that were stricken. They are much improved but don't get well. The pone or swelling still stays with them.

There is three orphan colts and a number of orphan calves roughing it on the range. Some cows have died here in less than no time after they were stricken with the disease, and other stock also. We held the two mares and colts and a yearling filly in a pasture, clear away from any other stock in order to save them. Saturday evening they were well, and Monday morning one of the mares was found dead. I believe the big gray fly is the guilty party, not one alone, but the swarms of them that bit, tormented and bloodied up the stock here during June and the first week in this month. I believe they work on the animal until they poison its blood then the pone or swelling appears on some part of the animal, and in most every instance on the underside of the body or neck.

The flies are either playing out or the winds we have been having of late are scattering them over a larger area and as they are not strong on the wing I believe it is the wind that is moving them out. I believe the worst is over. True, stock is

still dying, but not nearly so bad as at first, for during the first week here eleven head of horses and mules and several cattle died.

The wheels of progress are almost at a standstill here. Will Pickard's threshing machine stands where it was left a month ago. It has five or six loads of unthreshed wheat piled up around it, but the mule is not there and several mules that were there the day it started, have gone never to return.

Each and every one should have a warm place in his or her heart for the patient hard-working Texas mule. Banish the mule and you put the brakes on progress good and tight. We could well spare a lot of our statesmen and would-be statesmen with much less loss than we could spare the mule; then the mules are not accusing each other of lying all the time as would-be statesmen are greatly in the habit of doing, and that is another point greatly in his favor.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Y. Kisinger and Mrs. Ruth Roebuck, all of Red Springs, Baylor county, spent two nights and one day visiting relatives here. Miss Winnie Davis went out with them, where she will visit for a few weeks. Matt has invested in a new car and was trying it out on the trip, over all kinds of roads.

There are six cases of charbon on Mrs. A. C. Gilmore's farm, five mules and one horse. They are all likely to get well. The stock belongs to her two sons and her son-in-law, Quitman Nelson.

R. L. Askew's gray horse died this (Monday) morning, and we are informed that J. W. Henderson has moved the only mule he has left out to where there is plenty fuel ready to perform the last sad rites for him.

John Kisinger's "Old Don" mule will join the procession in a short time. The three animals mentioned here are the three dangerous cases mentioned above.

It is a little hard to take an optimistic view of the situation this morning, but we have several reasons for believing that the worst is over.

The broom weeds are charged with rosin and are getting dry, as well as the grass. Care should be taken to prevent fire getting started in the pastures is the advice of Salemite.

COUNTY LINE

Hello Correspondents, how are you all enjoying this dry, hot weather? We people here in the backwoods are sure needing a good rain now. Stock water is getting rather low in some places and everything is beginning to look serious.

An army of grasshoppers drifted to this vicinity last week, but so far they have done no damage.

The people are learning to walk here at the present. Nearly every one has had their horses and cattle vaccinated against that terrible disease, charbon.

Charley Nicklas has lost two mules and two hogs; Perry Nicklas has had one cow to die; Mr. Dendy has had two cows to die; and Mr. Horner has had two cows to die. Can't say what was the matter with the cattle, probably fever.

Mrs. Ben Caudill and children of Fort Worth are here visiting Mrs. J. A. Caudill and Miss Mary.

Snowflake I know that no words can make amends for the great loss you have sustained. I deeply realize, from having passed through the same bereavement, that expressions of condolence wholly fail to restore the loved and lost one, yet I cannot but hope that the heartfelt sympathy of a sincere friend will not be deemed an intrusion on your grief. You have my deepest sympathy.

No, Beauty, the last time I was on your side of the river was at the school entertainment at the close of the Pickwick school. I'm not personally ac-

quainted with you, but I think I know you all right when I see you.

I suppose I had better give an outline of where I live, so here goes. I live here in the charming little valley of the county line, or in other words, the Hobbs Flat, about eight south of Bunger. This little valley is noted mostly for its beautiful scenery and sweet night music. The valley is almost surrounded by mountains, and at this time of the year the mountain sides are a solid mass of green. Along the branches the large yellow sunflowers nod and wave with the wind like some grand old flag. At night the frogs, dogs, mosquitoes and screech owls, and now and then a pack of wolves furnish us music "all night long." County Line is bounded on the west by Sorghum Flat, on the north by Young County, on the east by the great Brazos river, while her southern border is washed by the waters of old Cedar Creek, where man and beast alike love to quench their thirst in the deep, cool waters of this grand old stream.

I suppose I'm due thanks to Plow Boy and Two Blondies, so here are some roses for each of you. I'm sorry that I have given you cause to think that I have been complaining and will try not to repeat the offense, but should I forget, as I sometimes do, Plow Boy you just see that my items land in the waste basket, as a favor to me, please.

Miss Mary Caudill will leave Tuesday for the eastern country for the benefit of her health. She will be missed from our community, but we trust our loss will be her gain and we wish for her a happy trip, and hope that when she returns home it will be with restored health.

Mr. Walter Rickles came in from Ft. Worth last week to see about vaccinating his stock here. Walter is one of our old home boys and we are always glad to see him in our community.

We are sorry to report Mrs. J. M. Reed on the sick list, but hope to report her well soon.

Mr. Frank Ribble and Robert Newby made a flying trip to the city of Bunger Tuesday night.

The Burgess brothers started their thresher again Monday and are working faithfully to get the farmers' grain threshed.

Johnnie Dolittle, what possessed you to tell off on Beauty and myself that way? We had recided to drop the subject of crops while we had our "rep"

up. Never mind, we may get you in a tight place yet, and we might do as you have done, ignore the golden rule.

J. W. Gann spent from Friday till Monday visiting relatives and friends on this side of the river, and Sunday eve he went to John must I tell where you spent Sunday eve, or had you rather that Miss C. didn't know? Oh! well, I'll not tell then, so rest easy.

Compliments Mr. Editor on your first and second pages of The Reporter, and congratulations also, and here's wishing the little son all success and fame as an editor of the Reporter.

We are sorry to report little Alton and Alta Moren and little J. W. Ribble on the sick list, but wish for them a speedy recovery.

Jack o' Diamonds, your letters look much better in print than mine do, so consider that question settled, and now you are entitled to my pencil again. I hope that the Editor will be more liberal this week and not take such a large slice off your items, for we value them as highly as he does, but here, take my pencil, do be quick, for I see the Kid coming and as Plow Boy is not present he might imagine he was a howling success and make the rest of us skiddo, so look out for number one, I'm going, going, gone. Silver Bell.

Don't let the Flies eat up your live stock. Spray 50c gallon at Doty's Drug Store.

LUCILLE

Mr. John Bridges lost a cow this week with anthrax.

Some of nearly everybody's stock has had that disease, but hasn't any one lost any mules or horses so far.

Jack Jackson lost the last cow he had.

Mrs. Lizzie Shields and little daughter of Palo Pinto are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chick.

Mr. McAvoy's daughter, Mrs. Garrett, who is visiting at Garner, Texas, is very low at this writing and is not expected to live. Mr. McAvoy and son, Willie, and two daughters, Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Boswell, are at her bedside.

Arthur Underwood and Ben Weldon went to Graford today (Thursday).

Some of the Correspondents asked last week if the people were walking. They sure are walking down here. Every one is afraid to take their stock away from home. Walking is going pretty hard with Johnnie.

Joe Shields and Charley Chick left Tuesday for Loving Valley to hunt work.

We understand the Baptist meeting began Monday night. Everybody is invited to attend.

What is the matter with Beauty, has she gone to the cool climate, too? If she has I hope her good luck.

It is getting so dry down here that stock water is getting scarce in places.

I think if Plow Boy was here about 12 o'clock some of these hot days he would not say good old summer time, for we have none of the running branches and it is too far to walk to the springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey of Oklahoma are visiting their daughter, Mrs. L. O. McKee of Carter Bend.

Mrs. Bettie Newman and Mandy Layton went to Graford today (Monday).

The ice cream supper at J. D. Ferguson's was enjoyed by all present.

Glad to report Mrs. Garrett some better.

My, won't it be fine when we all tell where we live. If we want to visit one another we know right where to go. The writer is cutting them all out and saving them.

Jolly Girl I am sure going to visit you before long in that little house. If you see anyone coming about seven feet tall, with a white sombrero you may know it is

Johnnie Dolittle

RED TOP.

The ice cream supper at Mr. W. K. McBee's Saturday night was well attended and a nice time reported by all.

Walking seems to be the order of the day with most people.

Sunday school was very well attended Sunday, but on account of the quarantine most every one had to walk.

Miss Emmie Walker has been spending a few days with Miss Ida McBee.

Mr. Luther McFerron of Graham attended the cream supper Saturday night. We cordially invite him back again.

Squire Tirrell and Luther McFerron took dinner with Homer Brigham Sunday.

Misses Eureka and Mary Slater took Sunday dinner with Miss Allye Reed.

B. F. and B. W. Slater and families spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Slater.

Mr. J. C. Petty and son Will visited Mr. Jack Petty of the White Rose community Sunday afternoon.

Most all stock in this community has been vaccinated the second time and are doing nicely. We haven't heard of any deaths caused from vaccination in this community, although some few never vaccinated but once.

Misses Allye Reid, Eureka and Mary Slater and Messrs. Claud and Roy Rutherford were pleasure riders in Lone Oak community Sunday.

Little Wayne Buchanan is visiting his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stewart of Lone Oak a few days this week.

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