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NIGHT SESSIONS TO CLOSE R.R. HEARING THIS WEEK

Silverton Stormed Plainview Railway Hearing 100 Cars Strong; Trip Success

Silverton's trip to Plainview Monday is said to have been the most successful cooperative event that has been put on here in many years.

Silverton "tooted her own horn" that day and the echo of it was heard over a big part of Texas. Everybody knew that Silverton was in town. It is estimated that there were nearly 500 people from Silverton and community in attendance at the meeting. Ninety-seven of the 100 banners that had been prepared were used and several cars went without banners, so that the Chamber of Commerce's goal of 100 cars was reached.

The picnic dinner at Plainview Tourist camp ground, which had been specially reserved for the occasion, was a complete success. The tables were piled high with fried chicken, pies and cakes and other eatables too numerous to mention and too plentiful to all be consumed even by such a hungry crowd.

Silverton was honored by the visit, at the picnic grounds during the noon hour, of E. C. Boles, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Chairman Clarence E. Gilmore, of the Texas Railway Commission, James M. North, editor and Byron C. Utecht, staff correspondent of the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram. They were escorted by J. L. Nunn, publisher of the *Aurora Daily News*.

Mr. Boles and Mr. Gilmore were very free in expressing their compliments on the spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm shown by the Silverton delegation and laughingly referred to the fact that the parade which passed the auditorium, blowing horns, almost broke up the hearing for a while. Mr. Boles seems to be a rather timid man but he said that he was not in the least "intimidated" by such a demonstration.

After the picnic dinner the crowd scattered, many going to the hearing and others shopping and visiting.

BURSON MOTOR COMPANY REPORTS 53 CARS SOLD

The Burson Motor Company, authorized dealers for Ford Cars, announce that they have sold 53 new cars since the first of the year. This is considered a very good showing since the late summer and fall is always the real automobile season.

Sales during the past few days are reported to J. H. Rich, touring car, Otis Patton, Coupe and J. C. Whiteley, touring car.

A mass meeting of citizens was held Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock to discuss ways and means for combating the typhoid fever epidemic that is threatening in Silverton.

NEW DRUG STORE NEARS COMPLETION

Silverton's New Drug Store is nearing completion and with about one or more weeks work it will be ready for the stocks to be moved in.

This store which is located on the south side of the square just east of Douglas and Whiteside is of modern brick and tile construction and is 25 by 50 feet in size. It is to be stocked with the highest grade of supplies and will be able to take care of the needs of the community in that line, according to Jeff W. Gunter, the owner.

Mrs. Mary McClendon of the Baylake community, has gone to Hinsdale, Montana, where she will visit with her daughter, Mrs. Andrew Payne. She expects to be gone about three months. She went through the country on Mr. and Mrs. John Foley.

COMMISSIONERS ARE GUESTS OF QUITAQUE

Quitauque citizens not being satisfied with the evidence that was being presented at the Plainview hearing with reference to the "flats" put one over the newspaper men and railway officials Tuesday afternoon when they spirited the railway commissioners and others away from the auditorium and took them on a tour of personal inspection.

The committee from Quitauque, which escorted the party, was composed of Amos Persons, G. Tunnell, J. B. Russell, P. O. Woods and O. R. Tipps. Those in the party were C. E. Boles, Clarence E. Gilmore, Lon A. Smith, C. V. Terrell, Dan Moody, W. M. W. Splawn, Asst. Att. Gen. Mays, A. B. Spencer, Albert Reed, Bob Underwood and A. E. Boyd.

The party followed as nearly as possible the proposed route of the Ft. Worth and Denver from Plainview to Quitauque. After stopping a while in Quitauque they repaired to a point on the cap rock on the Silverton road and ate their supper which they had brought with them. The commissioners were impressed with the productivity of this section and the excellent condition of the crops. They expressed surprise that the country was developed to the point that it was and said that from reports they expected to find hardly anything but ranches after they got a few miles out of Plainview. The trip of inspection is expected to have a decided effect upon the report of Examiner Boles to the I. C. C.

SOUTH SIDE OF SQUARE IS SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

An extensive building campaign is under way on the south side of the square and when all the buildings are completed which are being planned or which are already under construction this will be the best built up block in town.

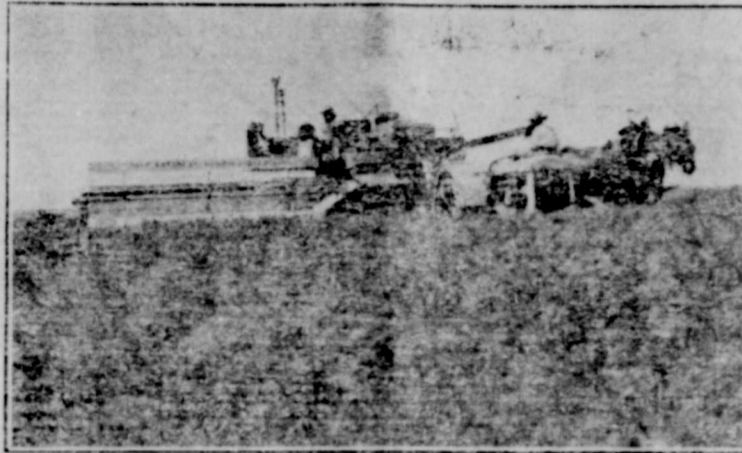
The first building to be started was the double building built by T. A. Northcutt and J. R. Guest. Mr. Northcutt's half of the building has been practically completed and has already been occupied by Crouthers Cash Store. Mr. Guest's part of the building is nearing completion and has been leased to H. M. Bowers who will open a Dry Goods store there.

Another new building which is almost completed is the new drug store east of Douglas and Whiteside which will be ready to move into in a few days.

Another improvement was the salvaging of the old sheet metal garage which was torn down by Douglas Northcutt. Mr. Northcutt is starting a new building where the garage stood and he has leased the east side of the building to E. E. Merrill of Lamesa, who will open a Hardware store in the building.

The lot where the Graves blacksmith shop is located has been sold to T. M. Nichols, manager of the Willson and Son Lumber Co. and the blacksmith shop will be moved to another location about the first of August. It is understood that he will erect a modern business building on this lot although no definite date has as yet been given as to when the building would start.

In addition to these Northcutt has erected a large overhead tank back of his building and will furnish running water to the buildings which are under construction or already completed.



Harvest Scene on H. C. Mercer Place

Above is pictured the McCormick-Derringer Combine, on H. C. Mercer's place, during a slight pause for adjustment. Mr. Mercer had 300 acres of summer fall-

BAPTIST REVIVAL GAINING INTEREST

The Baptist Revival Meeting was launched Sunday morning by Rev. W. M. Draper, pastor, who filled the pulpit for both services held Sunday as the Rev. Dale who is helping in the meeting did not arrive until about noon Monday. However, Rev. Draper was assisted in the evening services by Ira Powell, the singer for the meeting.

The meeting is being well attended, in fact some say that the attendance is greater than what has been customary with the church in meetings in the past so early in the beginning of the meeting especially. Some report that the attendance is being greatly stimulated by the excellent singing and music which is being rendered, and too, that the Rev. Dale has an inviting atmosphere caused by his eloquence of speech and his apparent earnestness in trying to do good.

The ladies of the church are taking an active part in the meeting by assembling in one of the class rooms in the evening for prayer service.

The members report that it is their desire that the general public at least attend some of the services, if not all, and see and hear for themselves.

Electric lights were installed yesterday in the addition recently built so that now the doors and windows can be left open without the wind interfering with the gas light as had been the case.

J. A. BAIN WILL DEMONSTRATE PLOW and TRACTOR

J. A. Bain, hardware and implement dealer has announced a tractor and plow demonstration to be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock on the John Arnold place at the north end of main street.

F. C. Quarles and E. L. Banks, of the International Harvester Company will assist in the demonstration.

The International 15-30 tractor and a new P. & O. plow known as the No. 12, 6-disk plow will be demonstrated. The plow is the very latest product of the International line and is creating much interest in agricultural circles. Mr. Bain is very anxious to have a large crowd see this new plow and tractor under actual working conditions.

DR. BREAKER IMPROVES OFFICE

Dr. J. J. Breaker has installed running water in his office and added interior fixtures which makes his office most modern and up-to-date in every respect.

The water is furnished by a large tank erected by Douglas Northcutt. This water tank was a much needed improvement and one that will be of great service and convenience to the business houses on the south side of the square.

Pioneer People

By Clyde Thomas

J. E. DANIEL

Judge J. E. Daniel and wife, his father-in-law, N. M. Dickerson and his brother-in-law, C. L. Dickerson left Hickory County Missouri in June 1892 and arrived in Briscoe County in time to attend a 4th of July Barbecue at Silverton the same year. The Judge recounted their early experiences as follows:

"When we left Missouri we crossed the Osage River on the last flat boat which crossed for several days as the river was too high. We stayed all night in Warsaw and the next morning the back water was out around the depot and over the railroad tracks at several different places between Sedalia and Warsaw, specially in the bottoms of Flat Creek so that the train did not come in on schedule. We thought we would have to stay all night again in Warsaw, but late that evening we heard the train whistle and we rushed to the depot just in time to catch the train and started on our way to Texas.

It was a very rainy year and the water seemed to be all over the earth, everywhere. Out in Kansas the prairies seemed to be an ocean of water. We could see lots of houses with water up to the windows. We could not tell when we crossed a stream except that we could see the sides

of the bridges as we rushed over them.

We came over the M. K. & T. Ry. to Gainsville where we visited Uncle A. G. Dickerson, who lived near Valley View. Then we went to Seymour and visited Uncle Amzi Donnell, where we bought a wagon and a team of horses and came from there to Briscoe county, coming via Benjamin, Matador and Floydada. After leaving Gainsville we struck the dry country. From a few miles out of Seymour there was not a sprig of grass until we began to climb the caprock. The Prairie dogs were poor and many of them dying. We could not drink the gip water at Benjamin and were directed to travel on a few miles where we would find a tank. Night had overtaken us when we reached it. We were almost starving for water and I walked out over the dead carcasses until I could find a place deep enough to dip up a little water which I did and then returned to the wagon. We examined the water by the light of the lantern and found it was full of maggots. We strained the water through my wife's veil and drank it with relish for our tongues were almost thick.

Next morning we met several wagons going back east. They implored us to return with them.

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Railroad Battle Wages Warm in Plainview; Many Witnesses Called

COMMISSIONERS VISIT QUITAQUE AND SILVERTON

Tuesday morning a committee from Silverton composed of C. B. Goodwin, D. M. Morgan, Edwin Heald and Ernest Tibbets went to Plainview for the purpose of inviting members of the railway commission to visit Silverton. Several citizens here including Mr. Goodwin, Judge Tibbets and Dr. Moore, have known members of the commission all their lives. When the committee arrived and got in communication with the commission it was found out that they had already planned a trip through this part of the country for that afternoon. Commissioner Terrell suggested to Judge Tibbets that they were coming to Silverton first and for him to phone over and let the people know they were coming. They left Plainview promptly at 5 o'clock. Mr. Morgan telephoned Frank Bain and he notified the people of the town. About 200 people gathered on the streets and courthouse square and waited for the commissioners. They waited until about 8 o'clock and gave them out. For some reason or other the route was changed so that the commissioners did not get to see the Silverton country until after dark. They arrived in Silverton about 9:15.

It is understood that they were in Quitauque about sundown and that they ate their lunch, which they had brought with them, on the cap rock. E. C. Boles, Clarence Gilmore, C. V. Terrell, Lon A. Smith, Dr. W. M. W. Splawn, Bob Underwood and A. E. Boyd, and perhaps others composed the party. None of the railway officials or newspaper representatives knew that the commissioners were planning to make such a trip and it is understood that they did it of their own accord.

A number of citizens quickly gathered here and tried to welcome them as best they could. The members expressed themselves that they could learn more on such a trip than they could from a whole week of testimony. They seemed to be well impressed and convinced of the needs of this section for a railroad. Dr. Splawn was quoted as saying that Silverton would do well to fight her own battle as no one would fight for her.

CROUTHERS CASH STORE TO HAVE GRAND OPENING

Crouther's Cash Store announces a big formal opening of their new store on the south side of the square for Saturday, July 25.

The Crouther's Cash Store is the old Bert Norheim Grocery and market consolidated with a brand new stock of dry goods and shoes and now located in the new brick-front Northcutt building. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crouther's, formerly of Hale Center, have charge of the Dry Goods department and Mr. Northcutt will look after the market.

Mr. Crouthers in outlining the policies of the new store states that they will sell for cash only and at the lowest possible margin of profit and that from time to time they will offer leaders at cost and below cost. He has adopted the slogan, "Cash Talks" at Crouthers Cash Store and says if you don't believe it, bring a little change and try it out.

As special features of the grand opening, exceptional bargains are being offered from each department and in addition many free prizes will be given during the day. Of special interest to the kiddies is the "Money Shower" to be held at three o'clock Saturday afternoon. Several dollars worth of dimes, nickles and pennies will be thrown from the top of the store promptly at the time mentioned and the kiddies will be allowed to scramble for the money. The famous Gold Plume Iced Tea will be served free throughout the day and there will be a big barrel of ice water always available to visitors to the store. No purchase is necessary Saturday to participate in the prizes being offered, stated Mr. Crouthers.

To this union were born seven children, Frank Montague, Mrs. Q. E. Brown, Dan, Lee, Sam and John Montague, and Mrs. Annie Smith. All of the children were present at the funeral with the exception of Frank Montague who died in Floyd County several years ago.

Mrs. Montague is survived by six children, thirty grand children and two great grand children. Her husband, D. G. Montague died some sixteen years ago. Mrs. Montague lived a beautiful, upright christian life and set a model example for her children to follow. She always had a lasting faith in God and through her illness and bad health, and up to her death Wednesday morning this faith had never wavered.

It is now thought that the railroad hearing at Plainview will close this week. Examiner E. C. Boles, of the Interstate Commerce Commission has called night sessions in order to complete the evidence as soon as possible.

The first day and one half were all that was required for the Santa Fe to present their case. Jno. Burton being one of the witnesses called by the Santa Fe.

The Denver started the presentation of their testimony just before noon Tuesday and the evidence has been hotly contested by the Santa Fe through their attorney T. J. Norton of Chicago.

Other roads that are intervening against the Santa Fe and Denver are the proposed T. P. & G., the Gulf Texas & Western, the Quarah Acme & Pacific and the Motley County Railroad.

The Ft. Worth and Denver has the strong backing of a number of cities and railway authorities, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Falls, Childress, Lubbock and Quitauque all have delegations in Plainview boosting for the Denver. Dr. Splawn president of the state university, Dan Moody, attorney general of Texas, Pres. R. Q. Lee of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and many other prominent citizens of Texas have taken part in the hearing in the Denver's favor.

It is the general opinion that both roads will be given permits to build certain parts of the proposed lines, but it is not known just when any thing definite will be known as to the results of the hearing.

MRS. D. G. MONTAGUE

On Wednesday morning, July 22 at 8:25 a.m. Mrs. D. G. Montague passed quietly away after an illness of about a week during which time she gradually grew weaker. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock and interment was in the Silverton Cemetery.

Mrs. D. G. Montague was born in Alabama in October, 1849. She came with her parents to Texas some years later and settled in Clay County. From there they moved to Montague County, Texas. Here she was married to D. G. Montague and in 1892 they moved to Briscoe county where she has resided since.

She was a devoted christian and a member of the Methodist church. She was a very kind and generous person and was well liked by all who knew her.

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OUR PLATFORM

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OUR TRIP TO PLAINVIEW

Who said it couldn't be done?
 The trip to Plainview was a decided success from every viewpoint. The Chamber of Commerce decided to get a hundred cars to go to the railway hearing and the Star-Telegram gives us credit with having 117 car loads of boosters there, and they were not far from right.

Silverton let the world know that there was such a place on the map and impressed upon the railway commission the fact that we want and need a railroad, or railroads. We also got some very favorable publicity in all the state papers. We got everything we went after except the railroad, and we started it on the way.

There are pessimists, knockers and bolsheviks in every community. Silverton has her share, but it is refreshing to know that there are enough progressive citizens to put over a "stunt" like the Plainview trip which did no harm in the world and will result in untold good.

TYPHOID FEVER

A number of cases of Typhoid Fever are reported in Silverton and vicinity. This is to be expected. Typhoid fever is a filth-borne disease which is communicated from one person to another by germs from the bowels of an infected person, reaching the mouth of a well person. The most common carrier of the germ is the fly, however it is often transmitted through water or milk.

The insanitary condition that exists in Silverton not only allows multiplied breeding places for the flies but adds to the Typhoid menace. Flies crawl over infected filth and carry the germs on their hairy legs direct to adjacent homes.

In cities where water supplies are protected and sanitary laws are enforced typhoid has been reduced to nill. No one is foolish enough to argue that the passage of a sanitation ordinance here would absolutely rid us of flies but it would certainly reduce the menace.

Scopes Counsel Confer in Court



Defense lawyers in the case of John T. Scopes at Dayton, Tenn., are here shown in a courtroom conference. Darrow, Scopes, Malone and Neal have their heads together.

GARNER BROS.

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For Briscoe County

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Silverton, Texas

There Seems to Be Always Something



Many Uses for Cheese



ONE could live on a diet of cheese, bread and fruit without anything else, if one craved no further variety. There is at least one case on record where it was done for a period of two years, by a young man, for the "sake of ease of preparation and economy." He enjoyed his menu and continued in the best of health.

Cheese is one of the most nourishing, healthful and gratifying of foods, if it is given its proper place in the diet. The fuel value of a pound of cheese is equal to that of three pounds of beef, or nearly a gallon of milk. Cheese is higher in proteins than baked beans, whole milk or eggs, and when eaten for what it is, a "meat," it is as easily digested and assimilated as any other protein food.

"But," sighs the housewife, "Cheese is hard to keep in hot weather. It either becomes very hard or it gets oily and strong." All very true of fresh cut cheese. But why not try the cheeses that come in cans? One can buy practically every kind of cheese that way nowadays.

A delightful cheese recipe you can always be prepared to serve is a cheese omelet. With powdered or evaporated milk in the house, it makes not a whit of difference if the fresh milk goes sour or doesn't arrive, or gets spilled. Take two eggs, 6 tablespoonful of grated, canned cheese, a good pinch of salt and another of paprika, one cup milk, and a teaspoonful melted butter.

Beat the yolks of the eggs until light, fold in the cheese, salt and paprika, add the milk, then fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into a deep pan or grill in which the butter has been melted. Cook for about six minutes, then put it in the oven for a few minutes to brown. This is delicious served with currant or damson jelly. Eggs on toast with cream pimento sauce make an excellent luncheon dish. Ranchitis are always relished when the day is not too hot. Stuffed baked potatoes sprinkled with cheese are an inspiration for a meal with creamed tuna fish or chicken, and cheese sandwiches are always delicious for the lighter refreshments.

CHIEFLY CHAFF

- Love your work—it pays.
- Time brings the truth to light.
- Blissful Ignorance seldom lasts.
- Nothing needs a lie—except a lie.
- A high brow may conceal low brains.
- Poor economy—to save money and waste life.
- Everything that is hard is with difficulty softened.
- The knowledge of yourself will preserve you from vanity.

Beverly Briefs

A light rain fell Saturday eve, that will help some. Grasshoppers, lice and web worms are damaging the crops.

Frang Lowery and Son, Monroe were sporting around Saturday and Sunday in a new car.

Mrs. Hieslie and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ella Hieslie, visited at Mrs. Jackson's Friday evening.

Mr. Hieslie is at home for a few days, having jumped out of a car before it stopped, and getting his foot doubled under him and crippling him to some extent. Ray McMurdy was driving the car.

Frank Lowery and sons, Monroe and Dick, and daughter, Miss Billie Lon, attended the Baptist encampment on Ceta Canyon Sunday. Mrs. Jackson was also of the party. Quite a number from Beverly attended the meeting consisting of Alvert Peitzsch and family, Mr. Baxter and family.

Albert Pietzsch and family, also Jim Shows, attended the Picnic at Tulla Saturday.

Ulmer Jackson left for Clarendon Sunday to visit his mother for a few days.

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Albert Peitzsch vaccinated two hundred and eight calves Friday. The Jackson's branded and vaccinated a number of calves Friday and Saturday.

A new visitor is at Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Rice's. —It's a boy.

Charlie Gardner of Vigo Park is thrashing for Messrs Joe and Johnnie Rice this week.

J. J. Jackson, Jim Bufkin and two of Bob Bufkin's boys, Karl and Robert went, to Canyon after plums Sunday. They found enough that their loads were heavy before they got cut to the grand old top.

Bob Bufkin and J. J. Jackson made a trip to Happy Tuesday evening.

While helping Jackson brand Bob Bufkin got a splinter in his finger which is very painful and is causing him much trouble.

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By **Dan Zelm**

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A Page Of Interest To Women

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SLIPOVER and PEASANT BLOUSES



As the season advances—when the warm days begin crowding steadily to the front, one feels more than ever the necessity for having several changes in blouses to be worn with the tailored suit or separate skirt.

For shopping, business, college, informal afternoon wear, or in the regular routine of everyday life, the well-dressed woman depends on blouses to aid her in the variety of dress.

The bewildering assortment of attractive blouses displayed in the shops and store windows afford a great temptation to be extravagant, but the thoughtful girl will hesitate long enough to analyze the attractiveness of these blouses. First, she will quickly discover that the foundation is simply the regular kimono waist made into a long blouse with a wide belt or band at the bottom.

The pattern for a blouse of this sort is easily procured, if one does not already possess it.

The embroidery work is quite simple and most effective, when one thinks of the great variety of bright-colored silks, wools, cottons, or beads which can be selected from to make the garment attractive. Moreover, the work is easily and quickly done—two points that will appeal to nearly every woman—and can be done in colors and combinations most original—affording an opportunity for individual taste—and what woman does not like that individual touch—something different? Last, one learns that in making these blouses, or at least in embroidering them, the price shrinks most satisfactorily. This is, in itself, sufficient inducement for one to undertake the work.

This model is of navy blue crepe embroidered in bright orange, cardinal, Kelly green, and

black wools. Those wool yarns come in small hanks or wound on cards. Such small quantities can be purchased at little cost. These wools fill quickly and but few stitches are required to give a charming effect.

The style of these blouses is youthful and, therefore, much in favor with the slim figure. For a tunje, the embroidered band can be dropped to the length desired.

Society

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Genella Fort entertained a number of her little friends Friday afternoon with a birthday party. After a number of games and contests the hostess served ice cream and cake to the following: Cleo Garrison, Imogene Burson, Aly and Geo. Bain, Ruth Lawler, Dean Brown, Roberta and J. C. Turner, Jack Evans, Hazel and Freddie Lee Elliston, Charlie Allord, June and Junior Smith, Baby Rose Morgan, R. S. Pyeatt, Nora Lee Burleson, Imogene and Earline Pitts, Evaline Messner, Garner and Onadell Guest, Ruth Louise Bain, Mildred Summers, Evelyn Crowe, Enell Smythee, Othel Bomar, Nora May Thompson, Gwendolyn Cloyd Geridine Biffle, Josephine Daniel, Laurina Summers and Hazel Fort helped entertain the little folks.

GIRLS BUSY BEE CLUB

The Busy Bee Club met Wednesday afternoon, July 15 at the home of Miss Lavaca Moore at 3 o'clock. The most of the afternoon was spent in talking over the business of the Club. At five o'clock delicious refreshments of lemonade and cake were served to the members and guests. The next meeting will be Wednesday July 22 at the home of Miss Hazel Fort at 3 o'clock.

Baptist W. M. U.

The W. M. U. met at the church Tuesday afternoon with nine members present. Bro. Dale taught the Bible lesson which

was very interesting as well as instructive.

Next Monday is the time for our social and business meeting, but on the account of our protracted meeting, will meet in a prayer service at the regular hour.—Reporter.

SILVERTON SCHOOL FACULTY COMPLETE

The faculty of the 1925-26 session of the Silverton Public School has been completed. Twelve well-chosen and competent teachers make up the list who will have charge of Silverton School for the coming school year. Some of these teachers have taught in this school before and have gained the friendship and trust of the patrons of the school already. Others come with the best of recommendations from places where they have taught or gone to school, and still others who have never taught here are natives of Silverton and have the friendship, confidence and good will of all the citizens of this district.

The high school faculty is composed of five teachers. Mr. J. D. Warren, who comes here from Quinlin, Texas is to be Superintendent. Mr. Warren has the best of recommendations from everyone who knows him and has had about forty years of school teaching experience.

W. C. Todd, Principal of High school and director of athletics comes well recommended from Commerce, Texas. Mr. Todd is a thoroughly trained man with a degree, and a letter man in football, and everyone has great confidence in his ability as a teacher.

Miss Bess Grigg, of Tulsa, will be the English teacher. Miss Grigg is well known to some Silverton people and comes to us from people and comes well recommended.

Miss Berry, who taught Home Economics here last year will again hold that position. She needs no recommendation to the people of Silverton, because of the good record she made in that division of the school work last year.

Mr. W. M. Gourley, who has been at Farwell for the past few years will be the instructor in vocational Agriculture. Mr. Gourley is a graduate of Texas A. & M. College and is known all over the State as a capable teacher and a man who is interested in the development of the town and community in which he resides.

Mr. Norris will be the seventh grade teacher and principle of the grammar school. Mr. Norris comes exceptionally well recommended.

Mr. Buck, who will teach the sixth grade also has the reputation of being an excellent teacher and fully capable of filling the responsible position which he holds.

For the fifth grade teacher Miss Marie Dodson, of Amarillo, who taught that grade last year has again been secured. Miss Dodson is well known to all the school patrons here and did much for the benefit of our school last year.

Mrs. Winnie Redin, who also taught here last year has again been hired and will teach the fourth grade again this year. Like the other members of the old faculty, Mrs. Redin needs no introduction to the people of Silverton.

For the third grade teacher Miss Fay Christopher, a Silverton girl, has been hired. Miss Christopher graduated from Silverton High School at the end of the 1923-24 session. Since graduating from high school she has been attending the West Texas Teachers College at Canyon and is well qualified to teach.

Miss Anna Lee Anderson, also of Silverton has been employed to teach the second grade. Miss Anderson has been teaching school for a number of years, having taught for quite a while in the school here, and being employed last year at Texhoma, Oklahoma.

Mrs. J. D. Warren, wife of Supt. J. D. Warren, will be the primary teacher. Mrs. Warren has also had a number of years of teaching experience and comes to Silverton well recommended

as a lady and a teacher.

The school board of the Silverton School district is to be highly complimented on the selection of the good faculty that they have chosen. With the addition of the new school buildings and equipment some time ago and the creating of the Independent school district the school is in first class shape for a highly successful year.

THE CARE OF YOUR CAR

A few weeks ago a young woman proudly drove home a new automobile, shining and resplendent in its newness. And as she drove she resolved to keep it so. Perhaps you have also driven home a new car, or are planning to do so, and in the pride of ownership have made, or will make, the same fine resolve.

The point is, do you know how to keep this new car new? Just any method of cleaning will not do. The cleaning and polishing of your car calls for skilled handling, just as does the keeping of your home. And even though you are not going to clean the car yourself, it is advisable that you should at least know how it should be done.

Many of the so-called "auto laundries" employ dubious methods, leaving the work to inexperienced hands and if such methods are employed constantly, they soon will ruin the finish of your car. Even one careless cleaning will leave its imprint on the varnish that protects the paint.

If you clean the car yourself and have not had preliminary instructions, probably your first inclination will be to turn the hose on the car to wash off the worst, then to rinse it in a like manner and finally to polish it with the piano polish.

Yet no greater mistake could be made. Water coming from the hose with force will drive grit into the fine varnish surface and leave marks that cannot be eradicated. And the polish likewise will serve but to hasten the day when the finish dulls.

Small scratches, even those so without a magnifying glass, are small that they cannot be seen in reality the beginning of varnish and paint deterioration. They pave the way for those larger scratches that wear through the varnish coats and allow the moisture to soak through to the paint to the detriment of the car. This moisture is the primary cause of the "checking" that results in the roughened surface and dulled appearance of many a motor-car.

When you are ready to wash and polish the car, the first step will be to clean the interior. Take a stiff whisk broom and go over the top to remove all dust. Then clean the upholstery and with a whisk broom or child's broom, sweep off the floor, first removing all carpets, these to be cleaned outside the car.

Then rub the leather upholstery with a soft rag and occasionally treat with a good leather dressing. If you have a closed car you may use the vacuum-cleaner to clean the upholstery or you may clean with a whisk broom. The instrument-board also should be cleaned and all nickel parts polished with a good nickel or silver polish.

You are now ready for the outside work. If you wish to use the hose—and with due care this will be all right—remove the nozzle and turn the water on slightly, just enough that the water will flow gently from the open end of the hose.

Go over the entire surface, hose in one hand, sponge in the other, and gently loosen all dirt. Where mud has dried on the car, especial care must be taken. First loosen with the soft flow of water, then rub gently with the wet sponge until the dirt is washed off. In this operation use the same care that you would in cleaning your piano, for each article of grit or dirt that is rubbed over the surface will leave a mark.

Instead of the hose you may use, if you desire, lukewarm water in a pail. In this case, employ a very mild soap, being careful to rinse off all trace of soap immediately. Also change the water

in the pail often, for after it becomes dirty it will leave scratches on the car surface. Next will come the rinsing. This may be done with the hose, replacing the nozzle and turning the water so that a gentle spray, scarcely more than a mist, may be played over the surface of the car. After thoroughly rinsing the car you will be ready for the polishing, an operation requiring as much care and patience as the washing.

The best polisher does not come in a can or bottle but is found in a can of good size. Wash the chamois frequently during the polishing operation, in soapy water, rinsing thoroughly in cold water and wringing almost dry. Then rub the car, a small section at a time, with this chamois; remember to rub with a straight, not a circular motion. If you do this later you will see that these circular marks show upon the finish. No other polishing will be necessary for many months other than that done with the chamois. After that a good automobile polish may be used if desired but the application of this will be a tedious process. After the polishing is completed all glass and nickel may be shined, leaving the car as gleaming as new.

As to routine care, remember that the time to remove mud is while it is mud, not after it dries on the car. If you have not the time for a complete cleaning, wash off all mud before putting the car away. And avoid sudden changes of temperature, either in operating the car, or in cleaning it. That is, do not use first hot and then cold water in cleaning. Rather use lukewarm and cool water, or cool water alone. Do not wash the car when it is hot but allow it to cool first. And in winter, if you keep the car in a heated garage, open the doors before taking the car out, that it may chill gradually rather than be taken into the cold suddenly, thus paving the way for cracked varnish.

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Quitauque News of Interest

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at Quitauque in the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 30, 1925.

HAWKINS SAYS THAT HE IS STILL IN BUSINESS

W. P. Hawkins of the Hawkins Motor Company, Quitauque, says that he is still in business at the old stand despite the rumor to the contrary. The impression that some have that Mr. Hawkins had quit business was due to the fact that he recently sold the building which his business occupies to C. B. Lewis. Mr. Hawkins says that he has no idea of quitting business.

Victor Harrison of Dallas is leading the singing for the Methodist meeting which commenced last Sunday.

L. B. Patterson is visiting A. L. Patterson and family.

Mrs. W. T. Dalton has been on the sick list.

Mr. Myers of Lockney is working on the Jno. A. Johnson residence.

Mrs. C. V. Meacham of Turkey did some shopping in Quitauque this week.

Mrs. Doyle Pyatt of Turkey was in town this week doing some shopping.

Miss Crawford of Silton is visiting Miss Myrtle Wise.

W. A. Grimes, sales manager of the Morning Dry Goods Co. of Ft. Worth has been visiting A. L. Patterson and family. He came back with Mr. Patterson from the Plainview meeting.

M. C. Wright spent the week end with his family in Okla.

Miss Myrtle Wise has returned from Canyon where she has been attending summer school.

GASOLINE NEWS

Quite a bunch attended the R. R. meeting at Plainview Monday. Crops are still looking pretty good here, but a good rain would be accepted.

Mrs. L. L. Morrison entertained the Young folks with a party Thursday evening.

J. B. Chandler and family visited his daughter at Turkey Sunday.

Misses Lillie and Pauline Clark of Turkey spent the week end with Mrs. Clara Smith.

J. G. Whitehorn and family were visiting in Gasoline Sunday.

Ray Fox of Ellis County, Texas is visiting his Brother-in-law, M. P. Headrick and he says crops in this community look better than any place he has seen.

Muri Stevenson left Saturday for Eastland to see his sister, Mrs. Johnie Eell Scott.

W. A. Smith and family visited his father at Lockney Sunday.

N. M. Tracy and his mother motored to Silverton Saturday.

A. L. Burlison of Quitauque spent last week visiting in Gasoline.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Tiffin are entertaining a new daughter at their home. Neta Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ewing have returned from Colorado where they spent a 3 weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Patterson and daughter, Ila Steele took their guest W. A. Grimes to Turkey Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Hamilton, July 12th a baby girl.

Philip Hamilton spent Sunday in Crosbyton.

The Turkey band was over Tuesday and gave us a few choice selections. They are boosting for their picnic the 24th and 25th.

Mrs. Dr. Price and daughters from Dublin have come in to make this their home.

Mrs. Trace Drake who has been in the Memphis Sanitarium has returned home.

There is a sheep in wolf's clothing about as often as there is a wolf in sheep's clothing.

J. D. KING GIVES SERVICES IN PREPARING MAP

J. D. King, local abstractor and county surveyor donated his services in preparing a large map the past week to be used by the Denver railroad in presenting their argument at the Plainview hearing for permission to build a road into Silverton.

The map shows the amount of tillable land in Briscoe County, also the amount that is in actual cultivation. It shows graphically in colors and is as accurate as was possible to make it. Mr. King is probably more familiar with the typography of the county than any other one person and he secured the help and advice of several others in preparing the map.

The map brings out the fact that there are some 85 sections in cultivation in the county. About one half of the county is plains land and the other below the cap rock. Silverton is almost in the center of the area of plains land, 97% of which is tillable and as fine land as can be found anywhere in the world. Approximately 50% of the land below the cap rock is tillable which includes some of the best cotton land in the state of Texas. In discussing the early surveys of the county, Mr. King pointed out the fact that the pioneers settled on the worst land in the county. They picked the rough breaks to the north of Silverton and the sections were laid off in every conceivable shape so that as many of them as possible would include a water hole in the Tule Canyon. Most, if not all, of the old claims have been bought by the Adair estate.

All who have seen the map have complimented Mr. King for the work and his unselfishness in devoting valuable time to its preparation.

Blouses Are Following Fashion's New Bypaths



It appears that we must look to blouses for the required touch of color in suits this fall and that blouses will donate color notes that are soft and light. New arrivals are shown in pastel shades, to be worn with formal or semiformal suits in black or navy blue. These blouses are usually encircled with some embroidery in tapestry colors and the tapestry effect is enhanced by the introduction of gold thread among the colors. The long sleeve and higher neckline, as sponsored by the mode in dresses, have been taken up by blouses, with what good effect may be gathered from the blouse illustrated.

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Total Loans	\$138,742.14
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$856.75	\$856.75
5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	900.00
6. Banking house, \$8,617.39; Furniture & fixtures \$4,504.80	13,122.25
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve bank	6,270.63
10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	6,479.08
14. a. Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank	\$2,341.03
b. Miscellaneous cash items	\$57.20
	2,398.24
Total	\$168,769.09
Liabilities	
17. Capital Stock paid in	\$25,000.00
18. Surplus fund	5,000.00
19. a. Undivided profits, \$24,904.29	
c. Less current expenses paid	\$1,097.00
	20,207.29
26. Cashier's Checks outstanding	523.99
27. Individual deposits subject to check	104,810.90
33. Certificates of deposit (other than money borrowed)	2,600.00
42. Notes and bills rediscounted, including acceptances of other banks and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank	10,627.00
Total	\$168,769.09

I, Orlin Stark, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Seal) Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of July 1925.

J. F. Tunnell, Notary Public.
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SYNOPSIS.

PRELUDE.—Dependent because of the seemingly barren outlook of his position as a school teacher in a small Canadian town, John Harris determines to leave it and take up land in Manitoba, a "Homesteader" Mary, the girl to whom he is affianced, declares she will accompany him.

CHAPTER I.—They are married and set out for the unknown, desired country. Aleck McCrae, pioneer settler and adviser of newcomers, proves an invaluable friend.

CHAPTER II.—Leaving his wife with the family of a fellow settler, Fred Arthurs, Harris and McCrae journey over the prairie and subject a homestead. Mary insists on accompanying him, and they begin their life work of making the prairie fertile farm land.

CHAPTER III.—Returning from selling his first crop, Harris finds his wife dependent almost to insanity from loneliness, and with the immediate expectation of becoming a mother. A son was born to them, to whom they give the name of Allan.

CHAPTER IV.—A quarter of a century passes and John Harris, with his wife and son, Allan, and daughter, Beulah, have acquired comparative riches. With prosperity the desire for wealth has become a part of Harris' life. Beulah, girl-like, longs for something more than the drudgery of a farm household. Jim Travers, her father's "third man," becomes to her a little dearer than a mere friend.

CHAPTER V.—The call of the West, where millions of acres are appealing for settlers, has taken hold of Harris and of Allan, and the two have about decided to make the venture. Performing an act of kindness for Beulah, Jim Travers has a misunderstanding with Harris and is discharged.

CHAPTER VI.—With Travers gone, more work is put on Beulah, and the girl rebels. After a heated dispute with her father she leaves her home secretly, with the connivance of her mother.

CHAPTER VII.—Harris, following his daughter, has reason for believing she has gone with Travers. Angered and bitter in the feeling that she has not been fair to him, he disowns her. The breach between the farmer and his wife, accentuated by his seeming disregard for the higher things of life, becomes wider.

gether, I asked him if he could tell me where Arthurs lived.

"Yes, miss," he answered, lifting a big hat and showing when he spoke a clean set of teeth. "It's twenty-five miles up the river. Were you expecting him to meet you?"

"I explained that I had intended to drop in on them by surprise, but I had had no idea they lived so far from town."

"Oh, that's not far," he said. "Can you ride?"

"Everybody here rides horseback. It's the standard means of locomotion. And the women ride astride. I was a bit shocked at first, but you soon get used to it. But twenty-five miles is different from a romp round the pasture-field, so I said I was afraid not."

"Arthurs is coming down with the buckboard," remarked the other man. "I passed him on the trail as I came in."

"Sure enough, a little later Arthurs himself drew up at the hotel. I wouldn't have known him, but one of the young men pointed him out, and it would have done you good to see how he received me. 'And you are Jack and Mary's daughter,' he said, taking both my hands in his and holding me at arm's length for a moment. Then, before I knew it, he had drawn me up and kissed me. But I didn't care. All of a sudden it seemed to me that I had found a real father. It seems hard to say it, but that is how I felt."

"Well, he just couldn't keep away from me all evening. He showered me with questions about you and father, which I answered as well as I could, but I soon found I couldn't keep my secret, so I just up and told him all. He was very grave, but not cross. 'You need time to think things over, and to get a right perspective,' he said, 'and our home will be yours until you do.'"

"We drove home the next day, up a wonderful river valley, deep into the heart of the foothills, with the blue mountains always beckoning and receding before us. Mrs. Arthurs was as surprised and delighted as he had been, and I won't try to tell you all the things she said to me. She cried a little, too, and I'm afraid I came near helping her a bit. You know the Arthurs lost their little girl before they left Manitoba, and they have had no other children. They both seemed just hungry."

"There's nothing so very fine about their home, except the spirit that is inside it. I can't describe it, but it's there—a certain leisurely way of doing things, a sense that they have

made work their servant instead of their master. And still they're certainly not lazy, and they've accomplished more than we have. When they left Manitoba in the early days, discouraged with successive frosts, they came right out here into the foothills with their few head of stock. Now their cattle are numbered in thousands, and they have about a township of land. And still they seem

to live for the pure happiness they find in life, and only to think of their property as a secondary consideration.

"Now I really must close, Mrs. Arthurs sends a note, and I'm quite sure it's an invitation. Oh, mother, what could be lovelier! Now, don't say you can't. Father has plenty of money; let him hire a housekeeper for a while. The change will do him good. 'Love to you, dearest, and to Allan, if he still thinks of me."

"BEULAH.
"P. S.—I forgot to mention that Jim Travers left Plainville on the same train as I did. He could hardly believe his eyes when he saw me there. I told him I was going west on a visit, but I don't know how much he guessed. Said he was going west himself to take up land, but he wanted to call on some friends first, and he got off a few stations from Plainville. Between you and me, I believe he changed his plan so that the incident—our being on the train together, you know—could not be misunderstood if the neighbors got to know of it. It would be just like Jim to do that."

With Beulah's letter was a short but earnest note from Lillian Arthurs, assuring the mother of her daughter's welfare, and pressing an invitation to spend the autumn in the glorious scenery and weather of the foothill country. Mary Harris read both letters over again, with frequent rubbing of her glasses. Love for her daughter, desire to see her old friend once more, and growing dissatisfaction with conditions at home, all combined to give weight to the invitation so earnestly extended. "If I only could! But it would cost so much."

The dinner was late that day, and Harris was in worse humor than usual. He had just broken a plow-beam, which meant an afternoon's delay and some dollars of expense. When he had started his meal his wife laid the full envelope before him. "A letter from Beulah," she said.

Without a word he rose from the table, took the letter in his hand, and thrust it into the kitchen range. A blue flame slowly cut round the envelope; the pages began to curl like dry leaves in autumn, and presently the withered ghost of the missive shrank away in the dull glare of the coal fire behind.

At last the plowing was finished, and, although the rich smell of wheat in the milk filled the air, it still would be almost a month before the ripening crops were ready for the binder. Harris felt that he could now allow himself a breathing spell, and that the opportunity to investigate the rich lands of the Farther West was at hand. Many a night, while Mary milked the cows, he had walked over to "Rites," and the two had discussed their forthcoming venture until they had grown almost enthusiastic over it. A quarter of a century having elapsed since his former homesteading, Harris was now eligible again to file on (free government land; Allan could do the same, and, by also taking advantage of the purchase of script, it was possible to still further increase their holdings.

Harris found the task of disclosing his intentions to his wife more unpleasant than he would have supposed, and it took him some days to make up his mind to broach the subject. He felt that he was doing what was for the best, and that his business judgment in the matter could hardly be challenged; and yet he had an uncomfortable feeling that his wife would not fall in with his plans. That, of course, would not be allowed to affect his plans; since Beulah's departure nothing but the most formal conversation had taken place in their household; yet it would certainly be easier for him if Mary should give her encouragement to his undertaking. He felt that he was entitled to this, for was it not for her that he was making the sacrifice? Was not all he had hers? And were not all his labors directed toward increasing her reserve against the rainy day? And yet instinctively he felt that she would oppose him.

It was the evening of a long day in July when, very much to Mary's surprise, her husband took the handle of the cream separator from her. To the sad-hearted woman it seemed that the breach was at length beginning to heal, and that happiness would shortly return to their hearthside. Below the din of the separator she actually found herself humming an old love-song of the 'eighties.

But her happiness was of short duration. When the milk had been run through, and the noise of the whirling bowl no longer prevented conversation, Harris immediately got down to business.

"Allan and me will be leavin' for the West in a day or two," he said. "I suppose you can get along all right for a few weeks until harvest. Bill (the hired man) will be here."

In an instant she saw the motive behind his apparent kindness, and the hopes she had just entertained only deepened the flood of resentment which swept over them. But she answered quietly and without apparent emotion: "That's unfortunate, as I was planning for a little trip myself."

"You!" he exclaimed. "You plannin' a trip! Where in the world do you want to go? Such a thing as Mary goin' on a trip, and, above all, unaccompanied by herself, was unheard of and unthinkable."

"Yes, I thought I would take a little trip," she continued. "I've been working here pretty hard for something over twenty-five years, and you may say I've never been off the place. A bit of a holiday shouldn't do me any harm."

"Where do you think of goin'?" he

demonstrated, a sudden suspicion arising in his mind. "Goin' to visit Jim and Beulah?"

"I think you might at least be fair to Beulah," she retorted. "If you had



"You!" He Exclaimed. "You Plannin' a Trip!"

read her letter, instead of putting it in the stove, you would have known better."

"I ain't interested in anythin' Beulah may have to say, and any other letters that fall into my hands will go in the same direction. And what's more, she's not goin' to have a visit from any member of this family at the present time. I'm goin' out west to take up land, and Allan's going with me. It ain't fair or reasonable for you to try to upset our plans by a notion of this kind."

"It isn't a notion, John, it's a resolve. If you are bound to take up more land, with more work and more worry, why go ahead, but remember it's your own undertaking. I helped to make one home in the wilderness, and one home's enough for me."

"Don't be unreasonable," he answered. "There's a great opportunity right now to get land for nothin' that in a few years will be worth as much or more than this here. I'm ready to go through the hardship and the work for the sake of what it will do for us. We can be independently rich in five years, if we just stand together."

"Independent of what?" she asked.

"Why, independent of—of everything. Nothin' more to worry about and plenty laid up for old age. Ain't that worth a sacrifice?"

"John," she said, turning and raising her eyes to his face. "Answer me a straight question. What was the happiest time in your life? Wasn't it when we lived in the one-roomed sod shanty, with scarcely a cent to bless ourselves? We worked hard then, too, but we had time for long walks together across the prairies—time to sit in the dusk by the water and plan our lives together. We have done well; we have land, horses, machinery, money. But have we the happiness we knew when we had none of these? On the contrary, are you not worried morning, noon and night over your work and your property? Don't you complain about the kind of help the farmers have to hire nowadays, and the wages they have to pay? And if you get more land won't all your troubles be increased in proportion? John, sit down and think this thing over. We don't need more property; what we need is a chance to enjoy the property we already have. We have all the chance to choose now between life and land; won't you think it all over again and let us seek that which is really worth while?"

"Now I know where Beulah got her nonsense," he retorted. "All this talk about real life is very fine, but you don't get much life, real or any other kind, unless you have the cash to pay down for it. We've done pretty well here, as you say, but it's only a beginning to what we can do, if we set about it, and don't wait until the cheap land is all gone. I don't see why you should go back on me at this time of life, Mary. We've stood together for a long while, and I kinda figured I could count on you."

"So you can, John; so you can to the very last, for anything that is for your own good, but when you set your heart on something that means more trouble and hardship and won't add one iota to your happiness, I think it is my duty to persuade you if I can. We've been drifting apart lately; why not let us both go back to the beginning and start over again, and by kindness, and fairness, and liberality, and sympathy, try to recover something of what we have lost?"

"I have always thought I had been liberal enough," he said. "Didn't I build you a good house and buy furniture for it, and do I stand you in what you spend, either on the table or yourself? More than that, didn't I put the title to the homestead in your name? And ain't I ready to do the same with the new homestead, if that's the stick-er?"

"I never thought of such a thing," she protested. "And you shouldn't

Continued in next issue.

We must so strive that each man may regard himself the chief cause of the victory.

A hypocrite is a man who acts differently if he knows some one is watching him.

PIONEER PEOPLE

Continued from front page

ed to camp. Coming down we saw a curious kind of an animal near the camp. We rushed upon it with the gun we had and shot it several times but did not kill it.

It went into a hole in the ground and sat there with its head sticking out as if to spring upon us. We finally maneuvered around and got it looking in front at one of us and then the other slipped up from the back and hit it in the head with the ax several times and finally killed it. We carried it up to the camp in triumph. No one knew what it was. It had a long bushy tail and somewhat resembled a Coon, but was not a coon. We tied it on to the coupling pole of our wagon and after meeting a native and showing it to him was informed that it was a badger. This is the first and only long tail badger that I ever saw.

We finally came upon the top of the Plains and were delighted to find it covered with a thick growth of short grass and the lakes filled with water. We saw in the distance a wheatfield which in the mirage was indeed beautiful to us. We finally came up to it and there it was with the heads barely sticking out of the ground and two men were cutting it. One was driving the mower with the sickle bar dragging and even going into the ground at high places, and the other man was walking behind the sickle with a big rake, raking the wheat heads off the sickle bar on to a cow-skin dragging behind the sickle bar. Wheat in this country has always had a good head but for years and years it would not grow high enough to cut and people almost quit trying to raise it. I attribute the change of seasons to the fact that the people have plowed the ground and the rain that has fallen had soaked into the ground and been stored away and enabled good crops to be grown. In the dry years as we call them, the lakes stood full of water, since plowing up so much ground the lakes have gone dry and their bottoms, which used to be bare of vegetation when the lakes did go dry, are now covered with grass and rarely ever fill with water.

The first people we got acquainted with on the plains was W. M. Massie and Mr. Menifee. (Don't remember his given name now) who were surveyors and real estate dealers at Floydada. There were very few roads in the country then and coming north from Floydada to Silverton we would discover now and then where wagons had gone over the grass and thus had evidence that we were traveling in the right direction. We finally reached Silverton one evening just as the few citizens were erecting the old pine water tank at the well where the pump and large storage tank now stands. Mr. Dickerson bought out a claim on the section 1 mile north of J. L. Francis' place and I bought the section where Ed Burleson now lives.

Brother Rogers that year or the next (for perhaps 2 or 3 years in succession) held protracted meetings in the S. W. part of the town section and prayed and prayed for rain, but it seemed that God would not answer.

We freighted our groceries and dry goods from Amarillo and it took five days the very best we could do to make the trip. On these trips we would meet trains of wagons some of them great strings of horses and mules driven by one man with one line called a jerk line making trips to and from Colorado City. The roads became so dusty that we could not see in front of us and the teams would run together before they saw each other. The country, and especially the wagon yards in Amarillo were littered covered with fleas and we got behind with scratching many times, and we had not discovered the use of insect powders in those days.

It was cold in the winter time and many people were found dead as they had frozen in the stage stands on the route and even in their camps between them. We burnt cow chips for fuel in those days and had a plentiful supply as the country had lots of cattle then. The country was strewn with Buffalo bones and skulls and most every one going to Amarillo would haul these bones there and sell them and spend the money they realized therefrom for groceries.

I taught school in various places in the county for several years and was in 1898 elected County and District Clerk and afterwards County Judge and still later County Attorney. During my administration as Clerk the saying that we could never make it through, that they had been to the plains and that there was not a sprig of grass there and that we and our horses would starve for food and water. We had some shelled corn for feed for our horses and enough rations to live on ourselves so that if we were able to make it from one watering place to another we felt that we could make it through so we pressed on. We stayed all night at a well in the western edge of the little town of Matador, where the prairie dogs barked all night. The next day began the ascent to the Plains which we had been seeing in the distance for several days and drawing various pictures of in our minds during the time.

We camped a few miles below the caprock that night in a little grassy spot that was beautiful to our sight. Charlie and I imagined that if we could climb up on the top of the high mountain, which looked like it was level with the top of the Plains, that we could, like Moses, get a view of the promised land. So we clambered up the side of this mountain and gained the top, but still could not see over on to the plains. We fired the gun three times any way and took possession of the country in the name of the God of Israel and returned lands were most all reclassified by being forfeited to the state for non payment of interest, the country becoming almost depopulated on account of dry weather and again placed back upon the market at one dollar per acre and 3% interest on forty years time with the interest payable each year on or before the first day of November. The days of the land jumper came and these lands were resold and many complications arose concerning the rights of the claimants thereto. Black eyed peas and sorghum were found to grow very well and we became pleased with the country, finally Milo maize was discovered and then kaffir corn, and people began to have faith in the country and finally begun to grow wheat tall enough to cut and we became happy and confident.

During my administration as clerk I wrote many letters to moneyed men in the east and north trying to get them to invest and loan money on the land here but was always promptly and arrogantly turned down with such statements as—We know that desert country, we have seen it and would not have it as a gift much less invest in or loan money on it. It was then that I found that people who made these statements, (and there were many of such statements,) but the parties had never as much as seen the plains country. They had made voyages, as it were, out toward this country and it being so dry and the earth devoid of vegetation clear up to the foot of the plains that they returned back contented to stay there and actually believed that they had been on the plains when in fact they had never seen the plains only at a distance. And hundreds, and perhaps thousands of people have died in the belief that the plains was indeed, "a barren sandy desert covered with nothing but Yuca stems, (which was perhaps only the old bear grass stalks sticking up here and there.)"

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Plainview Sanitarium News

Miss Ota Turner of Turkey who recently underwent an operation at the Plainview Sanitarium is rapidly improving.

L. M. Gunn of Flomot had an operation for appendicitis last week and is resting well since.

Leslie Whitehead of Silvertown was in the Sanitarium last week for examination and treatment.

Mrs. J. F. Gibson of Turkey is in the Sanitarium under medical treatment of Physicians.

J. M. KinCannon of Silvertown underwent an operation at the Sanitarium last Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Windell of Turkey is resting well since undergoing an operation for appendicitis a few days ago.

Oray Rumph, son of Dr. Rumph of Quitaque, is in the Sanitarium under care of Physicians.

Miss Praline Gilmore, daughter of Dr. Gilmore of Turkey, had a successful operation in the Plainview Sanitarium last week. Dr. Gilmore is staying with his daughter while she is in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wise of Quitaque are the happy parents of a fine baby girl, which arrived at the Sanitarium last week. The baby only weighed 4 lbs.

Mrs. J. A. Steenson of Gasline had a minor operation on last Friday.

Mildred Bean of Silvertown was in the Plainview Sanitarium where she had her tonsils removed recently.

Mrs. G. J. Colvin is doing well since having an operation for appendicitis at the Sanitarium here a few days ago. Mrs. Colvin lives at Turkey.

The 12 year old son of J. T. Tunnell of Quitaque is able to be at home again after having an operation here.

Guss Frossard of Turkey is doing nicely since an operation for appendicitis a few days ago.

Miss Amy Burson of Silvertown is recovering after an operation of several days ago.

Mrs. T. B. Hawkins of Quitaque had her tonsils removed last week.

***** Your Conversation *****
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LOCALS

Miss Jessie Burson, who is attending school at Canyon visited home folks here last week end.

Mrs. Island Burson has returned home from Memphis, where she visited relatives for some time.

Misses Sanders and Jago of Quitaque were visitors to Silvertown Wednesday afternoon.

Most of the population of Silvertown took the day off Monday and went to Plainview, there being some 117 cars that made

Mrs. R. M. Carter and son, Louie, accompanied Herbert Cecil to Channing Wednesday where Mrs. Carter will meet and visit relatives who are there from the states of Colorado and Illinois. Mr. Cecil will return with a truck belonging to R. M. Carter here.

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Miss Amelia Tunnell of Quitaque underwent an operation for appendicitis and is doing nicely.

W. A. Martin of Flomot was operated on in the Sanitarium last week.

Joe Morris Demic, formerly of Silvertown, was here Wednesday visiting friends and relatives.

V. L. Dunham made a business trip to Quitaque Wednesday.

Mrs. A. N. Askey who has been a resident of this section since 1891 was a pleasant caller to the News office recently. She stated that she would leave Saturday for Winslow, Ariz., for a visit with her children.

A son of S. C. Wood's has been visiting the Wood family this week.

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Clair Mecker is now assisting in Douglas and Whiteside's Dry Goods store.

C. C. Blackwell left Thursday morning for Ft. Worth where he will attend to some business matters.

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W. R. Durham and son of Bowie, Texas, were in Silvertown on business the first of the week. They own land in the northeast part of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cowart returned Tuesday evening from Ft. Worth where they had been visiting Mrs. Cowart's relatives.

Mrs. Jim Bomar went to Canyon Sunday where she is under the treatment of a doctor.

Homer Simpson motored to Tulia Sunday to meet Ira Powell and bring him to Silvertown.

Claude Turner is grieving over a favorite pup and pet guinea pig which died this week. He is receiving the sympathy of his friends over his loss.

Mrs. J. L. Cosby, of Sweetwater has been visiting friends in Silvertown for the past week. Mrs. Cosby is spending the summer visiting her children. Before coming here she visited her daughter, Mrs. H. R. Braly, at Plainview. After leaving here she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Moody.

Mrs. J. C. Wagley was visiting friends in Silvertown last week.

Mrs. J. L. Cozby was a pleasant caller at the News office last Saturday morning. She complimented the paper very highly and asked to have it sent to her again just as soon as she gets located permanently.

A Mr. Wheatley of Brownfield, Texas is visiting J. L. Waters and family here this week. Mr. Wheatley says that in his section of the country almost everything is burned up and everything is badly in need of rain.

Three members of the family of S. C. Wood, who resides at the C. L. Dickerson home, are very sick with typhoid fever this week.

Perry Thomas made a trip to Lubbock last Sunday. Bertha Thomas, who had been visiting Margaret Ramey, at that place

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