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## BRIGHT OUTLOOK IN THE OIL SECTION

No real new developments have matured in the oil situation this week, though everything is moving forward in a highly optimistic manner. The best news is coming from the Sears well, where indications of oil are strong and the formation is perfect. A producer is expected at any time. Those in charge refuse to talk and the well is being guarded closely.

Everything is moving with due precision at the Bland well. No trouble has been reported from there in some time. The drill is rapidly going down and the soil formation is reported to be the very best.

The Sinclair people are pushing operations at the Butman well and they are reported rapidly getting things under headway.

Leases are picking up somewhat. Some local sales are reported, and it is understood that outside people are buying heavily.

### FIRST BALE RECEIVED.

The first bale of cotton reached Merkel last Friday, brought in by J. C. Paul and ginned at the G. B. Brown Gin, weighing 525 pounds. It was purchased by A. C. Rose at 30.25. A premium of \$21.25, a pig, awl, subscription to the Merkel Mail and the price of ginning was raised.

The second bale arrived a few minutes later, brought in by Denzel Cox, ginned at F. P. Hamm Gin, weighing 417 pounds and brought a premium of \$14.25 the price of ginning and a subscription to the Merkel Mail.

Mr. Paul resides in the Shiloh community and is rather proud of the fact that he raised the first bale, this being his first farming experience.

### COTTON PICKERS

The Commercial Club is advertising for cotton pickers. Replies are being received daily. If any one wants pickers, individuals or families, call at the Merkel Mail and look over the letters the Commercial Club has received.

As we go to press word comes that Yates Brown, who left a few days since for Fort Worth, has decided to accept the position as bookkeeper, made vacant by the resignation of Taylor Davis, at the F. & M. National Bank. The bank and Mr. Brown are both to be congratulated. Mr. Brown is a steady young man of marked ability and we are glad to know that he is to become a permanent citizen of Merkel.

### NOTICE

I will be in Merkel Saturday September the 13th, to do any practice relative to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Please keep this date in mind if you need such professional services. At Office of Dr. M. Armstrong, M. E. Campbell M. D., Abilene, Tex 52c.

Rev. Tatum and grandchildren are visiting the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. E. Ragan and family.

Cracked wheat for chick feed at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. J. H. Craig underwent an operation at a sanitarium in Abilene Monday afternoon. As we go to press word comes that she is doing nicely and hopes soon to be able to return home.

Through our advertising columns you will find appreciative merchants; merchants who keep their stock up-to date and who solicit your business with an idea to service.

## MURDERER OF SENATOR CARMACK FOUND MURDERED

Nashville, Aug. 30.—The body of Robin Cooper, prominent Nashville lawyer, who killed former Senator Carmack in 1908, was found today in Richland creek about 100 yards below a bridge on which his deserted blood-spattered auto was found. Cooper's body showed bullet wounds and other marks of violence. His empty pocketbook was found in the auto.

The theory of the police is that Cooper was murdered, robbed and his body thrown into the creek. Cooper's neighbors said he had recently withdrawn \$10,000 from a local bank and supposed the murderers were aware of the fact and enticed him from his home on the supposition that he had a considerable sum on his person.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 1.—"Cooper was killed by two or more men and the murderers will soon be apprehended," was the statement made by Chief of Police A. J. Barthell today. Barthell did not reveal the theory upon which the police are working. It was understood, however, that the investigation so far tends to disprove the theories first advanced that he was the victim of bootleggers or blackmailers.

Much importance is attached to a house-girl in the Cooper home who declared that on Thursday night she heard a man calling "Cooper, Cooper", just before Cooper left his home on the fatal automobile ride, as indicating that the caller was some more or less intimate acquaintance. The identity of that caller and significance of remark made by Cooper as he left in his automobile that "if you had asked for more you could have had it, are believed to be the all-important questions involved.

Mr. Cooper's funeral was held today, Mrs. Cooper, who was in Evanston, Ill., at the time of the death of her husband arrived yesterday with her father, Milton H. Smith of Louisville, Ky.

## CARRANZA SCORES UNITED STATES

Mexico City, Sept. 2.—Carranza in his address to the Mexican congress last night mentioned the fact that the Mexican embassy at Washington made representations to the United States government regarding alleged injustices done Mexican citizens in the United States but declared "not in all cases were assurances given that offenders would be punished."

Reference was made to numerous crossings of the border by American airplanes as well as troops. In connection with the recent expedition into Mexico to find the bandits holding two American aviators for ransom, the message said: "This invasion constitutes a violation of our rights. Serious and without motive was this violation which deeply wounded the Mexican patriotic feeling."

Regarding the Monroe doctrine Carranza said Mexico would not recognize it "in as much as it is established without the violation of all peoples of America as a criterion and a solution in which they were not consulted and because the doctrine smacks of sovereignty over Mexico and constitutes forcible guardship over all nations in the American hemisphere."

If you want cotton pickers, leave your name with J. P. Sharp at the G. B. Brown Gin.

### No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nuts will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

## A LIFE DIVINE

"If all who hate would love us,  
And all our lives were true,  
The Stars that swing above us  
Would brighten in the blue;  
If cruel words were kisses,  
And every scowl a smile,  
A better world than this is  
Would hardly be worth while;  
If purses would not tighten  
To meet a brother's need,  
The load we bear would lighten  
Above the grave of greed.

If those who whine would whistle  
And those who languish laugh,  
The rose would rout the thistle,  
The grain outrun the chaff;  
If hearts were only jolly,  
If grieving were forgot,  
And tears of melancholy  
Were things that now are not,  
Then love would kneel to duty,  
Then all the world would seem  
A bridal bower of beauty,  
A dream within a dream.

If men would cease to worry,  
And women cease to sigh,  
And all be glad to bury  
Whatever has to die;  
If neighbor spake to neighbor  
As love demands of all,  
The rust would eat the saber,  
The spear stay on the wall;  
Then every day would glisten,  
And every eye would shine,  
And God would pause and listen,  
And life would be divine.—Washington Star.

The Woodroof-Bragg Company is evidently anticipating a busy fall season. They have practically doubled their clerical force. Miss Ona Johnson, who has been assisting on busy days, is now on the regular force, also Mary Mayfield. Miss Ruth Boden is assisting in the millinery department. Choc. Jones, one of our returned soldiers, has also accepted a position with the firm. This is a splendid addition to the already choice line-up in the clerical force of this progressive firm.

Rose and Buford will appreciate your patronage of the old City Barber Shop.

Mrs. Lynn of Temple is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. O. Boney.

H. L. Easterwood came in Wednesday, having received his discharge. He stated some time ago that he would be about the last one turned loose, and we veritably believe he was a good prophet.

Millard Hahn of Abilene visited relatives here this week.

Expecting car of buggies and wagons any day. Crown Hardware Company.

Miss Gladys Haines has returned home after an extended visit to relatives at Dallas, Hillsboro and other points.

Rev. E. F. Sloan, who so ably assisted in the Sunday school enlargement plan with Evangelist Lockett Adair, has just closed a revival at Moro, with 23 converts and additions to the church. He has been called as pastor there for half time. Mr. Sloan has accepted the call. He is spending the year in Simmons College. With the tremendous energy at his command, we predict for him a brilliant future.

Fresh cake flour now at E. L. Rogers.

W. V. Booten of Sioux City, Ia., and Sam Bentley of Waterloo, Ia., were visitors in Merkel this week. They are elated over the prospects at the Sears and Bland wells. Before returning to their homes they will visit Burk Burnett and Ranger.

T. L. Hall of Okla., has been visiting at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Propst.

E. V. White, Jr. of Denton has returned to his home after a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin.

Judge and Mrs. W. P. Mahaffey and son, Perry, and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott, returned Tuesday morning from an auto trip to Wichita Falls and other points.

## PERSHING BIDS FRANCE A FAREWELL

Marshal Foch Made The Address Of The Occasion

Brest, Sept. 1.—General John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces, sailed from here today on the transport Leviathan for the United States. The steamer left port at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Marshal Foch came aboard the transport shortly before she sailed and made a feeling address to the departing American commander.

"In leaving France," said the Marshal, "you leave your dead in our hands. On our soil we will care for them religiously and zealously, as bearing witness of the powerful aid you brought us. These dead will bring from America many thoughts of remembrance and pious visits, and will bind still more strongly our close union."

"If," concluded the Marshal, "the clouds of war should gather again in the future, would not these dead rise from their tombs and make their voices heard once more by a world which already knows that the same cause the cause of liberty, has united us since the time of Washington and Lafayette."

General Pershing replied by bidding farewell to France in the person of the Marshal, "to her gallant poilus, to her, patriotic men and to her noble women." Then the General and Marshal Foch walked arm in arm to the gangplank, exchanging final salutes, as the Marshal stepped ashore.

## OCCUPIES NEW BUILDING

The Merkel Dry Goods Company is now all dolled up in a new building that would do credit to any city. It is modernly constructed throughout. The front is plate glass set in attractively and inviting to the public. The large stock of this aggressive firm is amply displayed. A modern prismatic transom amply lights the building with a soft light, pleasing to the eye and enables the display of the stock to splendid advantage. Every convenience to a strictly modern store is being added.

## BUY BARBER SHOP

Henry Rose and Oscar Buford have purchased the City Barber Shop from Chas. West. Mr. West has been in business here for a number of years. He makes no announcement as to his intentions for the future. The new proprietors are old timers here and are experts at the business. They will likely make extensive improvements in the near future.

## MODERN CONFECTIONERY

J. L. Walker has rented a portion of the Gaither Building and is preparing to install a modern confectionery. He has ordered high-grade fixtures which are expected in within the next ten days. Merkel needs a business of this kind and we congratulate Mr. Walker on taking advantage of the opportunity.

American Beauty flour and meal are the best and are for sale by Crown Hardware Company.

M. S. Wiman has been on the sick list the past week.

Ellis Beene is still very low, though it is thought that he is showing slight improvement. We hope for his speedy recovery.

H. L. Houghton has been a visitor in our City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sublett returned Sunday from a trip to Weatherford, Fort Worth and other places.

## SCHOOL WILL OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 15

The opening exercises of the Merkel Public Schools will be held in the high school auditorium on Monday, September 15th, at 10 o'clock. All patrons and friends of the School are urged to meet with us. It is very important that all students be present this first day.

All teachers are to meet in the high school auditorium on Saturday September 13th at 10 a.m. to formulate plans for the year.

### Free Text Books

The School Board has already received most of the books to be used this year. The others are on the way. These books are paid for by a special State fund and do not in any way take from our ordinary school fund.

The books will be distributed to the pupils at the school building during the first few days of school. They remain the property of the State, must according to law be covered with heavy paper or other suitable material (not cloth), must not be marked or otherwise mutilated, must be returned when pupil withdraws from THIS school, and be paid for by the pupil IF BOOK IS LOST OR WILLFULLY DAMAGED.

When pupils leave town a receipt card is given him so that he may secure books from the school to which he goes.

It is to be hoped the free text book law will be understood by parents and pupils so that all may co-operate to make the law a success.

Roger A. Burges, Superintendent.

### Reception For Teachers

There is to be a welcome reception for the teachers of the Merkel Public School at the tabernacle on Friday September 12, 8:45 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to be present. The following program will be given:

Opening Address, Mr. Frank Smith.

Response, R. A. Burges.  
Reading, Louise Warren.  
Piano Solo, Ona Faye Bland.  
Vocal Solo, Mrs. L. B. Howard.  
Reading, Miss Lucy Tracy  
Ukalele Quartette, Misses Lillie Pratt Sears, Maurine Cobb, Hazel Horkrider and Loyce Dry.  
Cornet Duet, Messers Henry Rose and Earl Thornton.  
Male Quartette.

### Gone To Market.

G. E. Comegys left Monday night for Market. He expects to lay in a nice assortment of fall dry goods. He is very optimistic of a good trade this fall.

### ADDRESSES WANTED

The Red Cross wants the addresses of Jim Campbell and Mrs. P. Atkins. Please phone or communicate with Mrs. Groene.

### Card Of Thanks

We take this method to thank our many friends for their kindness and attention in seeing to our needs during our recent bereavement in the death of our father, A. Criswell.  
His Children

Little Wilbur R. Click, who has been very sick with the whooping cough and fever, is now on the road to recovery.

Miss Ruth Johnson of Dallas has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. P. Frederickson and other relatives will leave for her home this week.

A. V. Dye underwent an operation at the sanitarium in Abilene Wednesday.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

1 cent a word for each insertion.  
No ad. taken for less than 15c.

WANTED—Three, four or five rooms of good used furniture. Roy Banner. 5t1p.

FOR SALE—5 young work mules, at my place. C. E. Jacobs. tfe

WANTED TO BUY—A few young mules. Also some good cane and maize for sale. See or phone J. H. Craig, Route 3, Merkel. 6t1p.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

FOR SALE—80 acre lease two and one-fourth miles from Sears well, for few days only at \$10 per acre, 5 years, \$1. rental, on section 32. Another 80 acres closer in at \$12.50. S. L. Grayson, Route 2, Phone 9034, Merkel, Texas 5t1c

LOST—Piece of metal about 1 1/2 feet long, battery cover for Overland auto. Will pay reward. Leave at Merkel Mail 5t2c.

LOST—Bay mare mule, 15 hands high, right fore foot has wire cut. Scar on left hip. One shoe on right fore foot. Finder please notify Merkel Mail. R. H. White.

WANTED—Either Automatic Remington or Winchester shotgun No. 12. Any one having gun please leave at Merkel Mail for inspection, or see B. N. Billingsley. 29t4c.

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

LOST—Black sow pig, white feet. N. Hancock. t1c.

THE  
**FARMERS STATE BANK**

Merkel, Texas

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

If prompt, efficient and accommodating service appeals to you and you have not given us a trial, start an account today. You will eventually, why not now?

Ask our Customers

**NEW CAFE INSTALLED**

Richelieu Cafe, Holloway and Beasley, proprietors, is now open for business. The building has been overhauled throughout. The walls have been papered in attractive designs, linoleum placed on the floor and the latest fixtures installed. No expense has been spared in making the cafe attractive and ready for service. Shorty Holloway is in charge of the business. He has had years of experience in this kind of work, and we predict a successful career.

Jack Wooten, of Texarkana, Price Banner and Roy Brown constitute the present force. Night and day service will be maintained. Mr. Holloway expects to add to the force as conditions demand.

**MARTIN'S SCREW WORM KILLER**

Kills Worms, keeps off flies, heals wounds. 6 oz bottle 35cts. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Your Druggist 9My6m

John McClary underwent an operation for appendicitis last Sunday afternoon at Abilene. He is reported about out of danger and doing as well as he can.

**WASHING**

Are you having any trouble with your washing. Don't you think your are going to have greater trouble as the appeal of the cotton fields are going to draw every available person in town as the picking prices are going to be very enticing?

We have the real cure for this. We will sell you an electric Washer on easy terms, if so desired. We would be glad to let you have a machine on 2-weeks free trial. The cost of current for the average family would not exceed 25 cents per week.

To do it the electric way is the easy way.  
Merkel Power Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Inzer of Alabama are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Giles. Mrs. Inzer is a sister of Mrs. Giles. Mr. Inzer reports good crops in his country but the boll weevil is playing havoc with cotton.

**GET MORE EGGS**

Feed Martin's Egg Producer Your money back "in egg or in cash". It starts baby chicks right and keeps 'em healthy. Ask Sanders Drug Store. 9My6m

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Collier of Weatherford visited Dr. Smith and family the past week.

**Chamberlain's Colic, Diarrhoea Remedy in Michigan.**

Mrs. A. H. Hall, Caseville, Mich., says, "I wish to thank you for your grand good medicine, Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. We are never without it in the house, and I am sure it saved our baby's life this summer."

Mrs. Mary Carrington, Caseville, Mich., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy for years and it has always given prompt relief."

Horton and Bland have leased the Porter building and will install modern garage and sales building. Mr. Porter is making extensive improvements to the building by installing automobile wash basin, removing front partition and painting building and making other improvements. They claim that when finished it will be the most modern outfit of the kind in the country.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.  
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.  
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1918.  
A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.  
Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.  
Sold by all druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

You Can Begin Earning That Hand-Grenade Savings Bank Now



- BOYS and GIRLS may obtain one of those War Relics by Earning and Saving money and buying at least One War Savings Stamp.
- ADULTS may obtain one of these Souvenirs by saving and buying Three or more War Savings Stamps.
- War Savings Stamps already bought will not be counted toward getting the Grenade—only those War Savings Stamps bought from now on.
- These unique "Weapons of Peace" will soon be ready for distribution. Those who earn them FIRST will get them. The number is Limited.
- For information call at

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

**LOCAL NEWS**

Miss Annie Laura Smith returned a few days ago from an extensive trip to Manitou, Colorado Springs, Denver, Cripple Creek, Salt Lake City and other points of interest in the glorious mountain regions of the great west. She reports a most delightful time.

If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better see W. O. Bonev at once.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Freeman of Colton, Cal., arrived Wednesday morning, and are visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. R.L. Godwin is a daughter and L. A. Freeman is a brother. They will visit Fort Worth, Grapeland and other points before returning. They formerly resided here.

We want to buy your maize heads. Pay market price. M. G. Stocck and Bro. Trent Tex. 29t5.

Mrs. J. D. Jones of Dora was a visitor at the Merkel Mail office Wednesday. While here she subscribed for the paper.

Bring your maize heads to Blair. I can pay the market price. John S. Hughes, Blair. 29t5

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes have moved back to town.

Fresh eggs wanted at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

**A TEXAS WONDER**

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive, Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

**Buy All You Can this Month**

Because 30 to 40 days you will see lots of goods 20 to 30 per cent higher, and there seems a shortage in many lines of goods will occur in October.

**New Arrivals**

Men's Hats, Ties, Gloves and Shoes. Silks, Flannelettes, Gingham, Ladies Coats, Suits and Dresses.

**WE ARE FIXED FOR YOU NOW IN MOST EVERY LINE**

**COME EXAMINE OUR STOCK**

**One Price -- Spot Cash -- Our Way**

**The Brown D. G. Co.**

**LOCAL NEWS**

The Moore Gin Company is installing a modern 5-stand 70-saw gin plant at Trent. It will have a daily capacity of about 50 bales. It is expected to have the plant ready for operation by September 20. B. C. Moore, formerly of Merkel, will be manager of the plant, with Nat Anderson, who has just arrived from Wichita Falls, and who is at present visiting his brother, R. O., and family, will be assistant manager. They expect a big run this fall.

**Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days**

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Hill of Gorman and nephew visited Mr. and Mrs. Costephens and family the past week. They spent a few days visiting relatives at Goan. Miss Annie Mae Costephens went home with them on a visit.

I have a nice variety of second hand furniture on hand. If you want to buy or exchange, see me. J. T. Darsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Hightower and little Joyce of Childress visited Mr. and Mrs. Costephens the past week, returning home Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Mrs. A. J. Hill.

Fresh eggs wanted at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Mrs. E. L. Woodroof and family returned Wednesday from a month's visit to relatives at Belle vue and Waxahachie.



**POULTRY SHOW AT VICTORY FAIR BEST SELLING EVENT**

\$2,500.00 IN PREMIUMS ATTRACTS POULTRYMEN FROM EVERYWHERE. WHO CAN SELL MANY BIRDS

The Poultry and Pet Stock Show will be given greater prominence than ever at the Victory Fair at Dallas in October. Walter Burton, Arlington, Texas, Superintendent, says that reservations for coops are coming in daily.

\$2,500.00 in cash premiums are offered for Poultry. Poultrymen can make good money by exhibiting at the Victory Fair. The Judges will be E. C. Branch, Lee's Summit, Mo.; G. D. McClaskey, Kansas City, and James Tucker, Royal Oak, Mich.

The Texas Barred Rock Club and other clubs will meet at this time at the Victory Fair.

The general arrangement, lighting facilities and hygienic accommodations for the birds, are very gratifying to poultrymen everywhere. The 1917 show was a big success. The exhibits ranked high in number and quality, and many prominent breeders were represented.

Being held ten days earlier this year, the show comes at a time when both farmers and fanciers have money to buy birds, and many fine ones are sold at the Dallas show. The Dallas dates, Oct. 6th to 19th do not conflict with other shows, but enable breeders to advertise their winnings this fall when birds command the highest prices. The Victory Fair Poultry Show will be the biggest selling event in the country this fall.

The Pigeon Display will also be the very best yet. The splendid part played by carrier pigeons in the war has endeared them to both breeders and the public generally. A larger number of pigeon entries than ever before, and a greater variety of fine breeds, will be represented at the Victory Fair Pigeon Show, than ever before. Cash premiums and ribbons are offered.

**AGRICULTURAL SHOW WILL BE A "GARDEN OF EDEN"**

\$10,000 IN PREMIUMS FOR COUNTY AND INDIVIDUAL FARM EXHIBITS

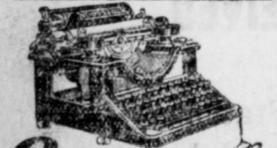
Prospects for an Agricultural Show that will be the best ever held in Texas are most encouraging, according to President Jno. N. Simpson, of the State Fair of Texas, in speaking of the Victory Fair, to be held in Dallas in October.

From all sections of the State space reservations have been made for individual exhibits that will be made in great variety and in superior quality. \$10,000.00 in cash premiums are offered—\$5,000.00 each for County and Individual farm exhibits. Many choice specimens of cotton, grain, fruit, berries, vegetables, etc., will be shown.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce, the Panhandle-Plains Counties, Rio Grande Counties, and counties in East, North, Central and South Texas, will all make splendid displays of the products of the farm, the orchard, the garden, and the ranch.

The \$500.00 special premiums offered by Dallas Cotton Exchange for best bale of 1919 Texas cotton; and the \$300.00 special premiums offered by Texas Land & Mortgage Company, are proving excellent magnets. The agricultural and horticultural displays at the Victory Fair will form a veritable "Garden of Eden" on Texas soil.

**WOODSTOCK**



**6 in One**

The Leading Features of the Leading Machines all harmoniously combined in one machine. New Trouble-Free Writing Mechanism of the First Quality. In which you will find your own favorite feature of your own favorite typewriter, and the others besides.

Improved—Simplified—Modernized  
Elastic—Artistic—Durable—Efficient—Standard—42 Key—Single Unit—Ball Bearing—Quiet—Visible—Soft Touch—Light Action.  
In the Woodstock You Will Find

Every time-tested, world-wide feature which you like in the machine you are used to, and you will also find the favorite features of the other standard makes which you wish your machine had. Yet in the Woodstock you will find this aggregation of both in one machine. Improved and simplified, to fit the touch, the tempo, the mood, in a way that no other typewriter does. (The best operates any kind.) Only a close-up view, an actual touch and trial of this excellent typewriter can convince. Investigate by all means—We are at your service. Let us show you how easy it is to try one; to own one. Phone Central 6563; call up—call in—write.

Woodstock Typewriter Company, Chicago

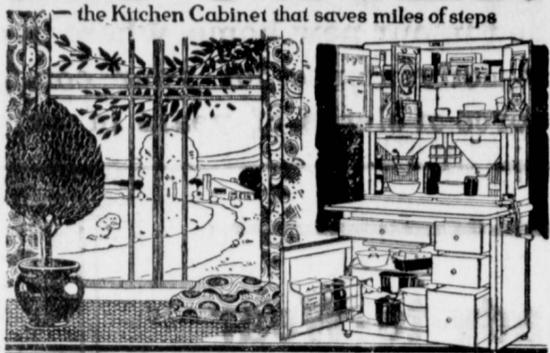
—on sale at—  
Merkel Mail Office

**We have just a few HOOSIERS**

on hand at present, but we are expecting a shipment every day. The new ones will be \$5 more than the ones we have now. You had better come quick and get one and

Save the Five Dollars

**HOOSIER**



**Furniture Prices Going Up**

**YOU HAD BETTER BUY NOW**

Within the past two weeks we have been notified by all the factories and wholesale houses of an advance on all furniture of from 10 to 15 per cent. Owing to advanced cost of raw material and shortening of working hours, from ten to eight hours per day, they advise that there will be further advances.

Our stock is yet fairly complete and our present prices will stand until we have to replenish. We would be glad if you would take advantage of our present stock and prices.

**Barrow Furniture Co.**

**BURTON-LINGO LUMBER COMPANY**

TO YE HOME-FOLKS OF MERKEL:

In keeping with our policy of Better Service for our customers, we wish to announce our New Builder's Service Department. We have secured the complete "YE PLANRY" Service, with its large selection of actual photographs of modern homes, each with floor plan and estimated cost. We have arrayed a corner of our store with these photographs which we call our Model Home Display.

This is interesting and attractive to builders, it's pretty, too, and we are proud of it. We invite you to call and look over this selection of designs and we know you will agree with us that here is the finest collection of Modern Homes ever assembled.

These are the same homes that are featured in the Ladies Home Journal, Hollands Magazine and other National publications as well as the larger city Home Building Campaigns.

We have always felt that a customer of ours was entitled to more than merely lumber, that it was our duty to help you get the most home value for your money, to see that the lumber you bought would build a home that would be a source of pride and satisfaction to you and then too it would be an advertisement for us, an asset to the community and an incentive to other folks to build. That's where we profit.

If you are thinking of building, visit this display, you will find it interesting and helpful. If your friends or neighbor speak of building tell them of us. They will appreciate it and so will we. While we anticipate that this Service Department will likely increase our business still the greatest reward we ask is the satisfaction of knowing that we are helping our fellow citizens acquire better homes and are contributing to the growth and development of our city.

These are rewards that are above the dollar standard.

Yours for More and Better Homes,

BURTON-LINGO LUMBER COMPANY, L. D. LEVY, Manager.

Bring your building troubles to Burton-Lingo's Bureau of Building Information.

**Race Riot Breaks In Tennessee**

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 31.—Following storming of the Knox county jail Saturday night by a mob bent on reaching Maurice Mays, a negro, arrested early in the day in connection with the murder of Mrs. Bertie Linsey a race riot of serious proportions started shortly after midnight Sunday morning.

Lieutenant Magney and Private Henderson, both of the machine gun company of the Fourth Tennessee, were killed at 12:30 a.m. It is said both were slain by mistake for bullets from their own command.

All hardware stores and pawn shops have been looted for arms.

Soldiers of the Fourth Tennessee national guard turned a machine gun on a crowd of armed negroes at Vine and Central avenues after a battle between whites and blacks, in which two negroes were killed. Four negroes fell under the machine gun fire. Firing continues and it is impossible to tell how many have been killed or wounded. Seven men, all white, are wounded in local hospitals as the result of the trouble at the jail and subsequent rioting.

**Mob Held At Bay**

Held at bay by national guardsmen at the jail where it had gone in search of a negro suspected of killing a white woman here early today, a mob of 1500 men spread into other sections of the city tonight and rioting broke out at several points. Two negroes were killed at Central and Vine avenues, in the negro district, and a white man was taken to the hospital with a crushed leg.

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D. G. Barrow of Stamford spent Tuesday in Merkel on business.

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Smile and push, even though the load is heavy. He who pushes hardest and most will the sooner be relieved of his burden.

Don't laugh at a little man, he is apt to get peeved. Have your fun with a big man, and he will laugh with you making the merriment ring round in laughter.

Success depends upon the ability to think coolly and think rightly. The man who loses his head in periods of stress, is the fellow who will wind up his earthly affairs at the foot of the ladder.

You can not succeed without co-operating with somebody. Failure is written large to the charge of the fellow who tries to paddle his canoe independent of everybody and everything. Man is the part of a big system and he just as well adopt himself to the circumstances.

In awful exactness the hand of destiny ever points to retribution for sin. Ten years ago the whole country was shocked by the brutal murder of Senator Carmack of Tennessee by Robin Cooper and his father. The murderers were found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary, but to pay a political debt, the Governor of the State pardoned them. The crime was too heinous for the guilty parties to escape punishment, it seems, for a few days since the body of Robin Cooper was found murdered in a ravine, the purpose evidently being robbery. The sons of men have to be awakened sometimes by destiny to the sense of retribution. Mankind is too prone to accept repentance, but repentance without retribution does

not square accounts. A lesson may here be drawn that when one is determined to do a wrong, he just as well sit down and count the cost, for sooner or later he must pay to the last fathoming.

That biggotted fool, Carranza, can not be excused in foolism, except that every act of his is a bigger blunder than the one that just preceded it. Now he comes out and criticizes the Monroe doctrine. His every act is hostile to the government of the United States. Old fossil, go read history; let your memory travel back over the years; look at the columns of Scott over-running your plains and conquering your land, and then watch the with-

drawal of troops from your coats when your nation might have been absorbed by America. Then look at the ambitions of Napoleon in the sixties, when America was torn with internal strife, and your country was overrun by foreign arms. Who was it in this dark hour of your national peril that came in and lifted the clouds from a hopeless cause, who was it that recognized your nationality when you had none? Ungrateful wretch that you are. Brutus stabbed Caesar; deliberately you endeavor to imperial the very means of the salvation of your country. Verily your days are numbered, and as the dim lights of history fall athwart your pathway, it will just be a connecting link of nothingness. The opportunity has been yours to do something great for a struggling country, but you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting.

Mrs. S. F. Annis has returned from an extended visit to her four sons, at different points. She reports a delightful trip.

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Mrs. Lou Looney, after spending several months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wyman, left Monday for Cisco, where she will visit a son, and from there she will visit another son at Menard, going from there to visit a daughter at Houston.

Fresh candy, cake and bread at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

F. M. Taylor and Mrs. Meda Taylor McLaughlin of Dallas, brother and niece of Mr and Mrs. Wyman and Mrs. Scott of Sweet-

water, also a niece, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wyman the past week.

American Beauty flour and meal are the best and are for sale by Crown Hardware Company.

Mrs. D. S. Whitlow and two daughters, Maude and Halie, also Mrs. Linn and baby all of Temple, are visiting Mrs. Whitlow's parents, Mr and Mrs. A. C. Boney.

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preaching at 11 a.m. and 9 p. m.  
Let us have a full Sunday school  
and church. All are welcome. Abi  
lene Presbytery meets with us  
next Tuesday week, and we will  
begin Sunday to arrange for the  
entertainment of some. This  
should mean much for us and  
we desire the whole-hearted co-  
operation of all in this session of  
Presbytery. Be on time, be on  
hand. Come.

C. C. Dooley, pastor.

**At The Baptist Church**  
Remember that services start  
at 10 o'clock at the Baptist  
church. Rev. Broadus of Dallas

will fill the pulpit morning and  
evening. He was a chaplain in  
the army, having recently return-  
ed to this country. A cordial in-  
vitation is extended to one and  
all to attend the services.

## The Best Advertisement.

The best advertisement any  
merchant can have is a satisfied  
customer. No greater recommen-  
dation can be given an article  
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## Rev. Dawson Leaves

Rev. E. E. Dawson left with  
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for his new field of endeavor as  
pastor of the church at Coleman.  
He made the trip in his car. A  
farewell was given at the church  
Tuesday evening before he left.  
Quite an interesting program  
was rendered.

It is with general regret that  
the church gives up their pastor,  
that the town gives up a citizen  
and this section one of its fore-  
most religious workers. He has  
lived among us more than a year  
and won a place in our hearts.  
The best wishes of the people  
who know him follow him to his  
new field and expect to hear  
great things from his efforts.

S. G. Houston was a visitor in  
Merkel Wednesday.

Surgeons agree that in case of  
Cuts, Burns, Bruises and wounds  
the First Treatment is most im-  
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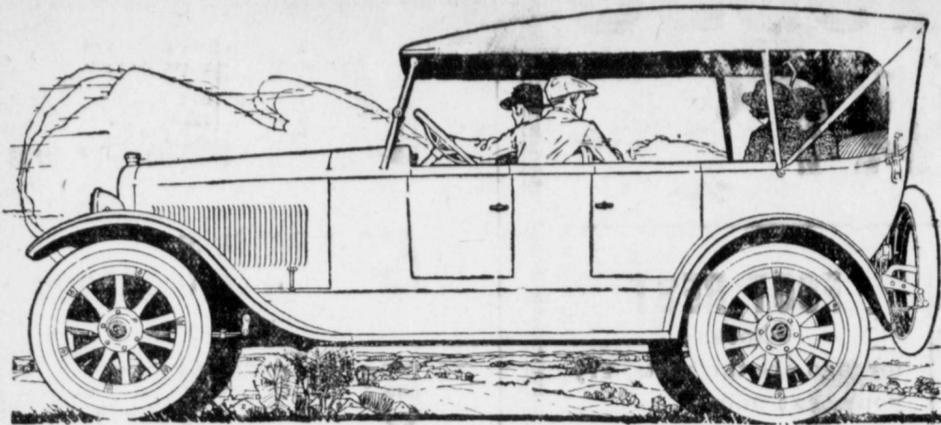
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### DIES WITH HIS WIFE

Chicago, Sept 2.—Fate super-vened in the prosaic affairs of William Fitch Tanner last night, allowing him thirty seconds to chose death by remaining with his wife, Mary, in the path of a

fast passenger train, or life by abandoning her.

He chose death. They died in each other's arms.

The accident was on the south bound track of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad at Gage Street crossing, called Hubbard

Woods, John Miller, flagman, was seriously injured trying to rescue the pair.

Three children are left orphans. Tanner was a cashier in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He was 39 years old, and Mrs. Tanner was 38.

The had started to attend a motion picture show.

### Caught Her Foot

It was 8:30 o'clock when they arrived at the Hubbard Woods crossing. They were hurrying across the southbound track when Mrs. Tanner stopped abruptly. Her husband asked what was the matter.

"My foot's caught," she said. He found her foot had become wedged between the rail and a board.

He reached down to extricate it, but found it resisted all efforts.

In the distance the electric headlight already sweeping the track, whistled the limited passenger train, due in Chicago at 8:40 o'clock.

Tanner called to Miller, who hastened over with his lantern. The two men worked desperately to remove the foot.

Mrs. Tanner swooned. This impaired their efforts.

### Roar Drowns Calls.

They called vainly for help, but the roar of the train drowned their voices.

"My God man," cried Miller, "It's hopeless!"

"Try again," shouted Tanner. "We must save her!"

The big electric eye of the on-rushing locomotive had now brought them into direct focus.

The crossing on which the tragedy was being enacted was as brilliantly illuminated as a stage.

The roar of the train and vibration of the rails served to revive Mrs. Tanner. She half raised herself, and called to her husband:

"Will I don't think you can save me."

He did not hear her. She touched him. He bent over her. She repeated the statement and added:

"Will leave me. The babies and your mother. They—"

### In Death Embrace.

The train was not more than twenty seconds away now. Tanner, half kneeling, placed his arms about her and drew her close to him. She placed her arms about his neck.

"I stay with you, Mary," he said, and closed his eyes.

Miller, the flagman, witness to the act of supreme devotion made one last effort to save both. He seized Mrs. Tanner by the shoulders and pulled with the strength of a madman.

His efforts were futile. The man and the wife were locked in a death embrace and the added weight was too much for him. But he did not realize that.

He continued his efforts, and when the pilot of the engine struck the couple and hurled

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along with them.

By a miracle he escaped death but he sustained a fracture of the right arm and his left leg was so badly crushed it was amputated at the Evanston General Hospital. Miller is expected them fifty feet, he was carried to recover, but his condition is critical.

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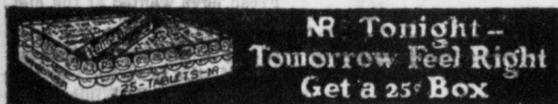
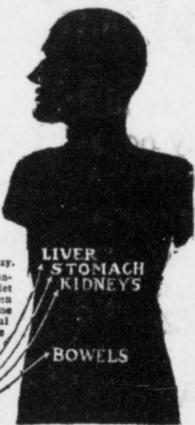
**TROUBLE IS**, your system is clogged with a lot of impurities that your over-worked digestive and eliminative organs can't get rid of. Pills, oil, salts, calomel and ordinary laxatives, cathartics and purges only force the bowels and prod the liver.

**Nature's Remedy** (NR Tablets) acts on the stomach, liver, bowels and even kidneys, not forcing, but toning and strengthening these organs. The result is prompt relief and real, lasting benefit. Make the test. Nature's Remedy will act promptly, thoroughly, yet so mildly, so gently, that you will think nature herself has come to the rescue and is doing the work.

And oh, what a relief! You'll be surprised to find how much better you feel—brighter, better every way. If habitually or stubbornly constipated, take one NR Tablet each night for a week. Then you'll not have to take medicine every day. Just an occasional NR Tablet after that will be sufficient to keep your system in good condition—keep you feeling your best. Get a 25¢ Box

Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) is sold Guaranteed \$58 recommended by your druggist

SANDERS DRUG STORE



Likes Chicken

Last Thursday night the lights were seen burning all night at the home of Judge Mahaffey. Upon inquiry, it was found that the Judge was cooking chicken for lunch the following day on a trip to Wichita Falls. Accompanied in another car were Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott. The Judge pulled out at about 50 miles an hour and Scott almost had to endanger the lives of his family to keep up. They never stopped until they got to Weinert where Scott overtook the foremost car. The Judge was found in a cold drink establishment, with bottles, labeled "\_\_\_\_\_". From the name of the place they must have resembled wine in flavor or color. But the Judge was going for chicken. Scott says he veritably believes that the

Judge tried to outrun him so he wouldn't have to divide chicken. For fully an hour the Judge offered no dissertation on law or on anything else. But after that he was prone to crow all evening and did not seem to care whether he made over ten miles an hour.

### NOTICE

I will not buy cream after this week. C. E. Connor. 5t1p.

Swellings of the flesh caused by inflammation, cold, fractures of the bone, toothache, neuralgia or rheumatism can be relieved by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. It should be well rubbed in over the part affected. Its great healing and penetrating power eases the pain, reduces swelling and restores natural conditions. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

### New Auto Agency

A new auto agency has been established in the Porter Building by R. L. Bland and T. L. Horton as Bland and Horton. They have the agency for the Crandler and Overland cars. Both parties are experienced business men, and with the flattering crop prospects, we predict for them much success.

### FARMS WANTED

We want more farm listings. Have a call now for a small farm. Also list your large places and ranches with us. We can sell them. That is our business. Make the best price you can and stand by it. If you want to leave the country, we will try to let you take the value of your farm with you. List now. Merkel Realty Co.

Taylor Davis has accepted a position as bookkeeper for Sanger Bros. of Fort Worth. He has been bookkeeper for several months for the F. & M. National Bank. He has made an enviable reputation here and we predict for him a successful career.

### G. F. Lofgren Writes

Muskogee, Okla., Sept. 1  
Merkel Mail—Please find enclosed check for \$1.00 for subscription to Merkel Mail one year. Please send it at once, as I am interested in Merkel's future, and would like to get all the news concerning that place as I may move back there again if oil is found there, as I have some property there.

Respectfully  
G. Lofgren.

When the bowles feel uncomfortable and you miss the exhilarating feeling that always follows a copious morning operation, a dose of Herbine will set you right in a couple of hours. If taken at bedtime you get its beneficial effect after breakfast next day. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

**Colds Cause Grip and Influenza**  
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

## Ready Now with New Autumn Coat Suits, Coats, Dresses and Millinery

### WOMEN'S FALL SUITS Are Here

They are very becoming, with their graceful coats that reach the knee.

All are on straight lines, with buttons, braid and embroidery doing the trimmings.

Materials are wool velour, serge tricotine and poplins. Colors taupe brown, blue and black. All moderately priced

From \$29.75 to .....\$75.00

### Autumn Dresses of Satin Serge Tricotine and Tricolette

Never were dresses so pretty. For early fall, navy and black satin dresses lead, then comes the tailored serge frocks and heavier tricotine dresses for street wear. Satin dresses have so many new drapes that fall so becomingly to the figure, some are self trimmed, others have little lace collars in white or cream.

Serge dresses are trimmed with braid and buttons, with tiny belts.

Prices begin at .....\$19.50

## FALL MILLINERY

In All Their New Loveliness

Each one different, pretty velvet pattern hats in black, taupe, African browns and navy, ostrich feathers and plumes, silk chenille ribbons, some have soft crown, high sides, others high front and short back. Their prices

**\$3.50 to \$19.50**

Mrs. Fitts, who has charge of our Ready-to-Wear welcomes your inspection

# Jones Dry Goods

ABILENE, TEXAS

## LOCAL NEWS

Miss Annie Swann left Thursday for her home in Tyler after a two weeks visit to the home of her uncle, J. S. Swann and family.

American Beauty flour and meal are the best and are for sale by Crown Hardware Company.

The Southwestern Telephone & Telegraph Company decided to have L. E. Stone, local manager, remain in Merkel instead of transferring him to Sweetwater, as previously announced.

In every home where there are children there should be a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys worms and acts as a tonic in the debilitated system. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Miss Irene Swann left Thursday for Roswell, N. M., where she will resume the teaching of art in the public schools.

Mrs. Courtney Hunt and children of Haskell are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegys, and sister, Mrs. R. O. Anderson and family.

Car of fresh Peace Maker flour at G.M. Sharps.

Yates Brown, son of Mr and Mrs. E. N. Brown, left Wednesday morning for Fort Worth, where he will enter the Baptist Theological Seminary the coming term.

Fresh candy, cake and bread at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Miss Grace Weaver, who spent several days with Miss Geneva Brown, returned to her home at Weatherford Tuesday.

Old friends we can now furnish you with fresh cake flour. E. L. Rogers.

Misses Lois and Mildred Hogue of Sweetwater visited Misses Nell and Lucy Tracy this week.

# Something New

Every express brings something new to add to our already big showing of new fall merchandise. New Coats, new Coat Suits, new Dresses, new Skirts and Blouses, Silk and Jersey Underskirts, crepe and silk Kimonas, children and misses Gingham Dresses, Middy Blouses and Smocks.

Let us have the pleasure of showing you

## ELZEE HATS

A big express shipment of Elzee Hats came in this week. Make your selection early while stock is complete.



## NEW GINGHAMS

That Won't Fade

Just one more week to get the school girl ready with a bright new gingham dress. We bought gingham on a low market and have priced them on a basis of what we paid. We still sell RED SEALS at ..... 35c

# Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Co.

THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

## Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. — had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

TAKE

# CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

She writes further: "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, run-down and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial.

All Druggists

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## TO MOVE

Realizing the great need of a high-class modern Cafe and Bakery we have rented the Gaither building, formerly occupied by the Merkel Dry Goods Co. We are going to install fixtures of the most modern design and expect to render as high a degree of service as any city. We will be open night and day. We cordially invite old customers and solicit new ones to visit us. We expect to open for business in our new quarters by September 12th.

METROPOLITAN BAKERY AND CAFE

## TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS

We have secured a temporary program and for the next week or two we will operate a show each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night, and a Matinee Saturday afternoons from 3 to 5 o'clock.

During the latter part of the month, (or sooner if conditions justify) we will begin our regular program with a show each night in the week, and a special matinee on Saturday afternoons.

THE COZY THEATRE



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

### A Tacky Party

The Philathea Class of the Methodist church entertained the Baraca Class at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Shepard Tuesday night. There were about fifty present. The amusements of the evening consisted of such games as "Why don't you get married," "Kitchen furniture," etc., music and various other features. Prizes were awarded to the tackiest boy and girl, Preston Guthrie and Ruby Hamm. The lawn was lighted up with lanterns. Red lemonade and ginger bread were served. Everybody had a jolly tack time. It was very late before the merriment ceased. From all indications the young folks will repeat the occasion at an early date.

### Slumberless Party

In honor of Misses Annie Swann of Tyler and Tennie Griffin, Houston. Misses Irene, Willie and Annie M. Swann entertained with a slumberless party. Luncheon was served picnic fashion on the spacious lawn. Various games and amusements were features of the evening. Those present were:

Misses Olive, Ossia, Salina and Dovie Teaff, Ruby Campbell, Ola and Lula Belle Sharp, Ruth Boden, Louise Warren and Mamie Ellis, besides hostess' and honorees.

J. W. Livingston, wife and two children of Cleburn, visited Mr. children of Cleburn visited Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Bradshaw this

White Swann syrup at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store

Clyde Daniel has returned home after spending 13 months in the U. S. Navy service as a First class wireless operator.

Fresh eggs wanted at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Grayson a fine girl. Mother, baby and father doing nicely.

Chase and Sanborn high grade coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery.

Geo. M. Hill of Gorman, prop of the Gorman Progress was a visitor at the Merkel Mail office this week. Mr. Hill formerly worked at the Mail for a number of years.

Expecting car of buggies and wagons any day. Crown Hardware Company.

Miss Mamie Rister returned Wednesday from an extended visit to relatives at El Paso. She reports a most delightful trip.

Fresh honey at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Company.

Mrs. W. H. Warren has returned to her home in Greeville after spending a few weeks with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hutcheson.

Fresh eggs wanted at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

It was a joy to the business people of the town to see the postmaster, H. C. Williams on the streets again. He has been greatly missed.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Miss Lucille Edwards returned Tuesday from a visit to the home of her uncles at Odessa.

Don't forget Rose and Buford at the old City Barber Shop.

J. R. Banner and family have moved here from Dallas, where they have been living for the past three years. Mr. Banner is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner and formerly resided here.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 50c.

For the stomach and bowel disorders of babies McGee's Baby Elixir is a remedy of genuine merit. It acts quickly. is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.