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MOURNED AS DEAD MAN COMES HOME

T. B. Stevens, believed to be dead by his family, arrived at Merkel last night from Old Mexico.

S. M. Stevens, a pioneer citizen of the Noodle community, received a message last Wednesday night that his son, T. B. had been killed at or near Hermanas, Coahuila, Mexico. No details were given in the message, and the elder Stevens and another son are now on their way to Mexico.

The supposed death of young Stevens resulted from a mix-up of identities. It seems that he and a friend went on an automobile trip into Mexico, and their car turned over. It happened that Stephens companion had on a suit of clothes belonging to Stephens, and containing the latter's identification card. Following the accident the young men were found lying by the roadside, Stephens unconscious and the companion, whose name was not learned, dead. Stephens card was found in the dead man's pocket and the message was sent at once notifying the family of Stephens supposed death.

When the young man returned home Monday night the mystery was cleared.

It is stated Mr. Stevens left home Monday of last week to attend a wedding at El Paso, and probably went over in Mexico to look after oil interests. The family has been prominent in Jones and Taylor counties for many years.

SCHOOL BUILDING IS ALMOST READY

The repairing of the damage done the Merkel School building by the fire of last spring is nearing completion under the efficient direction of a committee of the board of trustees. The carpenters work is now completed, and the plastering and calcing of the damaged rooms is about finished. The floors are receiving a coat of oil, seats are being rearranged, and all will be in readiness for the opening of school on Monday morning September 6th.

From the reports received of the scarcity of houses and the great number recently moving into Merkel for school purposes, the attendance promises to be even greater than that of last year. It may become necessary to add more teachers in the elementary grades to care for this increased increase.

With the efficient faculty secured by the board after much search, the excellent board of trustees to direct, and the full co-operation of the patrons concerned the coming year of Merkel School should be one of the best in the history of Merkel.

AT METHODIST CHURCH

On account of repapering and painting the interior of our church there will be no services next Sunday neither Sunday School of Preaching. The pews are being worked over and cannot be used until they dry, however, this will only be for one Sunday so everybody get ready to come the first Sunday in September, and see our pretty new church. W. M. Murrell, pastor.

Miss Mary Campbell is home from Simmons College where she attended the summer normal.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mereshon returned first of the week from a visit to New Mexico.

TALK OF SHOOTING THE SEARS WELL

According to Mr. Geo. Houghton, a contract has been signed with parties for the shooting of the Sears well six miles north of Merkel. We understand the men are here now, and that work of pulling the six-inch casing will begin at once, then the well plugged up to the oil bearing sands about 2,490 feet, when the shot will be placed.

For many months past it has been the opinion of many people that this well if shot at this depth could be made to produce oil in paying quantities, and if the well is shot successfully it may be that this will be the beginning of big things in the oil game in the vicinity of Merkel. Here's hoping.

MISS LUCY TRACY WILL GIVE READING

Yielding to persistent requests for the giving of the above reading in Merkel Miss Lucy Tracy, graduate in oratory at Simmons College and teacher of expression in Merkel High School, will on Thursday evening, September 2nd, at the High School Auditorium, read "A Doll's House" to the Merkel people. This is the play given by Miss Tracy at Simmons College to a packed house, and the one a few Merkel people saw there. These are the ones who requested that it be given at Merkel. She will give it for the benefit of the Parent-Teachers' Association, the proceeds to be used in buying some badly needed school furniture.

Admission to those under 15 years of age will be 25 cents, those fifteen or over, 50 cents.

PLAY IN THREE ACTS

"A Doll's House"
By Henrik Ibsen.

Characters

Tovald Helmer Man and wife
Nora Helmer
Ellen Their Servant
Niles Krogstog Man who exacts pay.
Mrs. Linden An old school Chum of Mrs. Helmer's.
Scene: Helmer's Home.
Time: Christmas Eve.

ROBERTSON-GARRETT

Rev Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the local Baptist Church in his usual and appropriate manner pronounced the words which bound in Holy Wedlock Mr. Hobson Byers Robertson and Miss Jessie Wilmer Garrett. The happy event took place Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's sister Mrs. R. J. Miller, in the presence of a few invited friends and relatives.

Both the contracting parties are among Merkel's most popular and influential young people, with scores of friends and admirers, and with whom we join in extending congratulations and best wishes.

PRIMARY ELECTION

The primary election run-off will be held Saturday, from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. at Commercial Club Rooms. The election is for DEMOCRATS and Democrats only. No one will be allowed to vote who is not a democrat and who will not support the nominees of the Democratic Party. We hope that no one will try to vote who is not in accord with the above. Walter Jackson, presiding judge.

WHICH SHALL IT BE—ANTI OR PRO?

(From the Houston Chronicle)

The Democratic party of this state is and has been for many years divided into two distinct factions.

On the one hand we have the antis, on the other the pros.

Nor is the division confined to liquor, or suffrage alone.

As a general proposition, the difference is one of fundamental rather than of particular attitude.

The antis have been antieverything, anti-prohibition, anti-suffrage, anti-war, anti-Wilson, anti progress.

Their stand has been one of the pure balk.

They have fought every constructive movement, every bit of liberal legislation.

Cloaking their activities with the pretense of economy, they have sought to hold this state back, not only with respect to its own affairs, but with respect to supporting national enterprises.

They have sneered at new undertakings of every description, and have ridiculed every attempt to improve conditions.

The pros have been in power during the last decade. They have not always controlled the governor's office, but they have commanded the drift of legislation.

As a result, this state has advanced by leaps and bounds.

Its wealth and influence have been extensively increased.

Its reputation has been materially improved.

It has been given a standing it never enjoyed before.

Financially, industrially morally and intellectually, Texas is now recognized all over this country, not only as the largest, but as the foremost southern state.

Texas is now looked upon from Maine to California as progressive and wide awake.

What is better than that, Texas is now looked upon as a state which can be counted on the side

of all progressive, constructive movements.

All this has been accomplished because of the pro attitude which Texas has maintained.

Texas stood for the greatest administration this country has had during recent years.

Indeed, Texas was largely responsible for making that administration possible.

Texas stood squarely behind the prohibition movement, the suffrage movement, the movement for better education, better roads, etc.

Population and development are coming to Texas as never before.

And now we are asked to abandon this course which has resulted in so much good for the old stultifying anti regime.

Mr. Bailey has imported himself from Washington to act as spokesman for the old standpat crowd.

He would, if elected, so he says, repeal many of our laws.

He would curtail the usefulness of many of our departments.

He would take organized labor by the neck and strangle it.

He would stop such great expenditures in behalf of education.

He thinks Texas has made a mistake in growing so fast. He wants to put a weight on her head and hold her down.

He has gathered around him every cult and clique that wants to repeal something.

He has gathered around him every element of grouch and discontent.

He has consolidated the broker and discredited anti machine, and is striving to wiggle it back into power.

The issue is not only of personality but of philosophy.

The people of Texas are called upon to decide whether they shall continue to go forward, or stop and raise a howl, not only against doing more, but against about everything they have done Local Neff Campaign Committee (Political Advertisement.)

A VOTE FOR BAILEY HELPS REPUBLICANS

Those Texas Republicans and anti-Administration Democrats, along with the other malcontents of Texas, are quite right in assuring that to elect Mr. Bailey Governor of the foremost Democratic state would reflect advantageously upon the Republican national ticket. Mr. Bailey is known as a nearstatesman whose opposition to Democratic policies is his chief stock in trade, and it is well understood in Republican manipulation quarters that Republican flattery of him at the beginning of his defection from Democracy was largely instrumental in confirming him in his oppositionist policies. Today his attitude of opposition to the party which gave him all the honors he ever had is such that if by any chance he should be elected to the governorship it would be hailed throughout the Nation as a triumph of anti-Democratic policies and a blow at the prestige of the Democratic party in the greatest of Democratic Commonwealths. Those Texans who would derive pleasure from such a consummation will, in the unlikely event, have their happiness but for a brief season. The election of Mr. Bailey in Texas would signify Republican tendencies throughout the entire country, and in such case it might be accepted as all but a foregone conclusion that we are again to experience the doubtful joys of a Republican Administration, under the amiable but

inconsequential Harding of Ohio. What that would mean for the South may be guessed by recent expressions of Senator Capper of Kansas, a typical Republican Senator, whose regard for the South is typically Republican. The experiences of the Southern States during forty years of Republican administration would come up for repetition under President Harding and a Congress of his own kidney. As step-child of the Nation, the South knows what it is to see every other quarter of the Union flourish and only the Southern States languish. Southerners worthy of their birthright will not need to have their memories recalled to the long and dismal era of poverty which the south suffered under Republican rulership. We all remember five-cent cotton and eight-dollar cotton seed. We all remember the twelve-hour working days and the seventy-five-cent wage. And we have only to examine the present tendency of the cotton and cotton seed markets to get a glimpse of what is in store for our Southern staples when Republicanism shall have been enthroned again. A vote for Mr. Bailey is a vote for confidence in the Republican party. State Press, for one, will not have upon his conscience the guilt of having helped restore the South to sectional servitude.—State Press (in Dallas News.) Local Neff Campaign Committee (Political Advertisement.)

FORMER MERKEL CITIZEN IS KILLED

Word was received in Merkel early Tuesday morning to the effect that G. L. Brown fireman of the Orient railroad had been instantly crushed to death near Sweetwater Monday evening when his engine over turned caused by the splitting of a switch.

Deceased formerly lived in or near Merkel, and was well and favorably known here, he was 38 years old and is survived by his wife and four children, with whom he was residing at San Angelo. Deceased remains were laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery in this city. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the local Baptist Church, and to which church the deceased had been a member for many years.

Mrs. Brown, wife of deceased, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner of this city, and we join their host of friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

MR. ROSE RETURNS FROM THE MARKET

Mr. A. C. Rose of the Merkel Dry Goods Company returned last week from St. Louis and other Eastern Markets, where he purchased for his store one of the largest and most complete stocks of reasonable merchandise ever brought to Merkel by this firm. Infact Mr. Rose states that he feels that he has looked carefully after the wants and needs of his customers.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTICE

All regular services with the pastor preaching morning and evening. Attendance at Sunday School has been poor for the last two Sundays. No! the attendance was good considering the weather. We had 32 last Sunday with more than twenty dollars offering.

Come and help make up a big crowd Sunday 10 a. m.

The Building Committee will have a report that will be of interest to every member of the church Sunday morning. It is likely that they will have a report that will mean a building soon.

Let the membership come rain or shine as this is important.

If the church shall accept the proposition offered now we will soon have one of the best and most up-to-date church buildings in the state.

Come and have your say Sunday morning.

Baptists are expected to make themselves at home in all services a warm welcome is extended to all others. Ira L. Parrack.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject: "Christ in Poets."
Leader: Bess Tucker.
Song; Prayer; Song.
Scripture Reading Ex., 15:1-11; Heb., 1:5-14.
Talk by Leader.
Special music Julia Martin.
"Christian Poets express the soul of Christ" by N. Hancock.
"Christen Poets express the wakened soul of Man in response to the Touch of Jesus" by Howard Laney.
"Christian Poets Stir Men's will to action" by Iva Bragg.
Song; Song; Business; League Benediction.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Su-ber, a son on the 22nd.

SUGAR SPECULATOR HOWLING FOR HELP

Washington, Aug. 23.—Sugar retail prices have not touched bottom, but are certain to drop to lower levels with the market heavily glutted with stocks far beyond the normal demand, it was announced at the Department of Justice today. Ignoring appeals by the refiners and sugar jobbers for the department's intervention to stop a further slump in prices, officials said no possible action could be taken to relieve sugar dealers who have overbought and are now losing heavily.

Speculators and others caught in this crash must bear the losses resulting from their speculative activity," said John Crosby, in charge of profiteering prosecutions. Speculators who bought at a high price expecting still higher prices to prevail are the only ones yelling for our help," Crosby said.

The Department of Justice today advised consumers against hoarding sugar or attempts at overstock at the present prices. Those who buy sparingly to meet their usual needs probably will be rewarded later by the saving expected through lower prices. Officials considered it significant that Cuba raw materials, for delivery in January and later months are being quoted at approximately 12 cents a pound. Government commercial exports studying the sugar drop, now are convinced that the sugar shortage scare created several months ago, was large artificial, and that prices reached unprecedented levels through the manipulation of speculative element

BAILEY RALLY AT ABILENE TO-NIGHT

Taylor County Campaign manager for Senator Bailey announces that plans are about complete for a county wide Bailey Rally on the T. & P. Lawn at Abilene Friday night, and to which they extend a cordial invitation to every Democrat in the county to be present and participate in the celebration.

It is announced that Hon. E. G. Senter, former state Senator, and also a former Anti-Bailey man, but who is now one of the strongest champions of Mr. Bailey's cause, will be present and deliver a red hot speech for Mr. Bailey.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF JONES COUNTY

In making your final decision at the ballot box Saturday as to your choice for Tax Assessor of Jones County, I ask due consideration of my competency and worthiness. During the many years residence among you, I have endeavored to be a public benefactor to the interests of all honest people, and if you consider me deserving of a reciprocal favor, please indicate your approval by supporting me for this good office. I ask for the office because of the good salary it pays each year. With a kindly feeling toward the good citizenship of Jones county, I make this final solicitation, believing the result will be favorable to me.
W. G. THOMAS

Rev. W. M. Murrell left first of the week for Ovalo, where he will conduct a ten days meeting for the local pastor of the church there. Rev. Murrell, is an able forceful minister, and we predict much good in that community as the result of his efforts there.



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There are fifteen hundred men speaking in Texas today. These men are agitating the circumambient with the ferocity of Bengal tigers; they are prespiring, they are foaming, they are spouting gems of logic and sophistry—all that the country may be saved. And the country will be saved. The only trouble is that the country won't stay saved but will have to be saved again in August, 1922. Eternal vigilance is the price of salva-

tion—and office.—Honey Grove Signal.

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It is thrifty to invest in War Savings Stamps, too.



MEXICAN PAPERS STRONG FOR FAIR

Herald Texas Exposition as Great Trade Opening.

Heralded by newspapers throughout Mexico as an event of national importance, the Mexican National Exhibit at the State Fair of Texas—October 9 to 24—promises to be a revelation to those who have overlooked the art, the romance and the beautiful traditions of the land of our southern neighbors. For the exhibit will abound not only with examples of Mexico's industrial and agricultural progress, but will contain relics and works of art that will be the center of attraction to hundreds of art lovers who will visit the Fair. In fact, one of the big features of the entire State Fair program will be the band of the Estado Mayor. This band ranks high among the musical organizations of the entire world and is well known to readers of musical journals. Nearly a hundred highly trained musicians comprise this band.

From a standpoint of commerce, the papers of Mexico have devoted page after page to impress upon their readers the importance of this exhibit. It is pointed out that this is an opportunity which must not be overlooked to establish better relations with business men of the United States. A typical newspaper story devoted to this exhibit appeared in a recent issue of "Excelsior" of Mexico City. The article, in part, follows:

"The Mexican exhibition of natural and manufacturing products, to be shown in Dallas, Texas, at the State Fair this year will be more complete and interesting than any other shown in any foreign country.

"At present the Texas State Fair is one of the most important in the American Union. All producers of the United States, and merchants in general, exhibit their products, without omitting any effort to enlarge the market for their products. Every available space, where this great State Fair is going to take place, has already been taken and every indication is that this exposition will surpass all previously shown.

"The city of Dallas has become the large distributing center of great importance in the Southwestern section of the United States. Nearly all the leading American enterprises have branches in Dallas and transactions are conducted on the same line as at headquarters."

"The paper urges that Mexico send its very best products to the Fair, paying particular attention to the art collection which will be brought here.

The importance of the exhibit to American industry can be readily seen when one realizes that it is through

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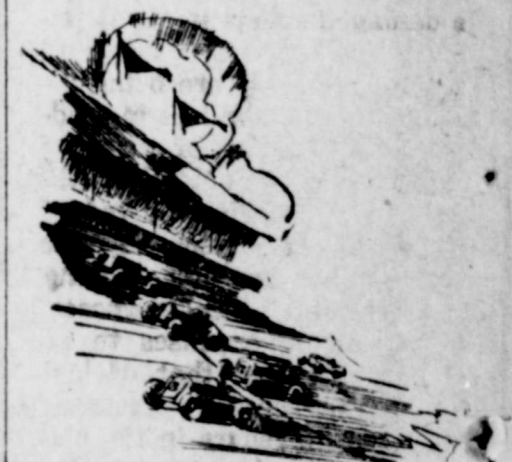
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the medium of the Texas jobbing house that the majority of trade will be conducted with Mexico and it is expected that this alone will bring hundreds of Eastern manufacturers and industrial heads here during the Fair.

SET DATES FOR BIG AUTO RACES AT FAIR

Returning from Chicago, where he consulted with many automobile authorities, Secretary W. H. Stratton of the State Fair of Texas has announced



the dates for the auto races that will feature the State Fair season—October 9 to 24. These dates are:

Tuesday, October 12.
Saturday, October 16.
Sunday, October 17.

On these dates the kings of the dirt track racing game will meet in competition, insuring some of the greatest sport Texas has ever seen.

In addition to this, plans are now being made to stage a great international sweepstakes race on some day during the last week of the Fair, when the winners of the three days will meet in competition. This will undoubtedly be the greatest automobile racing event ever staged in the southwest.

COUNTY EXHIBITS WILL BREAK ALL FAIR RECORDS

With the cooperation of T. O. Walton, director of the State Extension Department at A. & M. College, assured, the State Fair of Texas is moving forward to a record-breaking season as regards county agricultural exhibits. Mr. Walton and Secretary W. H. Stratton of the State Fair, have had a series of conferences on this important department of the Fair, and every assurance is extended by Mr. Walton that the exhibits will be far more numerous, and far more select, than those of any previous year in Fair history.

Lone Star Planting Seed

For 1921

Sold by G. H. McDonald and
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Watch this space for statistics on Lone
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culture, Washington.

THE GLORY OF LIFE

"The crowning glory of life is character." It is the noblest possession in reach of man. It is more powerful than wealth; it dignifies every station and exalts every position in society. "Character is human nature in its best form." In every well-governed state men of character are its best motive power; for the moral powers of man which rule the world. Even in war Napoleon said: "The moral is to the physical as ten is to one." The strength the industry and the civilization of this nation all depend upon the individual character of its citizens and the foundation of civil liberty rest upon it.

Self-help, self-respect, self-confidence, fortified by application, industry and integrity, are attributes well worth seeking. Young men should strive to cultivate principles that form char-

acter as well as good crops. Society, the state and the nation need men with strong moral characters.—Farm & Ranch.

Purity and healing power are the chief characteristics of Liquid Borzone. It mends torn cut burned or scalded flesh with wonderful promptness. Price, 30¢, 60¢ and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Aug.

Dr. J. H. Howell and wife of Electra, Ala., spent a few days with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Giles, the past week. The Doctor has been touring Texas, and was well pleased.

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TO LOYAL DEMOCRATS OF TAYLOR COUNTY

On Friday night August 27th at 8:00 o'clock the supporters of Pat Neff will hold their final rally on the post-office lawn if the weather is fair. In case of rain the rally will be held in the District Court room at the County Court House.

Hon. Alvin C. Owsley of Denton, father of Capt. Owsley, a grand old war horse of Democracy will speak in the behalf of Mr. Neff.

At the same hour the Bailey farces will stage a rally on the T. & P. Lawn.

This is your opportunity to show your colors and let the world know where you stand.

If you hate Woodrow Wilson, if you are ashamed of every achievement of the Democratic party, if you are ready to denounce the Democratic platform, if you believe that every man has his price and that even a United States Senator may be bought, if you believe that every Christian mother would swear a lie to help her son be Governor, if you prefer Wall Street rule in America to the rule of Millions to produce its wealth, if you are opposed to all that the Democratic party stands for and secretly hope for a Republican victory in the fall, then this invitation does not extend to you.

To all good Democrats who love their party and its principles, who stand upon its platform and are ready to fight for its success, who honor our beloved President and who have tried to uphold his hands in his hours of trial, we summon you to rally around the party standard and show to the State where the true Democrats of Taylor County stand. We especially invite those good women who are grateful for the equal suffrage which Senator Bailey has said will be worse than the open saloons and who still have faith in the honesty of a Christian mother. H. Rob. Keeble, Chairman of Neff Club. (Political Adv.)

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"IN THE QUICK SAND"
A story of the Northwest
"TRAILED BY THREE"
Exciting story of adventure
A comedy and News Weekly

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TEXAS QUINAN, Queen of the West in
"Fighting the Bigilantes"
"The Trail's End"
A thrilling Western Drama
HANK MAN
in **"Busted Bubbles"**
A roaring 2 reel comedy

Wednesday—

"ACROSS THE BORDER"
A story of the Canadian Northwest
and the Mounted Police
"DESERT VULTURE" Western Drama
"Brass Buttons"
2 reel Billy West Comedy

Saturday—

AL JENNINGS
In another Episode of his life
GALE HENRY
in **"Sweet Cookies"**
2 reel comedy and others
Extra Matinee Only **"Trailed By Three"**

Tuesday—

WILL ROGERS
in **"Jubilo"**
A delightful Hobo Comedy Drama
It's a Goldwyn in 6 reels
Extra Billy Franey In
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Thursday—

MARY ANDERSON
IN
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Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

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GEM THEATRE TUESDAY WILL ROGERS IN "JUBILO"

A hobo with a sense of loyalty is supposed to be a rarity. But Will Rogers proves that he is just that. The Goldwyn Star, in his latest picture, "Jubilo," presents a knight of the road who locates the train robbery and saves from prison the man who gave him his first long-distance job. Jubilo, the hobo, had no particular friendship for the man, but in his daughter had found someone who meant more to him than the free life he had been leading in the kingdom of Vagabondia.

The story concerns itself with a gang of train robbers who whitewash the flanks of one of their horses so that it resembles Jim Hardy's horse. In due time

suspicion rests on Hardy (Charles French). But Jubilo had come upon the gang dividing their spoils, and after they had gone, found a pot of whitewash. Later Bert Rooker, one of the gang, comes to the Hardy farm where Jubilo works, to tell him that he will soon be arrested for the robbery. In the course of the conversation, which Jubilo overhears the fact is brought out that Rooker planned the robbery to jail Hardy for revenge. In the course of the ensuing fight, Hardy shoots his tormentor. But the sheriff who comes to the farm says he now has sufficient evidence to arrest the real culprit. Rooker has been only slightly wounded and attempts to escape, but is caught. Then Rose Hardy (Josie Sedgwick) thanks Jubilo for the part he has played and asks him to stay at

the farm permanently. From the way she asks him, Jubilo knows that his days on the road are numbered.

The production was directed by Clarence Badger and is splendidly acted by a small but excellent cast.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our neighbors and friends, who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our dear husband and father.

We wish to especially thank Dr. Miller and Brother Tatum, for their efficient and faithful services. We also thank all those who furnished cars and in any way assisted us. May God's richest blessings be with each of you. Mrs. W. H. Derstine and children.

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A tractor may have the power to pull twenty plows through black gumbo without a slip, it may be able to run your largest grain separator and it may be a beautiful piece of machinery—when it runs—but unless it is backed up by the service of the dealer and the manufacturer it is poor investment.

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Just one more week after this before the schools of this city will begin. A number of the teachers are in from attending the various Summer Normals and Universities. And right here we wish to remind some people of the fact that, besides continuous study and hard work, those who keep themselves prepared to properly teach the boys and girls of this state, are at great expense in attending these normals and preparatory schools. And yet some people will sneer at the thought that a school teacher be paid as much for their services as common labor.

Miss Clara Moore returned first of the week from a visit to Fort Worth, and is now back at her post with the Telephone Co.

Miss Fannye Pearl Moore returned this week from her trip to points in Colorado, where she spent her vacation.

A deal was closed last week through the Merkel Realty Company whereby S. F. Haynes purchased the home of Dr. J. T. Pue and to which Mr. Haynes and family will soon move. While we have not the authority to so state, we presume that Dr. Pue and his estimable family will move to Abilene, where Dr. Pue recently opened offices.

Mrs. E. Seigle and little daughter returned first of the week from their visit to points in East and South Texas.

One 1918 Chevrolet Baby Grand in fine shape, a bargain. Also one six cylinder Paige. Come in and see them. Service Garage. 1t

F. Wheat of Eanger was in Merkel the past week looking into his property interest.

F. F. Freeman of Oklahoma City is here for a visit to his sister, Mrs. Dr. Johnson. Mr. Freeman is Secretary of the Wholesale Grocers Association of Oklahoma.

LOST—Casing on rim, Wednesday night between Merkel and Trent. Reward for return. Dr. Miller. 1t

WANTED—To sell a good four room house and three lots on Cherry street for \$1,000. If interested see me quick at the Gem Confectionary. 1t

WANTED—Your sewing, plain and fancy. Mrs. Morgan. L. E. Sanders residence. 6t4

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See Swafford for Coal or feed. Kent Street. Everything weighed. 6t4

FOUND—A Silver Watch, owner can get same at this office by properly describing the watch and paying for this notice. 1t

FOR SALE—My Residence in South Merkel, two lots well improved, also some household and kitchen furniture and good milk cow. W. S. Telford, Box 394, Merkel, Texas. 20t3p

FOR SALE—A well located farm three miles East of Merkel (The Petty Estate) Good School and Church close. The Clyde Fruit Farm is also for sale too at a price to sell it. If you want a nice home you better get busy at once. For information see W. E. Petty, Merkel, Texas. 1t

FOR RENT—Two rooms unfurnished. Also two lots. For particulars see Mrs. S. F. Annis. 1t

WANTED—To buy two-room house. If you have one see me at the Gem Confectionary. 1t

FOR SALE—Two houses, close in. Also good farm well located. S. F. Haynes. 1t

Roses Barber Shops. BEST BARBERS IN TOWN. We have added to our Bath Equipment and can now take better care of our customers in that line. Roses Shop. Your trade appreciated. 1t

Frank Armstrong returned Tuesday from Madison, Wisconsin, where he attended the summer session of the State Medical University.

Misses Lois and Annie Lee Brunson and Hazel Lee Rainbolt spent the week end with relatives in Clyde.

Misses Lorena Dry and Annie Smith, returned first of the week from California where they attended the Normal School of the University of California.

Plenty Good Flour, Meal, Brand, Cotton Seed Meal and Maize Chops, and it must move. See A. L. Jobe. 20t2

L. A. Freeman and daughter, Miss Bernadine, returned Wednesday from an extended visit to points in New Mexico.

Supt. R. A. Burgess came in Wednesday from Lubbock where he spent some two weeks with his parents, and is now busily engaged in getting minor details in shape for the opening of school on September 6.

COAL COAL Will finish unloading two cars of Coal Friday and Saturday of this week. One Dawson Fancy Egg and one Domino Grate. H. M. Rose & Son. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris left first of the week for Caddo, Texas, where they will visit relatives.

J. Hendricks reports the sale of the More Mileage Tire Co. of this city to I. R. Dunn, of Abilene, who will conduct same in the future. Mr. Hendricks will go to Stith where he will engage in the gin business again this fall.

For the week ending September 4, 1920, we will give a vacuum cleaner and an A. B. C. Washing Machine for the price of the Washing Machine. For further information see The Merkel Power Company. 1t

We carry Ford Wheels, spring hubs, fan belts, timers, wire assemblies, wrenches—in fact, a complete stock of special Ford equipment. West Company. 27t2

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Saturday August 28 Admission 10-20c
William Russell **Fatty Arbuckle**
 in in
 "Shod With Fire" "Coney Island"
 Mutt & Jeff in "The Beautiful Model"

Monday August 30 Admission 10-20c
William Duncan
 in
 "The Silent Avenger No. 10"
 2 Reel Western 2 Reel Comedy

Tuesday, August 31 Admission 10-20c
Dorothy Dalton **The Hall Room Boys**
 in in
 "His Wife's Friend" "Oh Baby"
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Wednesday, September 1 One Day Only
MATINEE AND NIGHT
Mary Pickford in **"The Hoodlum"**
 From "Burkese's Amy" by Julia M. Lippman
 Admission 10-20-30c One of Miss Pickfords Best Pictures

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 "Boots" "Henpecked"
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"The Sporting Duchess"

Who is The "Infamous Liar"

Two editorials appearing in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram under date of Tuesday, August the 24th, are hereby submitted by the Taylor County Bailey Club in order that the voters may pass judgment on whether Mr. Bailey is an "infamous liar" as stated by Mr. Neff in his Gainesville speech or whether the data of Mr. Bailey in his Temple speech **Is Backed by The Facts**. The voters of Taylor county are entitled to know what manner of man they elect to the highest office in this state, and the following, from the pen of one of Texas greatest editorial writers and democrats is submitted for your honest judgment and careful consideration

AS TO MR. NEFF'S AGE

"It is after cool, calm and deliberate thought that I thus refer to Mr. Bailey," declared Mr. Neff in his address at Gainesville Saturday night, according to newspaper reports. "Friday afternoon at Temple he stated that I was within the draft age and that I failed to register. I desire now to brand that statement as an unmitigated lie and I desire to brand Mr. Bailey as an insolent and infamous liar. This Statement by him shows the low depths a puny political muckraker can descend to in an effort to boost his own failing political fortune."

Mr. Neff then produced an affidavit of his mother to the effect that he was born on November 26, 1871, and affidavits of the county judge, county attorney, mayor, chief of police and a number of leading citizens of Waco declaring that they had examined the Neff family Bible and that in that book is recorded "Pat Neff, Born Nov. 26, 1871."

The affidavit of Mr. Neff's mother, who is ninety years old, is sufficient proof, so far as we are concerned, that Mr. Neff was born on Nov. 26, 1871. We would not, under any circumstances, cast the least shadow of doubt upon the fact to which she has set her signature under oath. We think it is unfortunate to say the least that Mr. Neff found it necessary to obtain an affidavit to establish his age. But we admit freely that Mr. Neff is the best judge as to the necessity and propriety of that.

The affidavit of Mr. Neff's mother disposes of the question of whether he was guilty of violating the draft law by failing to register. But whether the charge made by Mr. Bailey, in the form that it was made, justifies Mr. Neff's violent language, and whether it proves "the low depths a puny political muckraker can descend to in an effort to boost his own failing political fortune" is another question altogether.

In the first place, Mr. Neff himself, and with less basis or provocation, has made equally serious charges against Mr. Bailey, and, indeed, it was in reply to the charge of disloyalty that Mr. Bailey made his remarks at Temple. It was on Saturday a week ago that Mr. Neff, according to the report of his speech in the Dallas News, declared at Mexia that "Bailey fought the draft law, and if he had been on draft age, I believe he would have dodged it" Mr. Neff has declared since then that he has not known the Dallas News to misquote him in this campaign, and in any event, he has not questioned the accuracy of that report, so far as we have heard. A great many Democrats, including Mr. Bryan, Champ Clark, Claude Kitchin and numerous others, opposed the draft law, but we do not think anyone would be justified in questioning their loyalty on that account. One might doubt their wisdom, but certainly not their loyalty. Mr. Neff had no basis upon which to predicate a doubt of Mr. Bailey's loyalty. But having made such a charge, he should have been a little more "cool, calm and deliberate," we think, in reply to a similar charge made against him by Mr. Bailey. If there was a descent into "low depths" in making the charge it must be kept in mind

that Mr. Neff started the discussion.

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We do not wish to be unfair to Mr. Neff, and we would not do him an injustice. Ordinarily we would not discuss a question of this kind, and we want to place on record the declaration that we are not even intimating that Mr. Neff violated the draft law. But Mr. Neff is a candidate for the highest office within the gift of the people of Texas and inasmuch as the question has been raised we have a right to discuss it fully in the public interest. The affidavit cited above shows that Mr. Neff was born on Nov. 26, 1871. In the light of that fact and of other facts which have come to light it would appear that either Mr. Neff was ignorant of the real date of his birth during a period of twenty years, at least, or that he made a practice of misrepresenting his age and, at times, of making oath as to the truth of that misrepresentation. In view of these circumstances we do not think that Mr. Neff makes adequate reply to Mr. Bailey's remarks by "branding" him as "an insolent and infamous liar."

If Mr. Neff was born on Nov. 26, 1871, then he was forty-eight years old on his last birthday, Nov. 26, 1919. Why then did Mr. Neff in paying his poll tax in McLennan County, on Jan 10, 1920, make oath that he was only forty-seven years of age?

Why did he set forth in his campaign literature, in embarking upon the race for Governor, that "Pat Neff is a native Texan, 47 years of age?" He has boasted that he had no campaign manager, so it is fair to assume that he directed the preparation of this campaign literature himself.

How does it come about that the Legislative Manual for the year 1903, when Mr. Neff was speaker of the house, gives his age as thirty years, when, if he was born in November, 1871, he would have been thirty-two in January, 1903, when the Manual was compiled?

How does it come about that the Legislative Manual for the years 1899 and 1901 show a like discrepancy?

How does Mr. Neff explain the declaration in the Year Book of Texas for the year 1903, compiled by C. W. Rains, then State Librarian, that "Pat M. Neff was born near McGregor on Nov. 26, 1872?"

What is the explanation of the statement in the 1920-1921 edition of "Who's Who in America," that Pat Morris Neff, lawyer, was born at McGregor, Texas, Nov. 26, 1872?

How does it come about that Martindale's American Lawyers' Directory gives the year of Mr. Neff's birth as 1872?

According to a telegram from W. A. Fraser, an official of the Sovereign Camp Woodmen of the World, sent from Omaha, Neb., Saturday, Mr. Neff took out a policy in that organization in 1905, and he then represented the year of his birth as 1872. What is the explanation of that? Is Mr. Fraser mistaken?

How did it come about that the Dallas News, in its issue of Jan. 14, 1903, in reporting Mr. Neff's election as Speaker of the House, said, Pat M. Neff was born at McGregor, Texas Nov. 26, 1872?"

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that all these statements are incorrect. How does it come about that Mr. Neff has gone through life making such errors as to his age and permitting others to make them? Mr. Neff is mistaken if he thinks it is sufficient answer to all of this for a candidate for the high office of Governor simply to declare that his opponent is "an insolent and infamous liar." A liar is a person who deliberately makes a false statement, knowing it to be false at the time he makes it. Mr. Bailey had every reason to believe that he was not mistaken about Mr. Neff's age. He had every reason to believe that Mr. Neff was born in 1872. Indeed, there is ample evidence that Mr. Neff himself believed it on more than one occasion when he made oath with respect to his age. The very fact that Mr. Neff has seen fit to call Mr. Bailey a liar places upon him an added duty to give to the people of Texas a thorough explanation of the mystery of all these misstatements as to his age, and to show that Mr. Bailey was not justified in believing that he was born in 1872 instead of 1871.

Let us repeat that we are not intimating that Mr. Neff violated the draft law. His mother's affidavit settles that. It shows that Mr. Neff's forty-sixth birthday was November 26, 1917. Registration day under the draft law was September 12, 1918. His next birthday—Nov. 26, 1918—was his 47th and not his forty-sixth birthday. But how does Mr. Neff explain the fact that on Dec. 31, 1918, just thirty-five days after his forty-seventh birthday and more than three months after registration day, when he paid his Poll Tax, he made oath that he was only forty-six years old? If he knew on Sept. 12 that his next birthday was his forty-seventh and not his forty-sixth, and that therefore he was not subject to the draft law how did he come to swear that he was still forty-six years old on the following Dec. 31, more than a month after that birthday had passed?

Mr. Neff has presented to the people his mother's oath. That is a sacred thing which no man will question. But how does Mr. Neff explain his own oath? The people of Texas are entitled to a better answer than the mere declaration that Mr. Bailey is a liar.

HE SAID IT IN SOUTH TEXAS

"The first lie told against me," said Mr. Bailey in his speech at Lockhart, "was that I want to bring alcohol back. They tell you that down here. (Voice: 'and they are telling it yet.') It is true that they did me great harm with that lie. They misled the good women. The politicians told it to the preachers and the preachers told it to the women and prejudiced them against me. They are a curious lot, for in one breath they say Bailey never does anything and in the next breath say I am to bring whiskey back, and to do so would force me to override the Constitution of the State and the United States."

It will be noted that Mr. Bailey said that in South Texas. It is thus a complete refutation of that other misrepresentation of Mr. Bailey, which is that he talks one way about prohibition in North Texas and another way in South Texas. Mr. Bailey's election will not have the most remote effect upon prohibition.

Senator E. G. Senter of Fort Worth will speak in behalf of Senator Bailey at the T. P. Lawn in Abilene Friday night August 27th. You are specially invited to be present at this old time Democratic Rally.

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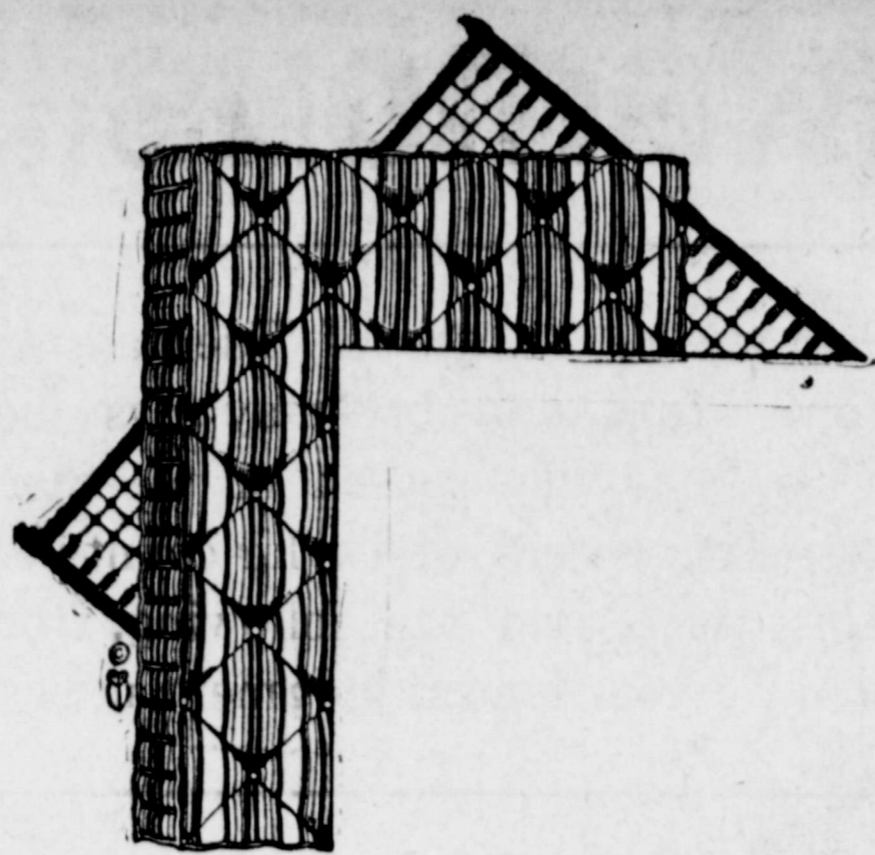
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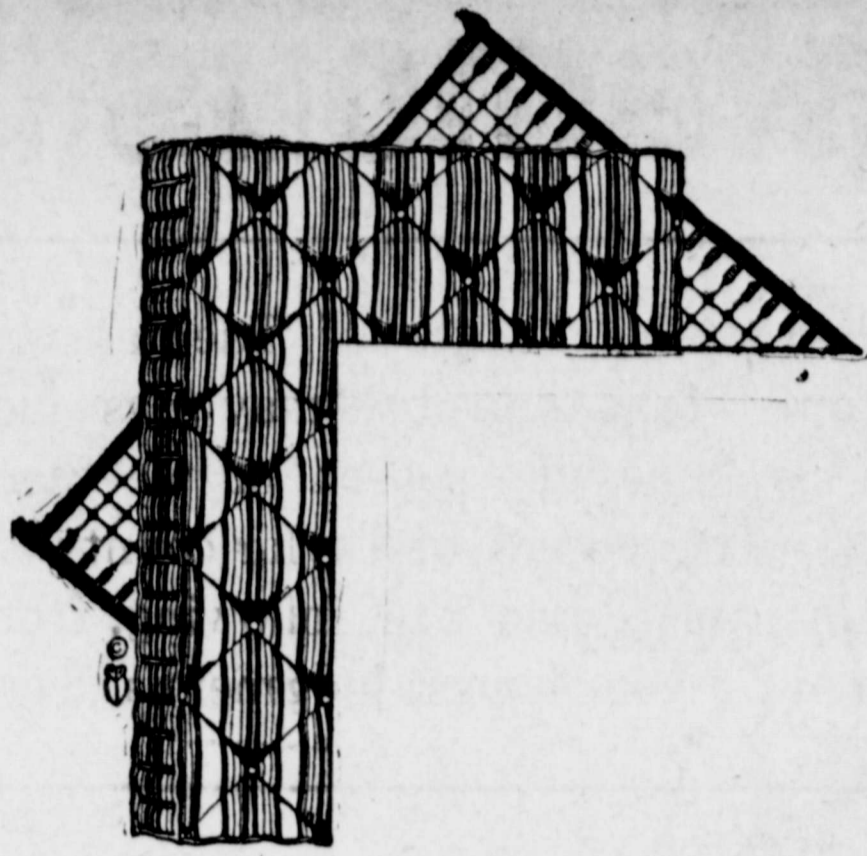
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ture into the production game, the State Fair management will present, beginning October 9 and ending October 24, Emile de Recat's latest and most famous production. It will be in the nature of a musical revue, giving world events in song and dance. De Recat is a genius in costuming, stage decorations and effects. He will be given free rein to make the State Fair revue the most wonderful in the way of costumes and stage scenes that has ever been produced in the South.

"There will not be a dull moment in this great revue," says Secretary W. H. Stratton, who visited a week at de Recat's studio in Chicago. "The singing and dancing will be extraordinary, introducing as it will ten principals and a chorus of twenty-four beautiful girls. The costumes will make every scene one of dazzling, vivid beauty. In addition four unusual specialty acts will round it out."

Three carloads of scenery will be needed to stage the revue, which will be shown in Dallas for the first time, making the State Fair rank with New York and Chicago for original productions.

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Suits and Overcoats for young men and men who stay young.

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We pause to drop a sympathet ic tear with her, who for these fifty five years has walked by his side and shared his joys and born his sorrows. Kind husband, tender father, honest man good citizen, familiar friend, we bid you goodbye for awhile. W. M. Murrell.

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THURSDAY CLUB

On Thursday afternoon, August the twelfth Mrs. L. B. Scott and Mrs. Duncan Briggs entertained the members of the Thursday Club, together with a few guests, at the home of Mrs. Scott. Various pieces of needle-work on which the Club members were working, were exhibited and admired. After some time spent in sewing, unique hand-painted score cards were passed, and several interesting games of forty-two were played. After the games an amusing contest, which displayed the guests knowledge of Natural History, was engaged in. In a cut with three other members Mrs. T. L. Grimes was the fortunate winner of the prize, a beautiful silver-mounted tape measure; Mrs. McDonald received the consolation prize. At the close of the contest delicious ice cold watermelon was served. During the course of the afternoon, the records of various artists were heard, which added greatly to the pleasure of the guests who enjoyed to the fullest extent the delightful hospitality of these two hostesses.

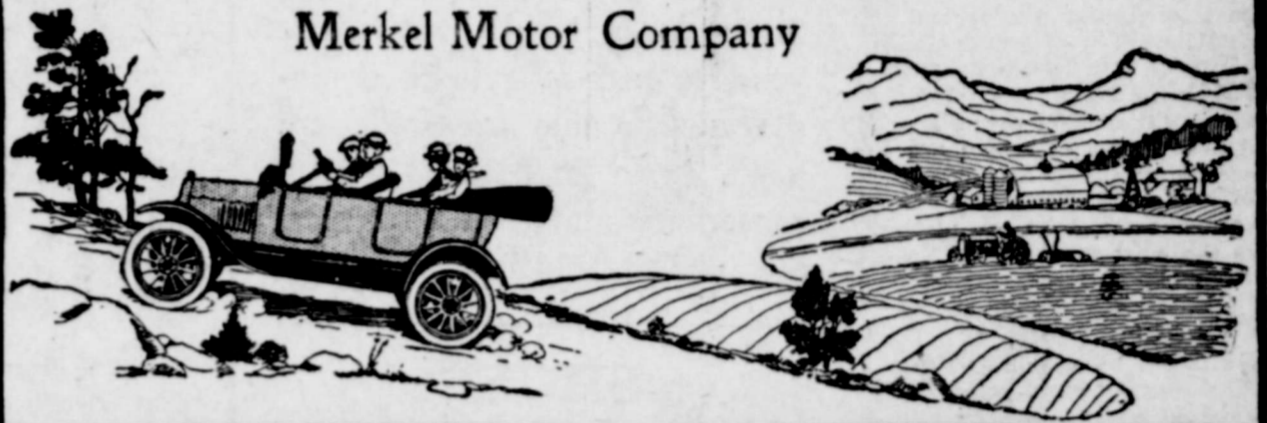
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Mrs. Simpson same in Sunday from market where she purchased her fall and winter stock of Millinery goods. She was accompanied by Mrs. Peebles who will be with her in the Millinery business.

Misses Lois and Annie Lee Brunson of Midland, who spent the past week with their uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, left for their home Tuesday.

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MARRIED IN OKLAHOMA

As was intimated in last weeks issue of the Merkel Mail, Mr. Thos. Mason Pee, one of this citys most excellent and popular young men, stole away to Maude, Oklahoma, where on Thursday, August 19, he was married to Miss Coda Merrell, a charming young lady of that city, and who is a niece of Mrs. Seth Hamilton. The happy couple are now domiciled in a cozy little home which the groom had previously prepared. We join a host of friends in extending congratulations.

Geo. Cook and wife are the happy parents of a bouncing baby girl, born on the 23rd. They reside in the Noodle community.

Miss Lena Turner of Dallas was here this week for a visit to her aunt, Mrs. R. A. Ellis.

SIX O'CLOCK DINNER FOR THURSDAY CLUB

On Thursday, August the 19th Mrs. J. H. West and Mrs. Leevy entertained the members of the Thursday Club with a perfectly-appointed six-o'clock dinner. Soon after the arrival of the guests, hand-tinted score cards were passed, and several games of forty-two were engaged in. At the close of the games, the guests were invited into the dining room, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The long table sparkling with silver and cut-glass made an attractive picture. The menu consisted of fried chicken, fruit salad, sweet potatoes with marshmallows en casserole, dainty triangles of home-made light bread, sliced tomatoes, olives, ice tea, and banana pie topped with whipped cream. This delicious dinner, served in courses, was a beautiful and unique form of entertainment tendered the Thursday Club by these two live hostesses and was greatly enjoyed by all the members present.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Black, of Brady were here this week for a visit to the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Black. The former Mr. Black was connected with the Merkel schools, and his many friends here were glad to see him again.

Rev. Q. Brown returned first of the week from Coke county where he has been engaged in holding a number of meetings for the past six weeks.

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SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

In order that fewer may miss the announcement, I am repeating the announcement made several weeks ago concerning entrance examinations. On Thursday and Friday, September 2nd and 3rd, at the school building, examinations will be given to all those who failed in one or more subjects the past year. Be on hand promptly at nine o'clock. If you have done summer work, be on hand one of these days with your report on same in order that you may receive credit for extra work done.

Pupils having less than three high school credits will be classified as 8th grade, those having from three to six high school credits as 9th grade, those having from seven to ten credits as 10th grade, and those having eleven or more as seniors or 11th grade. Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

Miss Florence Gault, of Cincinnati, Ohio who has been visiting the Misses Garautte, left last night for California to spend the winter.

J. H. Craig and wife and daughter, Miss Lillian are visiting relatives in Huntsville, Alabama.

Dr. R. B. Bishop, wife and daughter Illene Myrtle, of Kansas City, while returning from California, stopped off in Merkel for several days visit with Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Williams.

C. H. Strauss and wife of Lockhart, are here for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. E. Siegel.

Mrs. J. M. Garret and children Ray and Iris, returned last Thursday from an extended visit to the Eastern states. After spending a week in Birmingham, Ala., with her daughter Mrs. Clyde Garrett, they visited at Belton, Greenville, Woodroof and many other points in South Carolina.

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