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FARM BUREAU DRIVE TO CONTINUE HERE

With about three hundred new members added during the intensive membership campaign which has just closed in Taylor County, the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association has decided to continue the campaign, with two hundred more new members as the goal. With this additional number it is expected that the total membership in Taylor county will be placed above one thousand before cotton picking time, according to Clyde Daniel, who is managing the drive in this county and is also director of the campaign being put on in the district comprising Jones, Haskell, Fisher, Mitchell and Scurry counties.

Mr. Daniel explained that the county will be divided into four districts with a permanent solicitor in charge who will direct the work of teams in that district and in a systematic campaign lasting throughout the months of August and September each team is expected to secure the membership of the majority of the non-member cotton growers in the district.

District comprising Merkel, Tye, Nubia, Trent, Salt Branch, Blair and Pleasant Hill, in charge of Marshall Parker with headquarters at Merkel.

"While the results of the intensive drive which has just ended were very encouraging and give us a total membership at this time of between eight and nine hundred in Taylor county, we know that all portions of the county have not been worked affectively and there are many farmers who are ready to sign up when they are given an opportunity, and we intend to give them the opportunity right now.

Since the beginning of the Taylor County drive the Executive Committee has decided that advances will be made on all cotton shipped this year on basis of \$75 per bale of five hundred pounds and over, and this will enable the average grower to discharge his more pressing obligations at shipping time and wait for the balance of his money to come to him throughout the season in order to secure the advantage of orderly marketing through the association. Many men who were not in position to liquidate their obligations on the former advance of \$60 per bale will now be enabled to line up," said Mr. Daniel.

"Another feature that stood in the way of securing the membership of some of the farmers was the doubt of the legality of the contract of the association. This matter has now been settled by the higher courts in the state and we find that we have a legally enforceable contract and that we will be able to demand delivery of cotton from every member who signed the contract so that there is the assurance of the farmers all sticking together and those who were holding back on that account will now come on in. Altogether, we feel assured that we will reach our full quota of one thousand before the campaign shall have ended and that Taylor County will be right at the head of the list when times come for shipment of cotton this fall."

The following is a complete list of the new members secured in the recent campaign in the Merkel District:

G. R. Gazzaway, C. H. Lester, R. E. Cole, J. L. Douglas, D. T. Dunn, Fred Guitar, John Dunn, Jr., N. W. Blackwell, E. E. Dunn, W. F. Dunn, W. D. Butler, G. B. Neill, A. B. Hodges, F. E. Ellis, V. Garner, U. G. Riggan, J. L. McRee, G. F. Turner, S. F. Haynes, J. W. McConnell, J. F. Douglas, W. E. Dubree, Elbert

MANY ENJOY SHEPPARD FAMILY RE-UNION HERE

On last Sunday afternoon at the splendid residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hamm, all the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sheppard, gathered for the purpose of enjoying the annual meeting and re-union of this, one of Merkel's best and pioneer families.

Those present for this happy occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sheppard and their children and families as follows:

Mrs. F. P. Hamm, Mrs. H. C. West, W. J. Sheppard, A. T. Sheppard, Doss Sheppard, Mrs. F. C. McFarland and Roy Sheppard. Other relatives and invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. John Chambless, Miss Blanche Durham and Mr. Guy Darsey.

After all the guests had arrived at about five o'clock, a most delicious feast of good things to eat was spread on the lawn of the above mentioned home, which was happily and pleasantly enjoyed by all. In fact it was another happy re-union of this good old couple with all their children and grandchildren and we join many friends in wishing for them many such happy events.

WILL HOLD REVIVAL UNION RIDGE SOON

The revival meeting at Union Ridge will begin with the Sunday night service on the second Sunday in August.

Quarterly conference will be held at Crossroads (Noodle). The program will be as follows: Saturday at eleven, sermon by Bro. Lane, and business session. Sunday at 10 o'clock, Sunday School. Eleven o'clock, sermon by Bro. Lane. Two-thirty, Epworth League program and young peoples rally. Eight-fifteen, sermon by Bro. Lane. Dinner will be served at the church. U. S. Bird.

MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY TO CLEAN TABERNACLE

The Mail is authorized by the members of the board of trustees of the Community Tabernacle, that there will be a meeting of the citizens interested in the improvement and upkeep of the tabernacle on next Wednesday for the purpose of cleaning up same and making such needed repairs as is deemed necessary. Let all interested be present and help do this work.

The Little Richardsons Entertain

In honor of their ninth and seventh birthdays, Master Drayton Richardson and sister, little Miss Mildred, very royally entertained some fifteen of their little friends last Tuesday afternoon at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson.

The young man was nine years old on the 31st of July and the young lady was seven on August 1st., so they had their friends enjoy the day with them Games and other modes of entertainment were enjoyed and at the close of the party watermelons and other good things were served to all present, and a good time was had by all.

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M. Deen, F. P. Hamm, Z. V. Moore, W. R. Sandusky, C. H. Spears, H. H. Farmer, E. C. Ray, W. H. Bankston, W. E. Adams, R. L. Adcock, J. C. Mason, J. R. Woods, W. C. Lee, R. O. Anderson, Henry R. Hicks, J. W. Love, J. E. Costephens.

DR. HUNT PREACHES FINE SERMON HERE

Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurray College, at Abilene, in company with presiding Elder and Mrs. W. M. Lane, came over from Abilene last Sunday morning, and Dr. Hunt delivered to the Methodist congregation here one of his timely, eloquent and able sermons, which without doubt was appreciated by the entire congregation.

Dr. Hunt also mentioned in his preliminary remarks, that McMurray College would be ready to open on time in the coming September. He stated that an able and excellent faculty had been secured; that the girls dormitory would be ready, and in fact the college would without doubt be ready to open on time in September. Dr. Hunt also made it plain that the college would be so equipped in every way as to insure the proper affiliation with the higher institutions of learning of the state; thus enabling every boy and girl attending McMurray next year to enter said state schools without an extra examination.

MISS MYRTLE McDONALD WEDS GRIMSHAW YOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald have sent out announcements announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Myrtle Lee, to Mr. George A. Foster, a prominent and well-to-do young man from Grimshaw, one of the thriving oil field towns near Graham, and which occurred at Abilene Thursday morning.

Miss McDonald is a graduate of the Merkel High School, and has many characteristics that go to make up fine womanhood which bind to her as friends all with whom she may become acquainted, and with whom the Mail joins in wishing for the happy couple much happiness and prosperity.

We understand they will depart today for Grimshaw, where they will reside in the future.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HAS WATERMELON FEAST

Last Sunday morning each member of the Winner Class of the Methodist church was made glad when Mr. L. W. Cox, superintendent of Sunday School at the Methodist church, asked them to go on a Watermelon feast on Tuesday evening. The class with their teacher, Miss Lilley Pratt Sears, met at the church at seven o'clock and drove to the Shannon Place. Here the girls enjoyed a swim for about an hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox cut about 15 fine juicy watermelons and served them with iced lemonade which was very much enjoyed.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox were: Misses Elizabeth Harkrider, Tommie Durham, Ruby Fae Golliday, Nell Lou Lamar, Bernice Lassiter, Dorothy Daniels, Ruby Walton, Inice Brown, Mary Hutchison, and Misses Lilley Pratt Sears, Kathrine Clapp, Blanche Durham, and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golliday.

W. L. Burns Family Reunion

It was a happy occasion on last Wednesday for Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns had all their children with them in a family re-union. Those present on this occasion were: Miss Jewel Burns, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Minor Burns and children, Canton, Texas; Iva Burns, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. J. A. Sellow, Port Arthur, Texas; and nieces Mrs. Owen Waldon, Dallas, Texas; Miss Lillie Bernard, Abilene, Texas; Miss Jerry Purcell, Port Arthur, Texas.

EVANGELIST TAYLOR AT CHURCH CHRIST

Bible study promptly at 10 a.m. Ladies Bible Class meets at the church at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon. All are welcome. The lesson will be taken from the 10, 11, 12 chapters of Luke. Prayermeeting each Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The lesson next Wednesday evening will be the second chapter of first Thessalonians. Come and study with us. Sunday night at 8:30 Bro. Ples Taylor will be with us and we hope a full house will greet him. Bro. Taylor is an eloquent and forceful speaker and we feel sure he has a message for you that will do you good. He is a relative of Bob and Alf Taylor of Tennessee, whose reputation is nation-wide. Every one will be extended a hearty welcome.

Have you been to the "Mammoth Shoe Sale at Browns"? It means dollars saved for you. Brown D. G. Co. It.

Close prices on Colorado and New Mexico Coals for August. T.J.R. Swafford, phone 44, south side. It.

LOCAL COUPLE MARRY AT ABILENE

Mr. Warren Higgins, of the Salt Branch community, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Higgins, and Miss Betty Toombs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Toombs, of Merkel, were united in marriage at Abilene, Thursday morning, August second, by Rev. J. H. Stone.

Both the contracting parties are very popular and well known young people, who number their friends by their acquaintances, and with whom we join in extending to the happy couple congratulations and good wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Land accompanied the bridal party on the trip to Abilene and were witnesses to the official ceremony.

LARGENT CATTLE TO THE MO. STATE FAIR

Sedalia, Mo., Aug. 1—C. M. Largent & Sons of Merkel, Texas, will exhibit fifteen registered Herefords from their Blue Ribbon Herd at the Missouri State Fair, to be held at Sedalia, August 18 to 25. Many entries have already come in in this breed section as well as in the other sections, so Mr. Largent will have plenty of competition for his herd.

Premiums totaling \$14,157.50 will be awarded in the Cattle Show this year, \$2,015.50 of this amount being offered in the Hereford breed section.

An interesting news item—A Big Cut Price Shoe Sale on at Woodroof-Bragg's. It

OATS MAKE 52 BUSHEL PER ACRE; SOME GRAIN

Last spring we made mention of the fact that besides being a successful banker, Mr. J. T. Warren was also successful at farming and especially so at raising fine oats, and now he has proven the fact, since this week Mr. F. L. Wood thresher the former's oat crop consisting of twenty acres, and which threshed out 52 and one half bushels per acre. And now banker Warren says he is willing to "show us" that he has some sure enough fine feed on his place, and we intend to go with him one of these mornings and look over same.

J. H. CAMPBELL FAMILY HAVE A BIG REUNION

A reunion of the J. H. Campbell family and a picnic was held on Big Elm, near Big Elm school house Thursday, July 26. Mr. Campbell had with him on this occasion his children, as follows: Lee and J. H. Campbell Jr. of Merkel, Mesdames Jewell Meeks and Franky Thornton of Merkel, Grace Hodo of Quanah, Myrtle Scott of Fort Worth and fifteen grandchildren. Outside of the immediate family were "Grandma" Hodo, Frank and Mac Hodo of Retan, W. H. Hodo, Quanah, Elmer Barnes and family, Bert Chambless and family, Will Cox and family, John Chambless and wife, W. A. Thornton and family Iva Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Etheredge, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Campbell and daughter, Sally Mary, all of Merkel, E. E. Beasley, and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Malone and family of Frisco.

The menu was a varied one, consisting of barbecued calf, pickles, bread, pies, cakes, coffee iced tea and lemonade. It was a great dinner and a great day for Mr. Campbell and his friends. There was fishing, swimming and music which was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, with the violin and guitar.

In extending this hospitality Mr. Campbell entertained sixty-five persons.

INTEREST GROWING IN TAYLOR REVIVAL

Crowds continue to fill the church to its capacity at the meetings now in progress at the Baptist church and "Charlie" continues to preach with power and clearness that is making the Literary "S", which is a men think. As we hear him we do not wonder that the big entertainment concerns have repeatedly offered him vast sums to quit the pulpit and go on the stage or lecture platform, but we thank God that he loves the Lord and felt such a longing to help men to Jesus that he has stayed with the work the Lord called him to do.

Twenty-one people have united with the church so far in the meeting and many others are deeply interested. The evangelist is no sensationalist and he has no "clap trap" methods of getting people to outwardly profess a thing that they have not accepted with all their heart. He uses only the gospel which he preaches with a conviction that "It is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes."

The message Friday evening will be found from the subject "The Last Invitation". It is hoped that every one who is out of Christ in our community may hear this message. Let the Christian people help to bring every such one into the service and get them to hear the message even if the Christian must give up his seat that the lost may hear the call. Perhaps never again will there be such an opportunity to help some one to Christ.

In fact this may be the last opportunity for some one, and that some one may be the one you can help now. Let every Christian do his best from now till the meeting closes. Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

WOODROOF-BRAGG MILLINER GONE TO MARKET

Miss Willie Swann, popular and efficient milliner at the Woodroof-Bragg Store, is in Dallas studying fall millinery styles, and from there she goes to St. Louis, where she will gain new ideas as well as make a large and complete selection of millinery goods for this store.

MANY FROM MERKEL ATTENDED SIMMONS

Special to The Merkel Mail
Abilene, August 1—Merkel students carried off large honors at Simmons College the past session. Hoyt Ford of Merkel at the recent commencement was awarded the Olsen Medal, the highest academic honor that can come to a Simmons student. It is given to the member of the graduating class who receives the highest grades during his four years college work, and receives no marks of demerits. Mr. Ford made the very high average of 95 plus for 4 years; during his freshman and sophomore years he maintained an average of 96 and over.

In addition to his unusual standing scholastically, Hoyt Ford held one of the most important places within the realm of student activities. He was editor-in-chief of the Simmons Bronco, the annual publication of the student body. Election to this position is made by the students themselves upon merit and ability, and the 1923 Bronco was a very creditable piece of work.

Mr. Ford entered Simmons in the fall of 1918, doing one years work in the Academy, and then taking straight college work for four years, receiving his A.B. degree this spring. During his college course Mr. Ford took a prominent part in school interests and activities; he was a member of the Press Club, and in his senior year held for a term the presidency of the Clio Literary Society, one of the four distinct Literary and social organizations of the college.

He is one of the wearers of the Literary "S", which is awarded to distinctive students of Simmons, on a similar basis to the athletic letter, except that the person who wins a literary "S" must represent Simmons prominently in the field of Journalism, literary or oratorical achievements. The letter is awarded on the system of points; so many points being given a student for holding important offices among the student body, or representing the college in the editing of its publications, debate or oratorical contests or state press associations. Very few students achieve the literary "S" at Simmons.

The second Merkel student to win honors recently was Miss Joe Willie Yandell, also very active in student affairs at Simmons. Miss Yandell was awarded the Art Medal at the 1923 commencement for the greatest improvement in Art during the past year. She received her A.B. degree and also a diploma in Art from the Fine Arts department of the college this spring. She was president of the Mary E. Literary Society for a term of the session 1922-23.

Merkel had a large representation in Simmons during the past year; other students registering here during the 1922-23 session from Merkel were: Scott Johnson, Mary Evelyn Hamm, Mary Cleo Booth, Noel V. McDonald, William Gullledge, Lila Bradley, Amy Bradshaw, Oliver Roy Carey, Leland O. Neill, Christine Collins, Delma Compton, Marie Earp, Lena Bradley and Allie Ester McCarty.

Judson Thomas McRee was one of the Merkel students to make a fine record in Simmons; he did his pre-med work here and during the past year entered the University of Texas.

Simmons students enrolled from Trent in the past session were: Mattie O. D. Robinson, Joe Carroll English, Bessie English, Juanita Shouse, Elbert O. Watkins.

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During the fall months is a good time to build your next year's credit structure. Be sure and patronize a bank that has always taken care of the Farmer.

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LAUNDRY SERVICE

Do you dread wash day?—Then comes the ironing, do you enjoy that? Did you know you could have your entire family washing and ironing done at a less figure than you can afford to do it yourself, or by a wash-woman? We are in that business, work fifty four people who thoroughly know their line of duty. A trial will be convincing to you that you have been awakened to something appreciative. Cleaning and Pressing. No gas odor—One day service for prices that you can afford to pay. Let me at least relieve you of some of your hard work. Ask those who are using the service. My Flat rate, rough dry rate, or Semi finish rate will appeal to you. Ligon, the Laundryman. Phone 218 brings my car.

Messrs M. P. Lattimer, Watt Blair and R. L. McLain, who reside out on routes five and three, being neighbors, were in the city last Saturday, and it was a hot day; so hot that it seemed that all crops and vegetation might be literally burned up in one or two days of such weather, and in our rounds we had met these men separately, and in asking them about how the crops were holding up, received three different reports. One was that the crops were good, would make more this year than last even if it did not rain another drop; one that crops were fair and although needing rain, a fair yield would be made; the other was that crops were already hurt by the dry hot weather and unless rain came soon, would be very short. Now these men are each truthful and among our very best and most substantial citizens, and we are sure they gave us the facts as they exist in their own fields and as they believe them to be. And yet it may be that the statements vary according to the pessimistic or optimistic views of the different men, or it may be that the few showers of rain that have fallen so partially over this section have visited them accordingly. However, these men are genuine good farmers and we predict that with the end of gathering time there will be plenty in the pantry and barns of each, as well as a bank account that shows up a nice balance on the right side of the ledger, for as the years go by these men are gradually adding a few more acres of Taylor county lands to their splendid holdings.

Mr. T. R. Lassiter, his wife and daughter, Miss Maye, accompanied by his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, returned last week from an extended and pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Clarks-ville, Fulbright and Deport, Texas. Mr. Lassiter, who is one of our most substantial and successful farmers, tells us that in all his trip, even through the great black land belt of Texas, he found crops but in a few instances any better than he found in his home community, and to take the country as a whole, Mr. Lassiter believes the crops in good old Taylor will average up to and above the rest. Mr. Lassiter states that they had a most pleasant and enjoyable trip, in fact Mr. Lassiter believes that a little auto trip is a fine thing for most people to take at least once a year.

Texas Banker Uses Ferrasol

One of the most widely known financiers in Texas is Mr. T. T. Cole, President of the Texas Mortgage Co., of Dallas, who writes: "I am pleased to say that I have used Ferrasol for indigestion and acid stomach and I believe it is the best remedy I have ever tried for such troubles. I know of no better remedy for indigestion, constipation and kidney trouble where due to acidity. Yours truly, (signed) T. T. Cole. For Sale by Merkel Drug Co. at 50c per box. 29c

THEY CAUGHT THE BIG ONE

Last week Messrs Pat Addison, Herman Doan and "Red" Lackey, while enjoying a fishing and outing trip on the San Saba, managed to land the "big one", that is the "big one" did not get away. Yes, they caught one that tipped the scales at a little over forty pounds, a big yellow cat fish.

Mr. Jas A. Patterson returned last week from a trip to El Paso, where he shipped a car of nice Jersey milk cows. Mr. Patterson reports finding ready sale for the cattle. While in that city he stated that he took time to visit (Juarez) several friends and old time Merkel citizens, as well as spending a day or so with Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jones, who recently moved to Sierra Blanco. Besides visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jones at their splendid home just in the edge of Sierra Blanco, consisting of 320 acres of land, they also spent a day on their six section ranch in the mountains. And, while Mr. Patterson states that he found all the former Merkel-ites seemingly getting along nicely, he anticipates the return of several families to Merkel before another year rolls around.

Methodist Womans Missionary Society

Although last Monday was a Fifth Monday, the Womans Missionary Society met and began the study of our new Bible Book. Bro. Hays has kindly consented to teach this study for us and we invite every Methodist Woman to come and enjoy these lessons. The study is entitled "The Life and Letters of Paul," and though we had only the first two chapters last Monday, we found them very interesting and instructive. On next Monday afternoon we will have our regular business meeting and also the third and fourth chapters of the Study. Although the weather is warm, we are expecting a big attendance on next Monday. There were about twenty present last Monday. Come and enjoy these lessons whether you have a book or not, you will find them worth the time and effort of coming.

Reporter.

At The Methodist Church

Pastor Hays announces that he will preach in his church at both the morning and evening services next Sunday, and urges that every Methodist who can be present at this time.

Last Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour the Methodist congregation had the pleasure of hearing Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurray College, deliver one of his splendid sermons. Dr. Hunt is not only one of the biggest men in all the Methodist church, but really one of the greatest preachers in all the Southland.

The Methodist people were also pleased to have with them on last Sunday, Presiding Elder and Mrs. W. M. Lane. Brother Lane returned Monday evening and held Third Quarterly Conference. Bro. Lane is another able man among the Methodist church who is loved and esteemed by all who know him.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird McPeck, of Floydada, Floyd county, former citizens of this community, who mover several years ago to the plains, stopped over here first of the week on their return home from a visit with friends in Mulberry Canyon, and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble. They were so carried away with the fine crops in this country and especially in the Mulberry Canyon, that they took with them some samples of the fine feed etc., and also stated that they expected to again move back to the Canyon, soon as they had purchased a home in that community.

Lewis Tucker and sister, Mrs. Merritt of the Noodle community have returned from a two weeks visit with friends and relatives at Graham and Ranger.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank



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RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$296,614.07
U. S. Securities	9,750.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	34,660.00
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Other Real Estate	4,100.00
Five per cent. Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	123,490.35
Overdrafts	195.02
Total	\$476,472.54

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	6,265.74
Circulation Acct.	5,950.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	399,256.80
Total	\$476,472.54

J. T. Warren, President L. R. Thompson, Cashier
Booth Warren, Asst. Cashier Owen Ellis, Asst. Cashier

DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson,
Sam Butman Sr., Henry James

Services at Nubia

I will meet my regular appointment at Nubia on the second Sunday in September. Sunday School at ten o'clock and preaching at eleven. League and church services in the evening at the usual hour. U. S. Bird.

Mrs. Ida Enloe of Burkley, California, was the guest of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duckett, leaving that night for her home.

Mr. Judson T. McRee returned last week from Austin where he had been attending the first term of the summer session of The University of Texas. Judson is preparing to enter the State Medical School at Galveston next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Minor Burns have returned to their home at Canton, Texas, after a two weeks visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns, and sister Miss Jewel.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Fords Dodges, and Buicks. See McDonald Motor Company.

Have you been to the "Mammoth Shoe Sale at Browns"? It means dollars saved for you. Brown D. G. Co.

Intermediate League Program

Leader, Gladys Milliken.
Song: Scripture Les. Matt. x:29
6:25-31 by Leader.
Profession Sparrow, by Louis Tucker.
Special song.
Miss Lily, by Hallie Pike.
Song: League Benediction.
Everyone is urged to come at 4 o'clock sharp.

Geo. Ferrier who is ranching in New Mexico, was down first of the week for several days, visiting his parents, and other relatives and friends.

Miss Floy Buchanan has returned from a visit with relatives at Goree.



It doesn't matter if you break Or almost bend it double, They can with ease repair it And terminate your trouble

We can surely straighten it up and set you going smooth again. See us for grease, gas, oils and all kinds of service.

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 - One lot Men's dress shoes values up to \$10.00, special \$3.49
 - One lot ladies, pumps, and tennis oxfords, special 39c

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Coal may be cheaper next summer—but wait—it will be higher next winter. T. J. R. Swafford, phone 44, South side.

Postmaster Comegys, accompanied by Master Bill Comegys and Jack Anderson, will leave next week by auto for Springfield Mo., on his vacation. They will go via Wichita Falls and Oklahoma.

Mrs. B. R. Thomason came in Monday from Coahoma to be with her mother, Mrs. T. B. Etheredge during her confinement with a broken arm.

Miss Mamie Ellis, who is now in Canyon, will leave this week on a tour of the state of Colorado, accompanied by relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Pardue and children of Abilene, visited in Rotan Sunday.

Miss Velma Brown and Mrs. J. A. Bland just returned last week end from a trip to New Mexico where they visited their friends and relatives. They report a fine time.

O. J. Adcock and family will leave Saturday for Comanche, Gatesville and Temple to visit friends and relatives. While away Mr. Adcock will attend a meeting at Temple of the Letter Carrier's Association of the State.

Miss Dogmah Rawlings, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, for the past week, returned to her home at Trent Sunday.

Miss Fannie Moore of Groesbeck, Texas, is here this week for a pleasant visit with home folk and friends. She also spent several days last week with friends in San Angelo.

Don't Overlook
that subscription. If you are in arrears remember that we can always find good use for
the MONEY

Mrs. R. L. Counts, of Colorado visited her sister, Mrs. E. D. Teuton, of this city last week for a few days, after which she left for a visit with other relatives at Wichita Falls and other points in north Texas.

Miss Clara Moore, splendid and accomodating chief operator of the local telephone system, returned last Friday from an extended visit to different points in the state, spending her vacation, among friends and relatives.

A large crowd was in attendance here Sunday on the Singing Convention. People were here from Sweetwater, Abilene, Anson, Tuscola, Lawn, Potosi, Trent, Blair and Tye. Dinner was spread at the Tabernacle and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson McKlusky of Cisco, spent Sunday here visiting their friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duckett, leaving that night for Slaton.

The Woodroof-Bragg Store will reduce their Shoe Stock at less than cost prices to make room for big fall stock now coming in.

Mrs. Ergeal Meador and little daughter Joy, returned last week from their extended trip to Chicago, where they enjoyed a visit with the former's sister.

J. S. Hughes says he has lived and farmed in the Merkel community for thirty-five years and never saw prospects more flattering for an abundant yield of cotton and feed than at present in the Canyon. Many fields of cotton and feed are already assured, said Mr. Hughes.

Judge Brooks was up from Abilene Thursday on legal business for his firm.

L. L. Estes, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Estes, now residing at Plainview, was here last week with his family for a visit with home folk and friends.

Notice to Farmers

Bring your chickens to the Oldest Produce House in Merkel. Stay with me and I will stay with you. The Farmers' friend. W. P. DUCKETT. 3t2

New Mexico Fancy Egg and Colorado Fancy Lump Coal coming in this month. T.J.R. Swafford, phone 44, south side. 1t

Woodroof-Bragg, the place most people trade, have on a big Shoe Sale. See them Saturday and Monday for real Shoe Bargains. 1t

Esquire A. G. Cobb, of Hearne Texas, was here last week for a day or so visit with his son, Judge N. D. Cobb, after which he left for a visit with relatives at Hamlin.

Dr. M. Armstrong left yesterday for New Orleans, where he will take a special post graduate course and be associated with his son Dr. Frank Armstrong, now doing special work in one of the great hospitals in the Oleander city. Mrs. Armstrong and daughter, Miss Lola, will likely join the doctor on his trip within the next few days. They will be away about three weeks.

W. J. Sheppard who for some time has been in Brownfield as local manager for the Jones Dry Goods Company of that city, was down last week end for a visit with his family, and to attend the Sheppard family reunion on last Sunday.

Jess Grafford, and B. C. Gaither, accompanied by Mr. Gafford's father, who came down last week from Missouri, left first of the week for a business and pleasure trip to San Antonio. They are making the trip overland by auto.

Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton and Mrs. Una Darr, sisters of Mr. J. T. Warren, were over first of the week from Abilene for a visit with the latter.

Sid Fleming of Deport, Texas, was here this week and after looking over the country decided that he wanted to locate in the Merkel country, and immediately secured a splendid farm to work next year from J. C. Mason, and will move his family here this fall.

The many friends of Mrs. W. P. Browning will regret to learn that her condition is but little improved if at all, after several weeks serious illness. We sincerely trust, however, that she may yet take a turn for the better.

R. E. Cole says that he expects to make all the feed he will need, and some to spare, for another year, and as proof of same he brought to this office several large, well matured maize heads for samples. Mr. Cole took the heads of feed to the Farmers State Bank, where they are now on exhibition.

RUNNING HORSE RACES FEATURE OF STATE FAIR

Seven Days' Program, With Six Races Daily, Announced for 1923 Exposition

Horse racing will be revived at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 13-25 this year.

The races are to be an added attraction of the amusement program. There will be six running events daily, for seven days, beginning Saturday, Oct. 13 and ending Saturday, Oct. 20.

For the second week of the Fair, each afternoon before the grandstand, a great rodeo and "stampede," detailing ranch life in Texas, as it was in pioneer days, will be a feature.

Total purses of nearly twenty thousand dollars will be offered for the several racing events, including "The Texas Derby" and two handicaps, dates for which will be announced later. The Texas Derby will probably be run on Dallas Day at the Fair.

The greatest interest has been manifested in the races, and some of the best horses in the country will be entered. New quarters to accommodate at least two hundred thoroughbreds are now being constructed, and additional barns will be completed well before the opening date of the Fair and race meet.

STATE FAIR POULTRY SHOW HIS HOBBY



WALTER BURTON
Superintendent Poultry Department

Walter Burton, superintendent of the State Fair Poultry Department, has made the annual Poultry Show at the State Fair of Texas, his hobby. It has been his ambition to make the State Fair show each year, one of the leading shows in the country. Increased show space and better facilities will be found this year, thanks to his effort.

SAYS MANY HOLSTEINS COMING TO STATE FAIR



OTIS BROWN
Secretary Holstein-Friesian Club of Texas

Holstein-Friesian breeders throughout Texas will attend the State Fair, Oct. 13-25 next in greater numbers than ever before, according to Otis Brown of Irving, Secretary of the Holstein-Friesian Breeders' Club of Texas. Mr. Brown expects an exhibit of Holsteins at the 1923 State Fair that will eclipse any previous showing of the popular breed.

CALIFORNIAN TO JUDGE SHEEP AND GOAT SHOW

B. F. Miller of the University of California, will judge sheep and goats at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 13-25. Mr. Miller is a recognized authority, and comes highly recommended by the animal husbandry department, A. & M. College of Texas. Before coming to Dallas for the State Fair, he will have judged at the San Angelo Fair.

Boys and girls of the State Fair Clubs had a wonderful time during the State Fair encampment of 1922. They'll have a far better one at the 1923 encampment. Fair dates this year, Oct. 13-25. See premium lists for dates and details.

"Jim Hogg," a Texas-bred horse, won a famous running race on the State Fair track some years ago. At the 1923 State Fair races, Oct. 13-25, the name of some other famous Texas may figure among the winners.

FINE RADIO SET IS PRIZE FOR FARM CLUB BOYS AT STATE FAIR

"To further the efforts of club members, the Texas Radio Sales and Engineering Company is offering a \$200 radio set to the standard club making the best report for the year 1923."

That's the way it reads in the premium list. It means that some standard Boys' Farm Club, participating in the annual exhibition and contest for prizes at the State Fair, Oct. 13-25 this year, is going to win a fine radio outfit.

The premium list has just been issued. The 1923 Boys' Club educational dates are Oct. 16-18 and S. C. Evans of A. & M. College will be in charge.

Full particulars as to the encampment and requirements covering the contest for the radio set, may be had upon application to Mr. Evans, State Club Agent, College Station, or the county demonstration agents in the several counties.

Dates for the girls' encampment are Oct. 23-25, and Miss M. Helen Higgins of A. & M. will have full charge. The usual premium lists are now ready for distribution.

STATE FAIR RACING JUDGE WAS ONCE A 100-YARD SPRINTER



JOSEPH A. MURPHY

Sometimes sporting editor of the old Globe Democrat, Joseph A. Murphy, who will preside as racing judge at the State Fair running horse meet at Dallas, Oct. 13-25 this year, could once do his hundred yards in ten seconds flat. That was back in 1899 however, or thereabouts. Since that time Mr. Murphy has taken on a little "weight for age," but with it a wide experience in racing matters. He is regarded as one of the best racing judges in the country, and will come to the State Fair meeting of the grand circuit. He officiated at the State Fair a dozen years ago and gave eminent satisfaction. Arthur McKnight will be starter at the State Fair meet under Judge Murphy.

ELLIS COUNTY'S CHANCES GOOD AMONG COUNTIES

Ellis county has an excellent opportunity to top the list of counties exhibiting at the State Fair of Texas this year, Oct. 13-25. The Ellis County Fair dates have been fixed for Oct. 8-11, just prior to the opening of the State Fair at Dallas. It is intimated that the best of the exhibits made at Ennis may be assembled in an Ellis county exhibit to be shown at Dallas. It was by the plan that several West Texas counties made such an excellent showing at the 1922 State Fair of Texas. Jelks F. Castellaw is secretary of the Ellis County Fair.

JERSEY CATTLE BREEDERS INTERESTED IN FAIR

Each succeeding year at the State Fair of Texas, the showing of Jersey cattle has reflected the growth of the breed in Texas. There will be no exception at the 1923 State Fair. Interest of Jersey owners and breeders has already centered about the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 13-25. A national publication has asked for the date on which Jersey cattle will be judged at the Texas exposition. It will be Oct. 15, and the judge will be C. H. Staples of Baton Rouge, La.

PITTSBURG MAN'S COW MAKES STATE RECORD

Aggie Wayne Concordia, a Holstein cow owned by F. E. Prince, owner of the Priscodale Holstein farm, a mile east of Pittsburg, has just completed an official test that establishes a new record for the State in seven days. The production of milk amounted to 814 pounds, exceeding by 122 pounds the former record, made by a Dallas County cow.

Mr. Prince's Holsteins have been shown at the State Fair for several years.

CONCHO HEREFORD BREEDERS ORGANIZING

The Concho Hereford Breeders' Association was formed at San Angelo late in May, with L. L. Farr of San Angelo as president. Ralph H. Harris of San Angelo is vice president and John N. Simpson of Sterling City, secretary. John P. Lee of San Angelo was active in the meeting from which resulted the organization. It is expected that a number of Herefords owned by members of the association will be shown at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 13-25.

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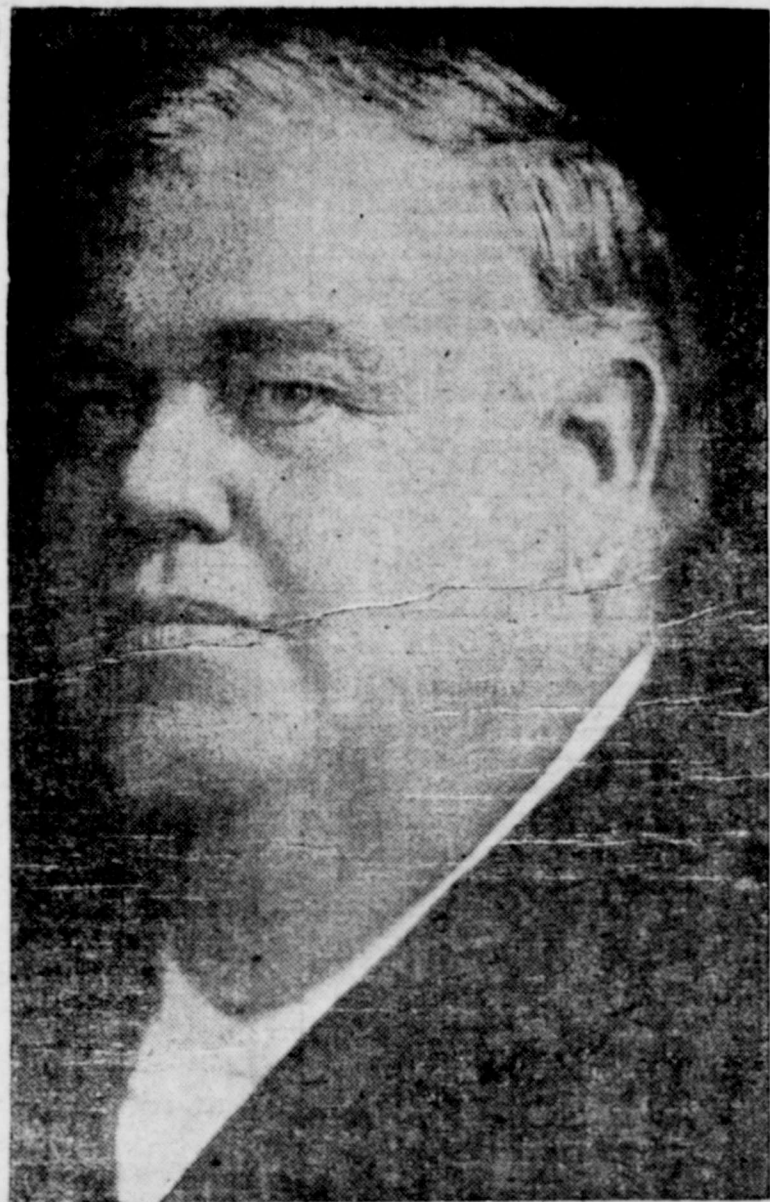
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Any town that does not provide the proper features of entertainment and recreational facilities for its young people and citizens in general, soon wake up to the fact that they are daily and nightly drifting to other nearby towns where such things have been provided.

When the citizens of any town come to the point where they no longer cooperate with each other in an effort to make of that town a bigger and better place in which to live, that town invariably stops growing and takes a turn toward the village route.

Notwithstanding the fact that out side of a few scattering showers about, the dry weather has not damaged the cotton crop in this locality to speak of up to this time and the general opinion is that, with a good rain in the next few days, this country would likely witness the biggest cotton yield ever known before.

The Richardson Echo, published almost within the shadow of the big Dallas department stores, carries a nice line of advertising from the home merchants, and in its last issue reports the business of the merchants "picking up." Speaking to the question, Editor Harben says: "Our merchants must remember that the way to bring the customer to the store is to extend the invitation. It is not enough that you have been here for so many years, the fact

that all know you are in business and sell this and that, does not mean the trade, who know, will come unless they are invited. Goldsmith was in Dallas 49 years, but never stopped advertising a day and ended a successful business life. "Sanger" is a household word in every Dallas county home, yet this firm spends more than \$100,000.00 per year to keep their name and what they sell and their offerings before the people in the form of an invitation."—Lockney Beacon.

Crosbyton needs men who are big in every sense of the word. Men who are builders and who will not let little personal spites influence their actions in any public work. Public life calls for many sacrifices on the part of the citizenship. This service must oftentimes be rendered without recompense or without glory. There is where the bigness of the individual has the chance to assert itself. Here is where they have the opportunity to be big in the true sense of the word. Here is where the individual should lay aside all personalities and render the service to which the public is entitled in a public spirited way. Oftentimes this will require a personal sacrifice on his part. His personal and business interests may conflict with the welfare for the general public. Here is where his bigness will assert itself. The man who can render honest, conscientious, impartial service to his community when it conflicts with his private interests is a big man. Such men as this are responsible for the founding of the American government. May their tribe increase.—Crosbyton Review.

In our effort and desire to obtain more facts concerning the trip and return of the soldier boys of this city, who spent two weeks in training at San Antonio, we unintentionally failed to make mention of same in our last issue.

This office is in receipt of a copy of the premium list for the State Fair of Texas which opens at Dallas on October 13 and closes

October 28. And, notwithstanding the fact that our state fair has for many years been recognized as one of the largest and best state fairs in the nation one can readily judge from the large premium list and other announcements made that the same bids fair to greatly exceed this year any and all past records as to greatness and interest. And of course all Texas is going to make preparation to attend same. It's our fair and we should encourage it in every way possible.

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

A very serious situation confronts the Texas & Pacific Railroad and the parents of school children living along its line, which apparently can be corrected only by determined efforts on the part of the parents, school superintendents and the teachers to stop the practice of the children swinging on moving trains or cars and crawling under and between cars. The trainmen, switchmen and other employees of the railroad are powerless to prevent such acts of the school children without the cooperation of the parents and school authorities, who should impress upon the children the danger they incur when they attempt to catch a moving train or crawl under standing cars. They should be instructed to go around cars, and warned to use every precaution in crossing the railroad track. The fact that this is vacation time and the schools are closed does not lessen, but increases, the danger, as the children have more freedom than during the school term.

The efforts and time expended in breaking up such practices are cheap compared with the results to be obtained, which is the prevention of deplorable accidents in which the little ones lose limbs or life. There is no more pitiful sight than that of a young boy or girl with a precious member of their little bodies missing, which brings a constant heartache to their parents. The loss of any of the members of its body is an al-

most insurmountable handicap to a child and lessens to a considerable degree its chance of success in life.

The members of the Rio Grande Division Safety Committee, Texas & Pacific Railroad, are noting instances daily of school children, even those of very young age, in practically every town on the Division taking great and wholly unnecessary risks in crossing the railroad track. Boys of from 10 to 15 years of age make a practice apparently for fun, of swinging cars which are being switched back and forth in the yards, and of catching passenger trains as they leave the stations and riding them for a distance before dropping off. These boys show amazing daring and take desperate chances when they indulge in this hazardous play, for which there is not the slightest excuse.

The Safety Committee, believing that the parents do not realize the extent to which the children are engaging in these dangerous practices, takes this means of acquainting the parents, school, city and county authorities and others interested in the welfare of the children with the extremely serious condition which the Committee and other railroad employees are endeavoring to correct, but which they cannot do without intelligent and persistent cooperation from the parents and others, to whom the Committee appeals, and who may feel assured of the continued efforts of the Committee and other employees to stop such hazardous practices of the school children. Rio Grande Division Safety Committee, Texas & Pacific Railroad, Vinson Ervin, Secretary.

W. H. Stamps and family of Sweetwater were in the city Sunday attending the Singing Convention.

Mrs. J. B. Bell returned Saturday from Eastland where she had been visiting her daughter Mrs. Jack Burkhead.

Misses Hazel and Venive Bell came in Saturday from a visit of several days at Eastland.

Mrs. J. R. Baze left Monday for Fort Worth to spend a few days, thence to Denver, Colorado where she will be met by her son, Floyd, and daughters, Misses Mamie of Salt Lake City, and Ruth of Nebraska. She will spend a month in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hendricks of Coahoma are out at Truby this week where Mr. Hendricks is assisting in installing a new oil burner engine for the Truby Gin Company.

Attorney Long was in the city Sunday from Abilene in attendance on the fifth Sunday Singing Convention.

Coal may be cheaper next summer—but wait—it will be higher next winter. T. J. R. Swafford, phone 44, South side.

Misses Mary Kathrine and Ouida Campbell, who are attending the State Normal at Canyon, came in Sunday, Miss Ouida being quite ill. Miss Mary Kathrine returned to Canyon that night over the Santa Fe.

E. D. Teuton and little son, Paul, left Tuesday morning for Adamsville, Tenn., to spend a few days with relatives and friends. Mr. Teuton will also visit a brother at Shreveport while gone.

Mrs. L. N. Simmons, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe, returned to her home at Eastland Sunday.

Mrs. Locker and children are here from Potosi spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ethridge.

Mrs. W. V. Cranford and daughter, Mrs. L. D. Gaither, who is here on a visit from San Antonio, will leave next week for Denver and Pikes Peak, Colorado to spend several weeks.

W. L. B. urns and family spent a few days in San Angelo last week. They were accompanied on their visit by their daughter Mrs. J. A. Sellow of Port Arthur and their son, Ira Burns of Fort Worth, and their guest Miss Jerry Purcell of Port Arthur.

"Built Me Up"

"I USED Cardui for years and it did me more good than any medicine I ever used," writes Mrs. M. C. Ragsdale, of Fort Towson, Okla. "I used to suffer with womanly trouble that weakened me until I was a mere shadow, nervous, and could not sleep. I did not feel like I could live.

"It seemed that nothing helped me till I heard of Cardui and began to use it. It

strengthened me and, as 'twas recommended to do, it regulated and built me up till I was like another woman."

If you are weak, run-down and feel that you need a tonic, take Cardui, the woman's tonic, the tonic about which you have always heard, the tonic that helps weak women regain their strength.

Cardui acts on the womanly system and helps relieve pain and discomfort due to female ailments.

Try Cardui, today, for your trouble.

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Farmer left Thursday morning on a weeks visit with his son at Baird.

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HORN NEWS

Well we have been gone for some few weeks, but we are back on the job now.

Crops are looking fine here except some feed. Cotton will need rain in some two weeks or more, but hope the good Lord will send a good general rain sooner. It would mean one of the best cotton crops ever made in this part of the country. That is saying lots, but it would be true.

Quite a few have been going to hear Charlie Taylor.

We are planning a two weeks singing school here by Mr. V. W. Lepard. He was called to Post at the Friendship Church to sing Mrs. Lepard accompanied him.

Miss Voda Cole went to Post last week. White Dove.

White Church Cemetery Notice

In accordance with an agreement at our last meeting, the second Wednesday in August (August 8) is the day set for our next meeting to do other necessary improvement work on our cemetery. At this meeting we expect to move the fence to the new line, so, as has been our custom heretofore, come prepared to spend the day, bringing such tools as may be needed in fencing, grubbing, etc. Any one who may be interested in any way has an invitation to meet with us. Dillard R. Snow, Secretary and Treasurer of Board of Trustees.

Baptist Announcements

Sunday School 10 a.m. and our goal is 350 for the hour. Let every teacher and officer be in their places early to greet each pupil as they come in. Especially should new pupils and strangers be welcomed and made to feel at home. Let every member of every class be on time and if possible have a new pupil present.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. At the morning hour the pastor will preach by request on "The Three Classes of Church members".

At the evening hour there will be a baptismal service for those approved for baptism during the meeting.

At three o'clock in the afternoon the pastor will preach at Comper.

Young peoples meetings at 7 in the afternoon.

Let's make Sunday a good day for the Lord. Ira L. Parrack.

Epworth League Program

Subject—The Psalm of Life: God Manifested in Nature.
Leader, Edith Brown.

Song Service.
Prayer; Scripture reading.
Male Quartett.
Address by Leader.
Three minute talks by the following:

1. Wrenn Durham.
2. Cyrus Pae.
3. Edna Watts.
4. Sie Hamm.
5. Blanche Durham.
6. Geneva Middleton.
7. Hazel Harkrider.

Hymn.
Dialogue, Leader and leaguers.
Benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp and children visited in Abilene Sunday afternoon. They went down with Miss Roxie Sharp who is attending Simmons College.

R. D. Davis and family of Dallas county, were guests first of the week of the former's brother T. T. Davis and family.

W. O. Dial of Rotan, Texas, was here last Saturday mixing with friends and looking after business matters.

Farm Bureau Meeting

We are requested to announce that there will be a meeting of the Farm Bureau members at Odd Fellow Hall on next Monday night, August 6th. All members in the Merkel trade territory are urged to be present.

"TOGETHER WE STAND"

Practically 2000 of us are standing together, agreeing to pay \$1 each when a fellow member dies. Why are you not with us? The Citizens Mutual announced six months ago that it was organized on a firm basis, under efficient and experienced management, and would positively show you the fastest growth ever made in Texas. We have. We told you we would only accept sound healthy risks—name ONE BAD ONE. We told you Citizens Insurance would be the cheapest known. Is it? One Club reached 1000 members some time ago. Club number two will soon be completed, club number three making rapid growth. Neither ever HAD A DEATH—because we don't write bad risks. Is that cheap enough? Now we are anxious to convince reasonable minded people—and if you are reasonable you are surely convinced. There is no sense to your statement that you have known some little two-by-four mutual that never did amount to any thing and we probably won't. You have no right to make that comparison. The Citizens is conducted as you would have it conducted. If you are in good health, why don't you protect your family and help the rest of us protect ours. It will be easier for you to pay \$1 five or six times a year than it will be for your family to make \$1000 after you are gone. Think it over—don't put it off until you can spare the money. That time will never come and that is what your friend did that is now in the cemetery—you know. Do it now. These facts are given about the CITIZENS—remember its name. Drop us a card for information.

CITIZENS MUTUAL
Abilene, Texas. It

Just a few more days left to buy your shoes at a great saving. Brown D.G. Co. It

Miss Lois Able of Dayton, Tenn., is here for a visit with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton.

J. A. Buford and wife, R. R. Buford and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Buford and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hutcheson and Mrs. Mason Pee spent a few days outing and fishing on the Concho. They report a fine time.

The jury in the Blanton case at Comanche only deliberated three hours, and then returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. And it seems that their verdict has met with almost universal approval. No doubt Congressman Blanton is more popular today with his constituents than ever before.

I have some A-grade M. Johnson White Leghorn Cockerrels for sale at \$1.00 and some special mating at \$1.50. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Route 2. 7t6pd



FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Fords Dodge, and Buicks. See McDonald Motor Company. tf

FOR SALE—Bib bone Poland China pigs, \$5.00 each unless registered. Good ones. J. N. Lipham, Route 2, Anson Tex. 3t2p

FOR SALE—Good Piano, for lot in Merkel. See T. W. Collins. 1tp

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If you want a Bargain, see Barrow this week. It

Notice is hereby given that I have in my pasture a stray, red yearling heifer. Owner can get same by calling and identifying same and paying expenses of keeping and ad. G. B. Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz left this week for Fort Worth where they will spend some time in outing and recreation. They were accompanied on their trip by Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cox, of Abilene.

We regret to learn that Bill Stevens, who has been connected with the Ranger League Base Ball team this summer, came in home first of the week very ill.

Courtney Hunt and family of Haskell, are guests of friends and relatives this week in Merkel.

Delphian Notice

The Mail is requested to announce that there will be no more meetings of the Delphian Chapter until the 3rd. Wednesday in September.

Joe Noble and family of Fort Worth, are here this week guests in the home of S. C. Keith and wife and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutchison.

Miss Selma Hendrix left this week for Denver, Colorado, to spend a month.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Campbell have returned from Shreveport, La., where they were called on account of the death of Mr. Campbell's father.

Miss Osse Teaff, who is attending Simmons College, was the week end guest of home folk and friends.

Mr. Sanders R.F.D. Carrier number three out of Merkel, is away on his vacation and Mr. Hathaway is carrying the mail in his absence.

Miss Sadie Lou Gandy of Breckenridge, is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. C. M. Pogue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Conner returned last week from vacation trip to points in south and east Texas, and Mr. Connor is back on the job with the John S. Hughes Grocery Company.

Mrs. Mary E. Cummings, of Anadarko, Oklahoma, came in yesterday for a visit with her son, Judge E. S. Cummings.

Miss Ella Merlen Weed, accompanied by Misses Audie Ripley and Gertie Biggs of Comanche, are visiting near Golan this week.

FEELING BETTER NOW EVERY DAY

"My Improvement Began Right After Taking Stella Vitae," Says Waco Woman

"I wish I could tell every woman in Texas what a wonderful tonic Stella Vitae is," said Mrs. Willie D. Brown, 308 Archie St., Waco, Texas.

"My head ached something awful, pains in my back and around my stomach nearly killed me, my legs hurt and would swell like I had the dropsy. I had no appetite, what little I did eat soured and caused gas and great distress in my stomach. I was terribly nervous and could hardly sleep at all when I went to bed.

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY NOW MAKING PAPER

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 1.—Wood pulp produced from hard wood for use in paper making is the latest attainment at the River Rouge plant of the Ford Motor Company.

It is the first time in history of the paper manufacturing industry that hard wood has been successfully converted by what is known as the "soda process" into pulp so that it could be utilized in the production of paper and therefore is an achievement of outstanding importance. Here tofore, spruce, poplar, and similar soft woods have been looked upon as the only kinds available for paper manufacture. Experiments covering several months were carried on before the River Rouge plant paper mill finally developed a process whereby hard wood could be used in the making of pulp. Now manufacture is being successfully carried out on a large scale with plans under way for increasing production as soon as new equipment can be installed.

The development of the new process enables the Ford Motor Company to use all of the scrap pieces from its body-building plant at River Rouge, thus effecting a new economy in lumber conservation. The scrap lumber goes into a great machine where it is chipped, and then carried by suction pipes to an immense digester. About 18,000 pounds, or nine tons of chipped wood are placed in the digester for one batch and average about 75 per cent hard maple, the remainder of oak, ash and other hard wood. To these are added 4,500 gallons of caustic solution of sufficient strength to reduce the chips to a high-quality fibre under seven hours cooking at 110 pounds steam pressure.

When the digesting process is completed the fibre is pumped into washing machines and thoroughly cleansed. It comes out 100 per cent wood fibre ready for paper manufacture.

Production at the mill at present is confined to that of a superior quality of binder board, .075 to .090 of an inch thick, of a firm body, water proof and exceptionally durable.

The mill, operating on a twenty-four hour schedule daily, produces 26,480 finished pieces and in addition turns out 1,000 boxes for shipping purposes.

This latest development of the River Rouge Plant is in keeping with the company's general policy of eliminating waste wherever possible and of continually setting new and higher standards of manufacture so as to bring the utmost in quality.

Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Touchstone of Chillicothe, who have been here for some time the guests of friends and relatives, returned this week to their home.

Ed Heeter was up this week from the oil fields for a visit with his wife and baby.

Mrs. E. L. Turner and children left yesterday for a visit with relatives at Bomarton, Texas.

Close prices on Colorado and New Mexico Coals for August. T.J.R. Swafford, phone 44, south side. 1t

Read our ad on Bed Room furniture. Barrow Furniture Co. 1

H. L. Propst was in Sweetwater Sunday.

Buy your groceries at the little store in the alley and save money. 3t2

Mrs. Geo. McCann of Abilene, was the guest of Mrs. Peari Hollingsworth Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. W. Brown and little granddaughter, Dorothy Armstrong, visited in Baird Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard, who have been here for the past three weeks visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sheppard, returned to their home in Dallas Tuesday.

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See Barrow's ad on Bed Room Suits this week. 1t

Trades Day at Merkel

On each Trades Day from now until further notice, the Kent Street Wagon Yard will be open and FREE to one and all.
A. L. JOBE. 3t2

Evangelist W. G. Cypert is in Bronte, Coke county, this week conducting a revival meeting.

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J. O. Hamilton is at home after a pleasant visit with his son, Will, who is practicing law at Snyder, Texas.

Mrs. W. V. Cranford and daughter, Mrs. L. D. Gaither, returned Monday evening from Abilene where they had been visiting for a few days.

Roger A. Burgess, superintendent of our schools, accompanied by Mrs. Burgess, left Tuesday morning for a three weeks visit with relatives at Lubbock.

Mrs. Ben Pilcher visited in Abilene Friday.

Mrs. S. D. Gamble is visiting in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Claud Bigham was in from the ranch Saturday.

Owen Ellis spent last week in Dallas.

Miss Joe Willie Yandell visited in Abilene Sunday.

Lee Acuff was in Abilene on Monday.

Dr. Charley Williams and sister, Mrs. John Rice, were in the city Sunday from Abilene.

Mrs. J. E. Hendrix returned Monday evening from a short visit in Abilene.

Joe Martin was down from Sweetwater and spent the day with friends Sunday.

Miss Iva Horton is a guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. A. D. Boggs in Abilene.

Mrs. Bradshaw and children have returned from a visit of several days at Axtell.

Mrs. E. S. Murphy of Abilene, was here last week the guest of her daughter, Mrs. O. R. Dye.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Fords Dodges, and Buicks. See McDonald Motor Company. 1t

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