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BIG CROWDS STILL GREET EVANGELIST

This is the second week of the Presbyterian-Methodist revival, and large crowds continue to hear Evangelist Hendricks deliver his masterful and eloquent gospel messages, and as the result much interest and good is being made manifest, especially by the christian citizenship of the town and country. People are coming to hear this good man who for thirty years has been one of the South's able and faithful ministers and evangelists, and it is hoped and expected that before the meeting shall have come to a close many will yet be converted and associate themselves with some of the different churches of the city.

"Five Minutes After Death"

This will be the Evangelist's subject for tonight, and which we understand is one of the greatest and most interesting sermons delivered by him during the meeting, and to which all are urged to attend.

Another Men's Service

And on next Sunday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, there will be another service at the tabernacle for "Men only". And, let us say here, that the service for men only, on last Sunday afternoon was not only one of the best of the meeting, but pronounced by many as the best "men's meeting" they ever attended. And there was a large crowd of men present to hear the splendid sermon. The subject for the men's meeting next Sunday will be "The Sin of Saul". This is said to be a great sermon, and the men from throughout the town and country are urged to hear it.

We would also say here, that those who expect to hear a lot of cheap and low utterances from the Evangelist on last Sunday were very much disappointed, as there was not a word uttered that the most exacting or pious ladies could not have heard without the slightest offense.

Mr. Hilbert Kratzer, choir director, has a large and well organized adult and junior choir, and the music is indeed very fine. All who will are cordially invited to join same and take part in making the singing the very best.

There will only be a few more days of the meeting and the Christian citizenship is urged to attend and take part in every service. And especially are the ladies of the town and surrounding country urged to attend each afternoon the different prayer meetings that are held throughout the city at four p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee left first of the week for Lawn, where they will reside in the future. Mr. Pee having accepted the management of a hardware store in that city. For many years he has been connected with the Crown Hardware Company in this city, and is a fine young man, well qualified and highly capable of handling the position which he has accepted. We regret to lose him and his estimable wife, both of whom have been very popular in church and society circles of the city. Mr. B. T. Sublett, who has been connected with the Crown Hardware for some time, will take Mr. Pee's place on the hardware side, and Mr. Jerome Hutchison will take Mr. Sublett's place on the grocery side, and Mr. Jas. Brown has also been added to the force on the grocery side. Jimmie, as his many friends call him, is one of Merkel's best young men, and will no doubt make good in his new position.

MARRIAGE IN JULY KEPT A SECRET

The marriage on July 17, at Ballinger, Texas, of Mr. C. M. Partridge, who for the past year has been the local manager of the Telephone Company at Hamlin, and Miss Clara Moore, the efficient and popular manager for the company in this city, was quite a surprise to their many friends here when a few days ago they made announcement of same.

The bride has been reared in this city, and is held in the highest esteem by the entire town, for, owing to the fact that she has faithfully and efficiently served in the local Telephone office for many years, she is well known by every man, woman and child in the town and surrounding country. And Mr. Partridge, the groom, is also well known here, he, too, having been connected with the Telephone Company here at different times. Besides being a young man of splendid habits, honest and upright, he is capable and efficient in business, and we are glad to learn that the happy couple will likely remain in the city, having charge of the local telephone exchange.

We join many friends here and elsewhere in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity.

BONEY SELLS DRUG STORE

Just as we are about to go to press with this issue we are informed that Messrs A. B. and W. F. Patterson, have purchased the Boney Drug Store, and after completion of invoice, will take active charge of same. Mr. Marvin Boney, proprietor of the business has enjoyed a good business and we predict the new owners, who are good business men, well fixed and popular citizens, will continue to enjoy their share of the business in this line.

Baptist Associational Meeting

There has been some misunderstanding about the date of meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. I am asked by the Moderator of the Association to send notice to the local papers stating that the association will meet Wednesday night before the second Sunday in October in place of September as some had thought. The session will be held with Colorado Baptist church. The pastors' and Laymen's conference, and the Woman's Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday preceding the Associational meeting. Will not all pastors inform their people accordingly, and make preparation for a great annual meeting.

A. R. Tyson, Missionary.

Lee D. Williams, one of the substantial citizens of the Noodle community, with his family returned recently from an extensive visit and trip to friends and relatives in McClellan County. And Mr. Williams, like almost all others who have made trips this summer to distant points, states that he found the best crops he saw on his trip right here in good old Taylor county. He stated that in many cases in the fine black land counties of the state it will take seven acres to make a bale.

Messrs. A. B. Patterson and B. M. Williams, with their families, returned last week from an extended trip to Galveston and many points of interest in South Texas. They report a fine trip.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY QUARTET COMING

Presenting a varied program consisting of musical numbers, readings, piano selections, and a one-act play, the Trinity University Male Quartet will appear at the Presbyterian church here on Monday night August 27th at 8 o'clock.

Members of the Quartet are Fred Myers, first tenor; J. C. Johnson, second tenor; Charles Dickey Baritone; and James Herring, Bass. The program will be presented under auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church, and part of the proceeds will go to this society.

The musical selections will include old time favorites, as well as some of the newer numbers. Miss Ona Fae Bland, a graduate of Trinity will assist on the program.

The Quartet is now on its annual tour of West Texas, and its appearance here will mark the beginning of its fourth week. Those who had the privilege of hearing them on their visit to Merkel last year will want to hear this talented Quartet. Of the four members of the party, one is preparing for the ministry, another is studying to be a medical missionary, while one is the son of a prominent Texas minister, and the other a son of one of our best families in West Texas.

MR. WALTER JACKSON AND FAMILY COMING

The Merkel Mail and the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson, former Editors and owners of the Merkel Mail, are indeed glad to learn that they are expected to arrive in Merkel the last of this week for a few days visit with old friends.

For the past two years they have resided in Fort Worth where Mr. Jackson has been connected with one of the largest Baptist churches of that city.

They will receive a royal welcome in Merkel by their host of friends. We understand they are to be guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann, next Sunday, and will likely attend church at the First Baptist church, and in which institution they were faithful and untiring workers while citizens of Merkel.

BOARDING PLACES FOR TEACHERS

Those who will want teachers to board with them during the coming term of the Merkel schools will confer a favor if you will kindly phone or write me within the next week, telling me the number you can care for and rates you charge. When the teachers come, they will be shown your place. Respectfully, Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

Mr. B. C. Gaither was pleased to have as his guest this week, his sister-in-law, Mrs. M. M. McLean, of Washington, D. C.

LUBBOCK WILL CELEBRATE TECH.

On next Tuesday, August 28, the city of Lubbock, the "Hub of the Plains", will celebrate the securing for that city of the West Texas Technological College. The citizenship of that growing and thriving city have invited all West Texas to join them in the big event.

And from all reports almost every town in the west will send large delegations. Infact Lubbock is preparing for at least 30,000 people. The entertainment committee asked for the donation of 100 beebes to barbecue for the occasion, and 130 were received from the ranchmen and farmers.

We are informed that quite a number of Merkel folks will be in attendance upon the occasion.

PICNIC DINNER IN HONOR OF MISS JESS MAE COX

One of the most delightful parties of the summer season was given Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren, honoring their sister and cousin, Miss Jess Mae Cox, of Dallas.

The beautiful grassy lawn of the pretty new home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren was illuminated by a string of electric lights, which shed their rays on the prettily appointed tables, arranged artistically with hand-embroidered card covers, and in the center of each sat lovely little baskets of green crepe, containing after-dinner mints.

As soon as the guests had assembled, Mrs. Warren passed score cards, and when the couples were seated at the tables, Mrs. Warren and Miss Cox served plates filled with fried chicken, sliced tomatoes, potato chips, sandwiches, and pea salad, while Mr. Warren asked each guest their choice of Budweiser, Coca Cola, or cream soda, and was served accordingly.

After this sumptuous dinner, dominoes were brought to each table, and the much favored game of "42" was indulged in until a late hour, when the host and hostess served iced watermelon.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren have always borne the reputation of being ideal host and hostess, but this wonderful picnic dinner, given in the light of a silvery moon, and in the cool of the evening, was one of the most delightful affairs ever enjoyed by Messrs. and Mesdames: Loui Arrington, Roy Adams, Dee Grimes, John West, Frank McFarland, and Miss Jess Sutphen, Mrs. Ergeal B. Meador, Choc Jones, and Emmett Grimes.

Miss Jess Mae Cox, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Warren, returned Wednesday to Abilene, for a few days visit with her parents, before leaving for Dallas where she has a good stenographic position.

Mrs. H. F. Groene spent Tuesday in Abilene with relatives.

ERECTION OF NEW HALL AT SIMMONS TO BEGIN

Abilene, Texas, Aug. 23.—At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of Simmons College, the Building Committee was authorized to proceed with the new hall for men. The contract was let to R. C. Lewis and work will start immediately on the structure which will be the eighth building on the College campus.

The new dormitory, to be erected at a cost of \$125,000 aside from the furnishings, will be located on the west side of the campus, the first building on the left as one enters the circular driveway, and to the west of the stone entrance columns. It will face directly Mary-Francis Hall, the girls' dormitory across the campus, and will be south of the old Cowden Hall site, the men's dormitory which was burned.

It is to be constructed according to architect's design accepted some time ago, following the private entrance plan. Entrances will be named for the chief donors to the building. The mens hall will probably be opened for students in the fall of 1924.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, for many years valuable and estimable citizens of Merkel, but now residing in Weatherford, are here this week visiting old friends and acquaintances.

A GOOD MEETING AT COMPERE

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, splendid pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, who on last Sunday closed a very successful revival meeting at Compere, reports the baptizing of 13 new members into that church on last Sunday afternoon, as well as a number of reclamations, and splendid general uplift of the church and community.

Bro. Parrack is assisting pastor O. B. Tatum, this week, in a revival just north of the river, in Jones county.

A Surprise Birthday Dinner

A surprise dinner in honor of Mr. T. L. Stevens' 54th birthday was prepared for him and a few invited guests at the family residence at Trent, Tuesday of this week, which was enjoyed by all present.

Those present for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrain, Mrs. W. W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Erving, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reeves and daughter, Frank Stevens and family, Miss Ruth Boden, Mr. Hale Jacobs, Miss Lois Jacobs, Mrs. Lula Ashford and Mr. and Mrs. Davis Jones.

The dry goods firms and other merchants of Merkel have large and complete stocks of goods on hand from which their patrons may make their selections for their fall and winter purchases. Yes, they have made careful selections in order that they may be prepared to serve your every want; hence there should be no buying goods in foreign or nearby cities, by the people of this town and its trade territory, when it is possible to find the articles or items needed here. Let's be loyal to the home merchant, who is our neighbor and friend. If we had no merchants we would soon be without banks infact we would soon have no town at all.

Evangelist W. G. Cypert returned Monday from Walnut Springs where he has been conducting a revival meeting for the past ten days. He reports an interesting meeting.

MERKEL SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPT 10

The Merkel Public schools will open for business on Monday, September 10th at 9:00 o'clock. During the week preceding this opening date such matters as entrance examinations, returning of books, registering of credits made in the summer, registering of new pupils, and so on will be attended to. Please study the program below. Strictly abiding by this schedule will avoid confusion during the opening week. With hundreds to attend to, children coming in during the opening week simply cannot be attended to. Your failure to appear on schedule date may mean a week's delay in your child getting books.

Text Books

On Thursday and Friday, September 6th and 7th, I shall be at the office to check in all free text books that have been taken out for the summer. Bring them on these dates.

Credits

Also on September 6th and 7th all pupils who have made during the summer months any extra credits will please come to the office to have them recorded. Pupils who made their credits with Miss Bird or Miss Thompson need not come as these credits are already on file.

New Pupils

Pupils who have ever attended school before, and who did not last year attend the Merkel school will please come to the office on September 6th and 7th to be classified. Bring with you your report card and book-card. If in the high school grades, bring card showing a record of all work done in the 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grades.

Examinations

It will be impossible to give examinations during the opening week of school with all the other work that is to be done. If you want to take these entrance examinations, please come at the scheduled dates below.

Monday, Sept. 3rd, 9 a.m.—All Mathematics.

Monday, 1:00 p.m.—All History.

Tuesday, Sept. 4th, 9:00 a.m.—Geography.

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.—English for all grades and High School.

Wednesday, Sept 5th, 9:00 a.m.—Agriculture and physiology.

Wednesday, Sept. 5th, 1:00 p.m.—Any subject not listed above.

Getting all the above work out of the way during the week preceding the opening of school means that books can be issued and work begun early during the opening week. It will be needless for pupils to come to take an entrance examination to make up a subject which they have not specially studied during the summer. The examination will be just as difficult as the one taken last spring at the close of school.

It is hoped that all will cooperate by giving as much publicity to the above dates as possible so all will be advised when to turn in books, take examinations, or register credits.

Very respectfully,
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

Do you enjoy a varied program of seriousness and fun? Well hear the Trinity University Male Quartet Monday night. Admission 35 and 20 cents. It

The Editor and family are indeed grateful to our good friend and most excellent citizen, Mr. W. N. Snow, of route five, for a jar of very fine home raised honey. Mr. Snow, we learn, has just recently extracted some 200 pounds of honey from his bees, which is indeed quite a help.



TRINITY UNIVERSITY MALE QUARTET

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LACK CO-OPERATION COST NINE TEXAS COUNTIES BIG SUM

\$12,000,000 LOSS TO COTTON GROWERS THROUGH USUAL DUMPING PROCESS

POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE

J. W. L. Hall, Secretary Cotton Association, Shows How This Tremendous Sum Can Be Saved Through Co-operative Marketing of Crop Through Association.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 15.—Lack of co-operative marketing of the cotton crop on the part of only nine Texas counties, cost those counties the startling sum of approximately \$12,000,000 last year. This immense sum which should have gone to the cotton grower and his family was lost by a continuation of the individual street sales and dumping process as practiced for a number of years, according to J. W. L. Hall, secretary of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association. Other cotton growing counties in the state suffered a like loss proportionate to the cotton ginned.

To meet such conditions the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association was organized for the purpose of marketing co-operatively and along systematic, business-like methods the cotton crop of the South. Last year the Association members received an average of more than \$25 per bale over the price received by their neighbors who sold outside the association. It is on this basis and government figures that the tremendous loss to the counties mentioned was occasioned. Those counties are Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman, Limestone, Navarro and Van Zandt.

"The \$25.00 per bale increased profit to the members," Mr. Hall said, "is the net additional profit to them, after all overhead costs, charges, etc., of handling and marketing the cotton by the Association had been deducted. As in Collin County, government figures show 96,709 bales of cotton to have been ginned last year. Had all this cotton been handled through the Association, it would have meant, in round numbers, \$25.00 per bale more to the cotton growers of Collin County, or an increased return of \$1,567,250.00.

"Likewise, Dallas County suffered a loss of \$937,450 on the 29,893 bales ginned; Ellis County \$2,056,509 on the 32,269 bales ginned; Grayson County a loss of \$847,225 on the 33,689 bales ginned; Hunt County a loss of \$1,494,150 on the 59,700 bales ginned; Kaufman County a loss of \$1,288,000 on the 51,476 bales ginned; Limestone County a loss of \$1,052,900 on the 42,115 bales ginned; Navarro County a loss of \$1,824,400 on the 72,976 bales ginned; and Van Zandt County a loss of \$739,425 on the 29,577 bales ginned.

"The loss in these counties total \$11,961,675 or approximately \$12,000,000," Mr. Hall pointed out, "for which there was no reason to sustain. The Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association last year, as at present, is open to all cotton growers. Those who were members last year profited very handsomely, and there is reason to believe that last year's record will be equaled again this year.

COTTON THIS YEAR SHOULD BE WORTH THIRTY CENTS--ORR

ORDERLY MARKETING ALONE WILL PREVENT PRICE GOING LOWER IS GENERAL BELIEF

ESTIMATE 11,500,000 BALES

Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association Representatives Complete Speaking Tour in Texas—Speak to Thousands—Membership Increase Results

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 15.—Following the completion of the speaking tour as conducted by the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association in connection with their "More Money for Cotton" campaign, John T. Orr, President, expressed himself as highly pleased with the results obtained, and stated that a very substantial portion of the 1923 Texas cotton crop would be marketed on the co-operative plan.

Mr. Orr and C. O. Moser, secretary-treasurer of the American Cotton Growers' Exchange, spoke at Sherman, McKinney, Greenville, Waxahachie, Ennis, Terrell, Corsicana and Groesbeck during the past week in the interest of the campaign. At each place large crowds of business men and farmers were in attendance, and as a result hundreds of new members were secured in the counties visited.

"Cotton this year should be worth 30 cents," he said, "if the value of other commodities and the crop shortage we are facing are taken into account. With only 11,500,000 bales in sight, and great possibilities of not raising that much, there is no excuse for cotton price going as low as the speculators are forcing it. To keep the price from going lower, the necessity rests upon the Southern farmer to market his cotton in an orderly way, instead of dumping it in the next few weeks.

"The speculator is not a robber," Mr. Orr declared, "for he was necessary in the system under which we were raised. We farmers are responsible for our own condition, and the remedy for our trouble lies in our own hands."

STATE LEAGUE SHOWS ABILENE HIGH WINNER

Austin, Texas, August 16.—A compilation has been made of winners of first, second and third places in the State Meets of the University Interscholastic League during the past thirteen years of its existence, and this compilation shows that Abilene and other schools in Taylor county have won a fair share of the awards in this great statewide public school competition.

In 1918 Gayle Williams won for the Abilene High School second place in Senior Girls' High School Declamation Contest.

In 1921 Empress Young of the same school won second place in the Senior Girls' High School Declamation contest.

Lucy Caton of the Travis school, in 1922, was awarded a 100% spelling certificate in the sub-junior division. In the same year Myrtle Williams won the State Championship in Senior Girls' High School Declamation contest, thus giving the Abilene High School more honors in Senior Girls' High School Declamation than any other school has won in the state meets of the Interscholastic League.

In 1922 Lois Manley of the Willow Creek School, Taylor county, tied for third place in the Rural Junior Girls' Declamation contest with Louise Vick of Vollet, Texas.

In 1922 Ida Hogland won state championship for the Abilene High School in Girls' Tennis Singles.

In 1923 Abilene High School Football team was runner-up in the State Interscholastic League Football Championship.

These honors have been won in competition with nearly four thousand other schools in Texas which are members of the League. County winners in the various events are first decided. These county winners then participate in a district meet where district winners are selected for competition in the State Meet which is held at the University of Texas on the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday in May of each year. The League thus maintains 223 county organizations and thirty-two district organizations. The Constitution and rules for 1923, containing in the Appendix all of the records made at the thirteen State Meets, will be issued from the press the latter part of this month.

W. G. Pylant is back from a visit with relatives in Lincoln county, Tenn., and says that old Taylor county is the best place to live, especially for him.

Carpenter L. A. Freeman is back from Blair where he has just finished a four room modern bungalow with sleeping porch for Zeb Moore.

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GOSSIPS.

Some one started a dirty bit of gossip which reached the ears of Othelo, and he was so enraged that he murdered his good wife, Desdemona, while she lay asleep in her bed. Spearman has a few gossipers, scandal mongers, liars, who delight in besmirching the character of boys and girls, men and women. The human misfits are found in church, lodge, society, and in every walk of life. Next time you hear a bit of choice gossip, try to stamp it out instead of giving it a fresh start. The good Lord will bless you for it.—Spearman Reporter.

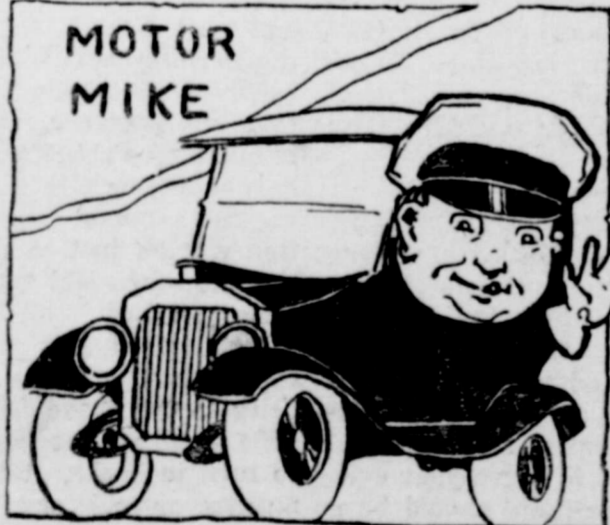
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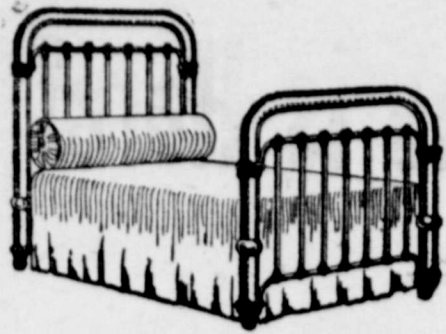
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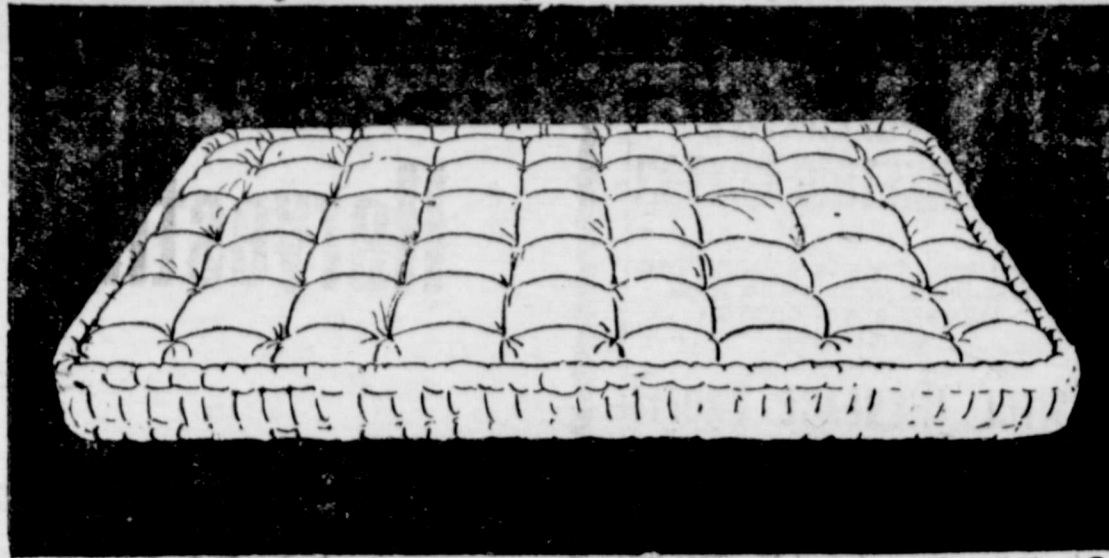
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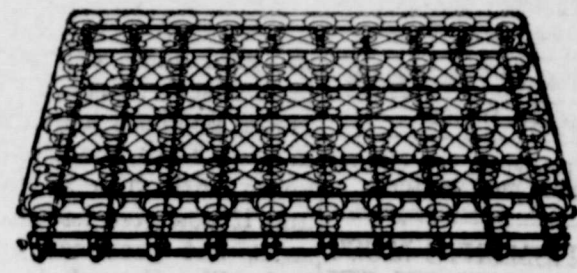
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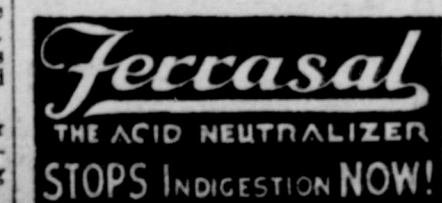
Mr. J. H. Craig who has been in San Antonio for several months attending a school of Chiropractic, came in first of the week for a visit with his family and many friends here. He expects to return and soon finish his course.

Mr. L. R. Thompson left Tuesday morning for Abilene, where he joined the Abilene Trade Trippers Special Train of citizens, who are boosting the West Texas Fair which opens in that city in September.

ACID STOMACH CAUSES ULCERS

"I believe I had as bad a case of acid stomach as anyone ever had. I was in such condition that my food would no longer assimilate or digest and sores developed in my mouth even. My stomach was so sore from ulcers that the pressure of my clothes hurt me. I used FERRASAL and it completely cured me. I will recommend it to anyone as the greatest remedy for acid stomach, constipation and indigestion." HENRY G. DANNELLY, 5663 Goodwin St., Dallas, Texas

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Joe Wniter of the Shiloh community was in the city yesterday and reports a nice rain out his way Tuesday night. He also reports crops very good out that way, saying that he believed he would get about a third of a bale of cotton per acre. He also reported that his son Jennings who resides in Terry county, and who was here on a visit, had in cultivation this year about 225 acres in cotton and from which he expected to gather about 100 bales.

Mr. S. M. Mullen, splendid farmer on route one was in the city one day this week and made this office a very pleasant and appreciated call. He says he has no kick on his crop. Has plenty of feed and 100 acres of cotton that promises a fair yield.

Rev. J. C. Moore and daughter, of Stamford, are here this week for a few days visit.

After being unable to walk without crutches for almost three weeks, Mrs. H. T. Merritt is now able to get about. Three weeks ago she fell and sprained her knee and has suffered quite a bit, but is greatly improved.

Jack Merritt has returned home after spending several weeks with his brother Ben in Hamlin, a sister in Clyde, and relatives in Merkel. Jack says he has had the time of his life—eating melons, fishing and swimming—but is now ready to look after the Hale Center American and see that it reaches the subscribers in due time.—The Hale Center American.

Mrs. Carter and little daughter of El Paso are here visiting her sister, Mrs. B en Pilcher.

Mrs. Nannie George, who has been visiting her brother, James Holland and family at Shep, has returned to Merkel for a visit before returning to her home at Electra.

Mrs. M. Moore, who has been here visiting her niece, Mrs. W. L. Burns for two weeks, left for Blackwell Sunday where she will visit relatives for a few days before going to her home at San Angelo, Texas.

Whitten Swafford and wife of Eugene, Oregon are expected the latter part of this week for a visit with home folks, S. H. L. Swafford and family.

Miss Jessie Mae Cox, of Abilene, has been the guest of Mrs. P. Booth Warren this week.

Now is the time to begin to think of those new fall and winter clothes. Call in and look our lines over. The best in America for the money. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

BARGAINS

Spectacles and Jewelry at a bargain. Watch repairing, satisfaction guaranteed. I have been in business thirty-eight years, and came to Merkel for my health, and I am permanently located here. I do most all kinds of repairing. R. A. Tarbutton. tf

Mrs. Ellis P. Beene and daughter, Miss Juanita, returned last week from an extended visit with friends and relatives in South and east Texas.

Misses Amy Fry and Avenel Nevill of Anson, and Miss Thelma Brown of Abilene are visiting Miss Lois Higgins this week.

Delma Compton returned last week from his extended trip through California and other western states. He has accepted a position with the Merkel Drug Company and has entered upon the duties of same.

Mr. C. L. Tucker, efficient and accomodating Public weigher, reports some forty-three bales weighed in the yard here up to Thursday morning. More than twenty of these were received Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison were guests this week of Miss Christene Collins. They returned to their home in El Paso on Tuesday.

"Strong and Well"

"I WISH you could know how much I am improved since taking the Cardui," writes Mrs. Nannie Brown, of Black Rock, Ark. "You wouldn't know me for the same weak invalid I was before I took it. At my . . . I had to keep off my feet or I would fall. I couldn't do my housework, and just got where I'd most as lief be dead as living. Some one told my husband of Cardui. He got

it for me and I took three bottles before I stopped—then off and on for the last three years just as a tonic. I saw a decided improvement after my first bottle. I used the three, and was able to do my work with ease, and now I sew for my family and for others. I am feeling fine, and strong and well."

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While no doubt the grasshoppers did some real damage to some crops in this locality, many farmers tell us that their cotton, which it seemed for a while had been ruined by the hoppers, was really the best cotton they have.

August 24 and the hum of five well equipped and up to date gigs in this city will soon become steady and unceasing for many days to come. All of which means considerable prosperity, regardless of the continued hot, dry weather.

It sounds good to learn that there is not a vacant house in the city. We understand many have recently moved in from the country for the purpose of sending their boys and girls to our splendid schools, with still others trying to find homes in the city. When there are no vacant houses in a city it signifies that same is a good live, progressive town.

**WHY NOT BUILD GOOD
ROADS FOR FARMERS?**

Nearly everybody is for good roads. Many, however, who believe in good roads and contribute to their construction, get very little for their money. In too many cases the money received for county bonds is all used in constructing some link of some highway with a high sound nigh name in order to accommodate through traffic and tourists while the farmers who live off to one side patiently toil through the mud with their loads of produce destined to feed the people in town.

Wide, well paved trunk lines of highway traversing the county in every direction are splendid investments, provided there is enough money left to make good roads out through the rural districts not in direct contact with the trunk line. If there is not, then it would be fairer to all taxpayers to make other roads passable and provide for their maintenance before the out of county citizen is accommodated with a speedway.

Most counties could have more and better roads than they now have if advantage were taken of natural resources of material and proper attention were given to road drainage. There is one other essential however, and that is road maintenance. It is wasteful to construct a road and then abandon it in so far as giving it proper attention. Oftimes a cheaply constructed dirt road, if dragged at the right time, has advantages over the hard surfaced but worn out expensive highway. A well dragged, well drained road is good as least nine months of the year. Of course a gravel or a rock surface would make it passable twelve months of the year, and concrete or asphalt would be better yet, provided the county has sufficient wealth to afford that type. But, before all the money is used in constructing a few miles of costly road, it would seem more just to the farmer taxpayers, and more profitable to the people in town, to provide suitable highways for the producers. At least these county roads and lanes should be kept in a passable condition.—Farm & Ranch.

We are informed that Mr. B. P. Middleton has sold his interest in the White House Cafe to "Shorty" Holloway, who, with Mr. L. E. Sanders, will continue same in the usual pleasing and successful manner.

**JUST KEEP ON SMILING—
GIVE 'EM THE GLAD HAND**

Yes, keep on smiling and give the glad hand, and be the oasis in a desert. But Oh God, these gloom peddlers are sure a thorn in one's flesh, meet one and converse with him a short while, and if you give heed to what he says, but goodness gracious, it looks like the whole structure was going to fall. The drouth and the grasshoppers, wheat market gone all to thunder, and beef below par, taxation, war and pestilence indeed makes a dark picture. But oh galleys, walk down the street and meet one of these optimistic fellows with a ray of sunshine spread all over his face, the grip of the hand and the music of his voice puts gladness in a fellow's soul. Oh yes, one of these fellows who is always smiling, extends the glad hand, is like a spring away out in the desert. Did you ever travel sometimes for days in a desert place, and then all of a sudden you happen up on a spring, bubbling up out there, see the weeping willows, hear the kildee sing, the water lilies blooming, the cattle and the horses come to quench their thirst, and then one can lie down in the shade and forget the parched desert. That's the kind of a fellow that we like to meet, yes, it gives us a new lease on life. And here in Albany and also in Shackelford county we have many gloom peddlers, and doggone, we wish that they would leave us alone. Of course it's a little dry and the grasshoppers have got our cotton and gone, but it's not so bad after all, for the reason that we have made a fair small grain crop, grass is good, and the cattle are fat, and the oil development is still going on, and really we think that in the next ninety days we will be in the midst of a great era of oil development—every indication points in that direction. Then why go around peddling this gloom stuff. You know financial conditions are governed by the status of the human mind. Yes, in the midst of prosperous conditions, let the bent of the human mind, we mean collectively, become pessimistic, and you have got a panic. Oh yes, just start down the street, and every fellow you meet give him a good dose of gloom stuff, and it spreads like the seven year itch, and then everybody goes to drawing in their horns, this project and that project is stopped or delayed for the clouds of gloom to blow away, and the first thing you know, you have staged a panic, money goes into hiding, the banker gets scared, will turn down gilt-edged paper, and thus the gloom wave spreads like fire. Why folks, we are in fine shape; here are our two banks, have a million dollars on deposit, and the cattle are fat upon a thousand hills—why worry? Why yes, the United States owns the major portion of the world's gold supply, and the problem that confronts our financiers is to stop the influx of the yellow metal, less we drain Europe and Asia of all their gold. Yes folks, let's keep on smiling, and continue to give the glad hand, why frown and grouch? For the Lord Goodness, didn't you know that America is the greatest and the grandest, and the richest nation in the world? Oh yes, we are worth as a nation over three hundred and fifty billion dollars, and still our wealth is piling up, and shuckins, out here in grand old Shackelford county we have worlds of fine land, as rich as there is in the world, fine water holes, and while it is dry and somewhat discouraging, yet there is another year coming, and we don't see any sign of the poor house over the hill. So look up and smile and be pleasant, and strut down the street, and put on airs like a millionaire, and stop peddling this gloom stuff.—Albany News.

W. O. Johnson, substantial citizen of Route five, was here this week and dropped in to have us put him down for the Merkel Mail another year.

**MUCH INTEREST
IN CO-OPERATIVE
MARKETING COTTON**

SOUTHERN STATES REPORT TRE-
MENDOUS GROWTH IN NEW
MEMBERS TO COTTON
ASSOCIATION.

WILL INCREASE PROFIT

North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas and Oklahoma Report Activity.

Dallas, Texas, August 13.—That the "More Money for Cotton" campaign being conducted in the South by the American Cotton Growers Exchange and in Texas by the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, is meeting with tremendous success, is indicated by reports from speakers and field workers throughout the South.

Telegrams from North Carolina state that more than 300 contracts a month since last fall have been secured, a total of \$45 being signed up in July.

Tennessee wires that the results are most gratifying and the membership is being increased at the rate of a hundred a week. "The farmers of Tennessee seem to realize that only through co-operative merchandising of cotton can a fair profit come to them," the wire states.

South Carolina reports the association has already increased its membership one-third over last season and expects a 50 per cent increase within the next few weeks.

Alabama wires that membership in association this year will double that of last, owing to co-operation of last year's members who are highly enthusiastic over results obtained.

Arkansas reports 400 new members last week with indications of 800 additional members this week, and promises of 15,000 members in all by September. Present Arkansas membership around 8,000.

Oklahoma reports July membership 50 per cent increase over June, with 3,055 July contracts already on hand. The press of Oklahoma is practically unanimous behind the "More Money for Cotton" campaign.

Speakers and field workers throughout the cotton growing counties of Texas are meeting with enthusiastic receptions everywhere according to the Texas Farm Bureau Association's office here, and an exceptional large increase in members is assured. Last year the Bureau netted \$25.80 per bale to the cotton grower through its marketing system.

**"MORE MONEY FOR
COTTON" CAMPAIGN
HIGHLY ENDORSED**

LEADERS IN SOUTHERN BUSI-
NESS LIFE ACCEPT PLACE
ON NATIONAL CAMPAIGN
COMMITTEE.

TEXAS WELL REPRESENTED

Fifty Per Cent Increase in Member-
ship and Baleage Confidently
Expected. Twelve States
Now Campaigning.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 15.—Representative business men of the South have given their unqualified endorsement and stamp of approval to the "More Money for Cotton" campaign being conducted by the American Cotton Growers Exchange and its affiliated State organizations, through their acceptance and active participation on the National Campaign Committee, as announced today.

As this is true of all Southern cotton growing States, it is particularly true of Texas. Included on the National Campaign Committee from Texas, are:

- Louis Lipsitz, Harris Lipsitz Lumber Co., Dallas, Texas.
- Alex Sanger, Sanger Brothers, Dallas, Texas.
- F. F. Florence, Republic National Bank, Dallas, Texas.
- A. J. Eilers, Wholesale Dry Goods, Austin, Texas.
- A. J. Allen, Cotton Planters, Willis Post, Texas.
- C. C. Ramsey, Cotton Planter, Goddard, Texas.
- Hugo choelkopf, Pres. Texas Mfg. Ass'n.
- H. R. Stovall, Cotton Planter, Waxahachie, Texas.
- Dr. W. B. Bizzell, Pres. A. & M. College of Texas.
- E. J. Kiest, Publisher Dallas Times Herald.
- Henry Cott, Cotton Planter, Richardson, Texas.

Twelve cotton growing States of the South are at present conducting intense membership campaigns through their State cotton associations with a view of doubling the membership in the co-operative marketing of cotton. Initial reports from these States indicate a response from non-members exceeding expectations, according to L. F. McKay director of Information of the Exchange, and "It is our belief that the State Cotton Associations this year will market double the baleage marketed last year."

"Through the co-operative marketing of cotton last year the cotton growers profit per bale exceeded \$25.00 as compared to the price obtained through individual sales. With a 50 per cent increase in membership and signed up cotton contracts we have reason to believe that this additional profit to the cotton growers will all be realized in the marketing of the 1923 crop."

"During the first week of the active campaign for members in the cotton growing States of the South thousands of new members were signed up according to an announcement from the offices of the American Cotton Growers Exchange."

Harvesting Time is Here!

Harvesting time is here and we must take care of what we have made.

We have a complete line of wagon bed irons, sheets, cotton scales, maize Forks etc.

Our stock is complete and prices as good as anybodys, quality considered. We have the largest stock of Guns and Amunition in Merkel come and see for yourself.

A few wagons left at prices to move them. Let us talk with you about them.

LIBERTY HARDWARE CO.

The Only Exclusive Hardware Store in Merkel

Mr. J. A. Collins, local hotel man and most excellent citizen, celebrated his 70th birthday last Saturday, and had with him for dinner a number of close friends and relatives. May this good man celebrate many more such happy occasions.

Prof. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess came in Tuesday from Lubbock, where they spent some time with their parents. Mr. Burgess is now busy getting things in shape for opening of school on September 10.

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Tornado Insurance Agent.
Notary Public.
Office over Crown Hardware Co.
Merkel —:— Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West moved last week into the residence formerly owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. V. West, which the former recently purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks and baby returned first of the week from their visit with Mrs. Hicks' parents at Willis Point, Texas. They report a very fine trip, having made same by auto.

Rev. Dodd of Abilene, spent several days in the city this week with friends.

Little Pansy Smith, after a visit here of some length with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Acuff, has joined her mother, Mrs. V. V. Smith at Lubbock.

We are glad to learn that T. E. Regan and family who for the past year have been residing in Abilene, have recently moved back to Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin and children are spending a few days with relatives in Sweetwater.



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In Journalism, Texas Intercollegiate Press Association
In Athletics, T. I. A. A. Football Champion.
In Scholarship, her students rank with the highest.

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Pre-law Courses.

Advance Enrollment indicates largest attendance in history. Fall Term Begins September 13th. Write now for catalogue and information to—

T. N. Carswell, Registrar.

Intermediate C. E. Society

The Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society here is still on the job. Money is being made for the purchase of a new library, and with the help of this, we hope to achieve things in the future which looked practically impossible in the past.

On August 27th, the male quartette of Trinity University will be here under the auspices of this Christian Endeavor Society, and will give a special program at the Presbyterian Church on that date. All who heard them here last year were well pleased with their music, and they are certain to be as fine this year. We are not yet informed what their price of admission will be, but whatever it is, the Christian Endeavor Society will get thirty percent of all that is made. Let us have that house full and running over. What do you say?

The Christian Endeavor is an organization for the training of young people in the field of Christian work. There is no better organization in the world for that purpose. It not only trains in a Religious point of view, but the mental side of a young person's life is developed as well. The moral side is also developed to a very high degree. A great many of the greatest men of modern times have been sponsors of it; and it is a universal—a world-wide organization. More than fifty denominations of churches have it as a method of training for their young people. So you can see what a vast organization it really is.

Then, in view of all this, if your boy or girl is not in some organization of the kind, send them straight to the Christian Endeavor. That is where they will get really good training for "the King's Rousin'ess."

Remember the time and place of meeting—next Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. Come, and let's have a wonderful time.

Publicity Com.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail.

FIGURES SHOW DEMAND FOR FORDS INCREASING

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 16.—Domestic retail deliveries of the Ford Motor Company for the month of June were 161,228 cars and trucks, an increase of 32,201 over the same month a year ago, it is announced.

The month's deliveries represent only a little more than fifty per cent of the actual number of cars and trucks which could have been sold had manufacturing facilities of the company been great enough to fill all the orders. Dealers requirements on hand the first of June called for an excess of 313,000 cars and trucks, but production, though running at the highest schedule in the company's history, could not meet all these orders.

The June sales bring the total of Ford car and truck deliveries in the United States for the first six months of 1923 up to the enormous figure of 894,078, an increase of 354,975 or about 65 per cent over the same period last year.

A total of 17,774 Ford Trucks were delivered to retail customers in June, an increase of more than 6,000 over the same month a year ago, and truck sales for the six months since January first total 97,123, a gain of nearly 90 per cent above the same months of 1922.

Another feature which shows that present prosperity is general in the agricultural sections is the increasing demand for Fordson tractors. While industry is rapidly adapting the Fordson for power uses, about ninety per cent of the output goes to the farms. Sales of Fordsons for the same six months totaled 44,023, an increase of nearly 8,000 over the same period last year.

The nation-wide demand for Ford products, which has been greater this year than ever before, is steadily increasing and in view of the prosperous conditions prevailing promises to bring new sales records in the coming months.

FARM BUREAU GETS TEN MILLION LOAN

New York, Aug. 15.—A New York banking syndicate, headed by the Seaboard National Bank and Goldman, Sachs & Co., today completed arrangements for a large loan to the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association for the purpose of assisting in the orderly marketing of the cotton crop in that state.

The initial credit is understood to be for \$10,000,000 with a series of others as they are needed. Under terms of the agreement, the association undertakes to market a certain amount of its products each month and it was assured the bankers that 90 per cent of the crop will be sold when the final paper matures June 15 next.

While the details of the loan were not made public it is understood that the interest rate will be slightly higher than the association paid on a \$12,000,000 loan last year because of the higher discount rate in effect now. Last year's loan was arranged through Southern banks with several New York banks participating. The interest on that loan averaged 15 1-3 per cent. This year's loan is the largest cotton credit ever organized under local financial leadership.

Negotiations for the loan have been in progress for several weeks between Col. Sloan Simpson of Dallas, treasurer and trustee of the association and the local bankers. Colonel Simpson returned home several days ago and the final details were concluded by wire.

The loan is to be secured by warehouse receipts on cotton stored in the Houston Compress Company in Houston, Texas, the largest independent warehouse in the state and not connected in any way with the association. The cotton so stored is to be

The Kitchen of Her Dreams

A Kitchen that stays cool in hot weather—where soot, smoke and ashes are unknown—where full meals are prepared without constant watching—where there is no odor or danger from fuel or open flame—where meats and vegetables are cooked to their richest flavor—where food is saved, and work reduced to its simplest and lightest form!

This is the kitchen of which you have dreamed, and this is the kitchen which you can have with the aid of a

Hotpoint Hughes Electric Range

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY

The Fall Season

Is now at hand—Cooler days are approaching—School days are near, and for the coming of all these every family will by necessity, want to make preparation for same. Yes, it will mean the buying of many items in Dry Goods. And this store has anticipated your every want.

Our store is full of new and up-to-date goods, and the price is well within the keeping of the present splendid price of cotton, and those who buy early are sure to have no cause for regret. Besides everything needed for the entire family for fall and winter use, we have many nifty items for the early fall wear.

For the School Children

We are especially equipped for fitting them out most completely and at a most nominal cost. A close inspection of our goods and the prices of same will be pleasing in the extreme. Come to see us.

Max Mellinger

THE STORE ON THE CORNER

graded according to specifications mutually agreed upon between the association and local bankers, the latter being assured of a conservative margin as security for the loan.

The Texas Company is the largest association of its kind, having a membership of 27,000 cotton planters in all sections of the state. Last year the association handled 77,000 bales of cotton and this year it expects to make between 175,000 and 225,000 bales.

Smaller associations operated on somewhat similar lines have been organized in the Carolinas, Louisiana, Mississippi and other southern states.

Don't fail to hear the Trinity University Male Quartet Monday night. Admission 35 and 20 cents. 1t

Why I Buy at Home

Because the community that is good enough for me to live in is good enough for me to buy in.

Because I believe in transacting business with my friends.

Because I want to get what I pay for.

Because every dollar I spend at home stays at home and helps for the welfare of the city.

Because the man I buy from stands back of the goods.

Because I sell what products I produce here at home.

Because the man I buy from pays his part of the city and county taxes.

Because the man I buy from helps support my school and church, my lodge, and my home.

Here is where I live, and here I buy.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Etheridge returned Saturday from a short visit with relatives at Patosi.

D. J. Mathews, whose home is a few miles northwest of Merkel is just back from a prospecting trip into New Mexico and is highly pleased with the country he saw on his trip, especially the plains country of Texas.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: Southern Baptist Institutions of Learning. Leader—Yates Brown.

1. Baptist Institutions give training needed, by Dovie Teaff.

2. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, by Mrs. Yates Brown.

3. The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, by Yates Brown.

4. The Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans, by Gyrille Howard.

5. The Missionary Spirit in our training institutions, by Valerie Dye.

6. Our Colleges supply students for our Seminaries, by Annie Mae Swann.

Come to the Merkel Mail office or your Counter Charge pads.

NOTICE

I am pleased to announce to my friends in and about the Merkel country that I will have charge of the books at the Guit-tar Gin, and will appreciate your bringing cotton to this gin, where you will be given good service and fair treatment. Henry R. Hicks. It

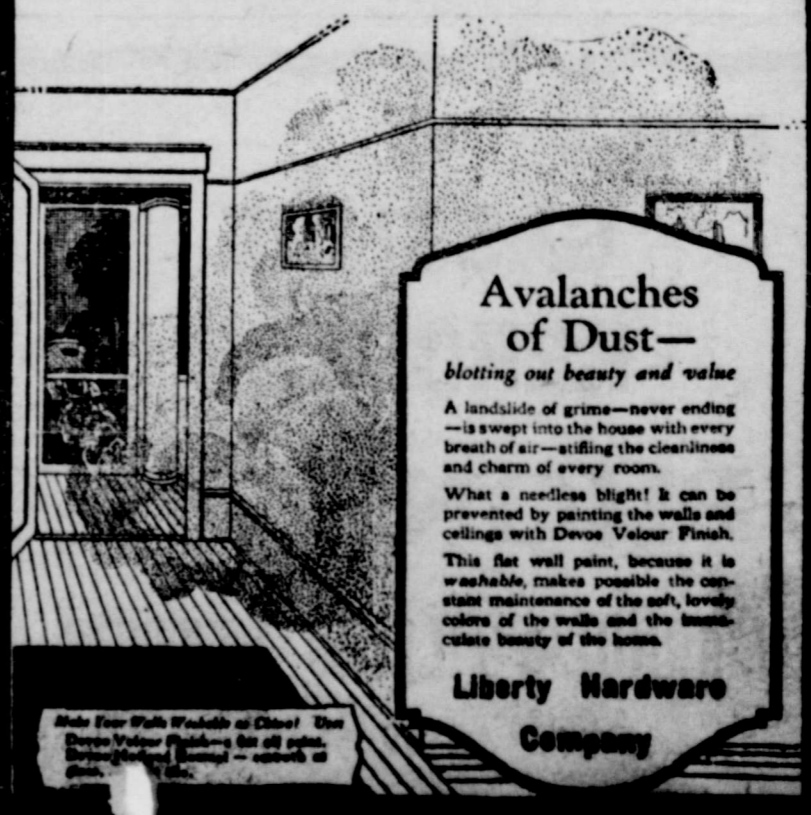
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier returned first of the week from their trip to Fort Worth, where they spent some time outing at Lake Worth.

W. H. Tyler, of Roscoe, Texas was here last week visiting friends and looking after property interests. Mr. Tyler was formerly of this city.

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Blotting out beauty and value

A landslide of grime—never ending—is swept into the house with every breath of air—stifling the cleanliness and charm of every room.

What a needless blight! It can be prevented by painting the walls and ceilings with Devoe Velour Finish.

This flat wall paint, because it is washable, makes possible the constant maintenance of the soft, lovely colors of the walls and the immaculate beauty of the home.

Liberty Hardware Company

**BADLY BRUISED AND
ROBBED OF HER HAIR**

Mrs. Luther Gregory, formerly Miss Ruth Kemp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kemp of the Kelso neighborhood in this county, was attacked in her home at Slaton last Sunday night by two men, robbed of her hair, roughly handled, severely bruised, and rendered unconscious, according to a letter received here Tuesday morning from her husband. Afterwards the house was set on fire but the unfortunate lady recovered in time to escape with her life.

The letter was written Monday morning by Mr. Gregory to his father-in-law, Mr. Kemp, after unsuccessful efforts had been made to communicate with him by phone. Mr. Kemp was understood to be running a threshing machine in the Summerfield neighborhood. J. E. Bray a neighbor of the Kemps in Hereford in the past, received the telephone news and the letter and took it to Mr. Kemp before noon Tuesday. It was understood that Mr. and Mrs. Kemp would go to Slaton at once.

According to Mr. Gregory's letter, his wife and a woman companion had been to church Sunday night and retired soon afterwards. The husband works at night for the Santa Fe railroad at Slaton. During the night the letter said, two men entered the house, attacked Mrs. Gregory, bruised her up severely, cut off her hair, and presumably fired the house. The letter stated that the authorities were scouring the country in search for the culprits. Mr. Gregory stated that he would bring his wife to Hereford as soon as she was physically able.

The Gregorys left here several months ago for Slaton. They were married here three or four years ago and both are well known in this neighborhood—Hereford Brand.

You will miss a treat if you miss hearing the Trinity University Male Quartet at the Presbyterian church on Monday night. 35 and 20 cents. It

Little Misses Pauline and Florence Mercer, of Fort Worth, are guests of their aunts, the Misses Garoutte, this week.

16 bars large Naphtha Soap, 4 packages washing powder and 10qt. galvanized bucket for \$1.00 Campbell Grocery. It

J. O. Holland was here from Wichita Falls last week to see his brother, Geo. Holland. Mr. Holland has been teaching manual training in the Wichita Falls Schools for the past five years.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes returned from a visit to their sons, Dewitt and Roger, at Stephens, Arkansas, one of the prosperous towns in the Arkansas oil fields. They also visited their daughter, at Waco. Mr. Haynes returned to Merkel feeling that we have a pretty good country after all, as he found as good or better crops in and about Merkel as he saw anywhere.

We are glad to learn that Mr. L. P. Ligon, who has been quite ill for some weeks is improving some, now being able to sit up.

Woodroof-Bragg Announces READY

To show you a store full of fresh new merchandise with prices lower than any of us expected with the present high price of cotton. We bought our goods when conditions were better and have marked them for quick selling.

Millinery was never prettier, and priced reasonable. The new fall shoes are here and if you'll come early you'll be pleased with your choice and fit.

New Gingham and new shirtings are here for the school girl and boy with no advance in price.

If you'll come in, look through and ask the price you'll be convinced of a 100% store, offering you one hundred cents worth of new Merchandise for your dollar, with satisfaction guaranteed on every purchase.

Our special for this week is one hundred pair of infants soft sole shoes, values to \$1.25 at **25c**

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THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

**ARE WE TRUE TO OUR
HOME MERCHANTS**

If our merchants and their sales clerks were not a mighty good natured bunch of folks, whose rough edges have been worn down by much contact with human nature, they would have reason to get quite grouchy at times. There are some persons who will go, or send to more or less distant cities and make important purchases of hardware, furniture, etc. Then, when they want some little article in a hurry, and must have it for some pressing need they rush to the home store and demand that it must be supplied to them right away, and sometimes ask that it be charged. They expect their home men to keep stocked up with carloads of goods, yet fail to supply their share of the patronage that would warrant their keeping such a stock. A group of retail stores links up a town with a wonderful system for distributing modern products for home communities. Your home merchant brings to your door the comforts of advanced civilization, where you can examine and see what you want. Are you doing what you should to encourage them? The men who own and conduct the stores of Quanah are mostly a loyal force, working to build up this community, helping by paying taxes and providing modern facilities to improve its civic advantages and promote its prosperity. When you deal with them you back up and help them in making Quanah a bigger and better town. Think of these things the next time you take your pen in hand to sign a check or P. O. money order to order goods from some place that has no more interest in Quanah and Hardeman county than they do in Asia, Europe or Africa.—Quanah Tribune.

The cool days of fall are coming fast, so why wait any longer. Call 180 and let us come and get your old clothes and doll 'em up to look like new. Mrs. C. L. Cash. tf

Baptist Announcements

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Service at 11. Our pastor will be with us. Let's fill the house and reach our goal Sunday. We have classes for all ages. Come find the class that is for you. Visitors are welcome. We are glad to have visitors with us. Don't forget we are to help our Assistant Superintendent, L. B. Scott, to reach the goal. Sunday is the day to commence to climb the ladder. Let's all be in our places Sunday to serve the Lord. Chas. W. est, Supt.

Mrs. Amy Sears and daughters returned last Thursday from their extended trip to San Antonio, Galveston and other South Texas points.

The many friends of Mrs. W. P. Browning will be indeed glad to learn that she is continuing to improve in health.

We regret to learn that Mr. S. H. L. Swafford has been confined to his room for several days this week on account of ill health. We join many friends in the hope that he will soon be up and about again.

GOLAN NEWS

Every thing is getting so dry it looks hard for the old farmer. P.W. Lawlis and family have been visiting at Cross Plains. The Singing School which began last Monday seems to be getting along fine. Think it will be a success.

G. M. Byrom and family returned from a weeks visit on the Plains. They visited relatives and friends near Tahoka. From there they went to Tulia visiting relatives there. They spent Wednesday night with Mr. B. F. Ely and family of Slaton, who reside near Merkel some three years ago. They went through Fisher, Scurry, Garza, Lynn, Lubbock, Hale and other counties, and came back by Slaton and Sweetwater in Nolan, and down by Eskota. The report was that crops were good where they had been. Their crop was better than any thing they saw and it is burning up for want of rain.

Several from this community attended Singing Sunday afternoon at Newman.

The Baptist meeting that began Friday night seems as if it is going to be a success. Rev. Thomas M. White is doing the preaching. His cousin, Fred Moore, and wife are helping him. Clyde Fox, Sister and cousin are visiting W. R. Hudspeth.

J. C. Danis of Fort Worth is visiting his brother, Luther, and Uncle Geo. Byrom.

W. R. Hudspeth and family attended the Baptist Association at Snyder Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

W. T. Duncan and daughter, Lettie, Chester, wife and children and Frank West, wife and baby visited G. M. Byrom and family Sunday.

Mr. L. L. Murray, local manager of the South Side Gin, returned first of the week from Paris, Texas, accompanied by his family, and they will now make Merkel their future home. They come highly recommended and we are glad to welcome them to our city.

WEALTH

"We would today be without railroads, steamships, telegraph, telephone, electric lights, pure water, gas heat, and all those other things that make life today endurable, had it not been for wealth created and saved by the judgment and self-denying will of those who placed it in the hands of scientific men who used these accumulations in the creation and development that continued until all these things have been made so cheap that their use is practically universal among the peoples pretending civilization. We in this country cannot even imagine what the world was like before they came into use."—Guy Morrison Walker.

Miss Jewel Burns leaves this Friday evening, for San Angelo where she will spend ten days or more with relatives.

Mr. Chaney shipped four cars of cattle and Sam Butman one car to Fort Worth Monday.

E. D. Teuton and little son have returned from a pleasant visit of some length with relatives in Tennessee.

Percy Jones made a trip to Truby Thursday afternoon to see home folks.

Expecting a car of Fancy Egg Coal any day, and the price will be right. J. M. Garrett. It

Mrs. Mattie Tate and daughter, Flossie, are the guests of J. L. Banner and family, from Comanche.

Mr. L. B. Scott, of the Merkel Motor Company is today having made a demonstration of the work of the Fordson Tractor, on the farm of Dr. Watkins, at Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Griffith, of Southwest Texas, were here last week guests of Uncle Tom Smith and family.

Missionary Program

Subject: God Seeking China. Song. Devotional.

Bible Lesson—Faith reaches a crisis in Galilee, John 6, by Mrs. H. C. Williams.

Prayer by Mrs. Swafford. Missionary Topic.

1. Christ Winning China into training center, by Mrs. Harrell. 2. The Churches, by Mrs. C. B. Smith.

3. Evangelistic centers, by Mrs. Tom Largent. Hymn, "What a Friend We have in Jesus".

Special topic, The missionary Society that lost its voice, a dialogue, by Mrs. Durham and Mrs. Sanders.

Mr. Bishop, who was seriously injured several days ago while at work with the T. & P. construction crew here, was sent Sunday night to the Company hospital at Marsal for treatment.

A deal was consummated Wednesday whereby our fellow townsman, H. H. Toombs, becomes owner of the Geo. Holland farm in the Noodle community, comprising three hundred acres for a consideration of six thousand dollars.

The T. and P. construction crew have reached Merkel with the ballasting of the road bed, and are working in and west of this city.

Mrs. Percy Jones and children returned Thursday evening from a visit of several days with relatives at Truby.

M. E. Stephens of Chattanooga, Tenn., spent the early part of the week with his uncle, S. H. L. Swafford and family.

If you want Groceries, see W. Campbell first, then use your own judgment. 1

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