

GREAT CROWDS ATTENDING REVIVAL

The Winsett—Carroll revival now in progress at the Tabernacle, continues to draw big crowds at each night service, while the morning services are also well attended.

Evangelist Winsett continues to deliver at each service a real message of "Old Time Gospel", bible truths, and as the result of which there has been a general spiritual uplift among the church membership, likewise a number of conversions and additions to the church.

While we have not been informed just how long the meeting will continue, it is presumed that same will continue on over the coming Sunday evening at least, and this paper feels free to predict that ere the end of the week, there will yet be greater and more effective good accomplished through the able and untiring effort of the evangelistic party.

WILLIAM EARL DILTZ WAS BURIED HERE SUNDAY

William Earl Diltz, born September 23, 1887, in McClellan County, Texas, died July 10, 1924. Thus it is written of humanity as we "go down the valley one by one", Earl Diltz, as he was known by all his friends, was loved and honored by all who knew him. At the early age of 10 years he was converted and joined the Presbyterian church. He moved with his parents to Merkel in 1901. He was married to Miss Ruffie Compton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton of Merkel in 1912. One child was born to this union, and lives to mourn the loss of her father.

Mr. Diltz moved to Walters, Oklahoma, with his family where they resided for five years, moving from there about one year ago to Los Angeles, California, where they were living at the time of his death. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church last Sunday at four p.m. One of the largest crowds ever attending a funeral service in Merkel came to pay the last tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of her sons. Varied and beautiful were the floral remembrances.

Besides a host of friends to mourn his loss, he leaves a wife and one child, a father, Mr. W. L. Diltz, of this city, four sisters are left: Mrs. Powell, Long Beach, California, Mrs. C. W. Williams, Sylvester, Texas, Mrs. R. L. Bland, Abilene, and Mrs. J. W. Tipton of Merkel. Brothers are: S. N. Diltz of McGregor, Texas, P. A. Diltz and W. L. Diltz Jr. of Merkel. Although Earl Diltz has been called from earth's pathos, he will live on in the memory of those who loved him and knew him. The bereaved family has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. Hugh McRee who is employed as engineer on the construction of the Stadium at the University of Texas, was here Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. W. W. Haynes has accepted a position with the Merkel Motor Company as salesman. Mr. Haynes is a splendid young business man and will no doubt make good at this work.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brown and little daughter, Billy Joyce, were here last week visiting J. S. Thomas and family.

Misses Lucille Middleton and Maurine Shook of Haskell, Texas, were the guests of Miss Gladys Middleton last week.

PRECINCT CONVENTION 2 P.M. JULY 26

Precinct Chairman W. O. Boney, of the County Democratic Executive Committee, informs this paper that at two p.m. Saturday, July 26, the Democrats of voting precinct No. 6 will meet at the Tabernacle in Merkel, for the purpose of electing a precinct chairman for the next two years, electing delegates to the county convention. And according to the laws, rules and regulations, Merkel is entitled to thirteen delegates to the county convention, and Chairman Boney is anxious that every Democratic voter, who is a qualified voter, be in attendance at this primary convention and take part in same. Both men and women who are qualified voters, in the Merkel precinct, are entitled to take part in same.

I. O. O. F PIGNIC BUFFALO GAP 24-25

At Buffalo Gap on July 24 and 25 there will be a big two days picnic and I. O. O. F. Celebration, and those having the matter in charge are planning for a great gathering of Odd Fellows and their families on this occasion.

Spakers of nation wide reputation will be in attendance, as well as other interesting attractions. All Odd Fellows and their friends are cordially invited to be present and enjoy the occasion.

OFF TO MARKET

Mr. Max Mellinger, one of our local live-wire dry goods merchants, left this week for New York and other eastern markets where he will spend some two weeks selecting and buying a large and complete stock of fall and winter merchandise for his store here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson accompanied by their daughter, Miss Lynniss, attended the Lions Club meeting in Abilene last evening. The occasion was one of importance in that speakers of national repute were present and addressed the meeting, as well as the installation of the Hon. R. D. Green, of Abilene, as the District Governor. It was an occasion also at which the ladies, wives and daughters of the members were present.

Mr. W. B. Sherman, who is now associated with the Cash Tailor Shop, returned Wednesday from a visit to his family at Houston. He is a very fine Tailor, and besides coming to our city recommended as such, also comes highly recommended as a splendid citizen. He expects to soon move his family to Merkel.

C. A. Tucker of Merkel, Texas has arrived in Munday and taken up his work as pastor for the Presbyterian Church at this place. Mr. Tucker is a young man and has been a student in Austin College at Sherman, Texas, where he is preparing himself for the ministry. Mr. Tucker states that Oscar W. Nelson, who was here last summer is this year located at Nelson, Kentucky.—Munday Times.

Miss Lillian Watts and Mary Eula Sears spent the week end with friends in Haskell. Miss Watts visited with Miss Tennyson and Miss Sears with Miss Madaline Hunt.

LUNCHEON CLUB NEXT TUESDAY

Next Tuesday evening the regular Luncheon Club meeting will take place at eight o'clock at Ed's Cafe, with Mr. Booth Warren, one of our live, progressive young bankers as Toastmaster. That he will prove an adept and an artist in this most interesting and responsible position, every one is looking forward to. Hence, it is hoped that a large crowd of business men and citizens, will avail themselves of the opportunity to be present, and in doing so you will be doing your bit in co-operating with the Club in it's effort to help make Merkel a better town in which to live.

If you have not as yet secured a ticket to this Luncheon, you should call on the splendid secretary, Mr. R. L. Grimes, Mr. W. L. Diltz, or some other member of the committee and secure same, not waiting for them to hunt you up about same.

DE-MOLAY CHAPTER IN MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Abilene Chapter of De-Molays have arranged to hold a memorial service at Abilene, on July 24th, in memory of Ralph Leon Burgess, a well known Abilene boy and brother member, who died on Oct. 13, 1923.

In order that the public may witness this beautiful ceremony and ritualistic work the services will be held on the Federal Lawn, immediately following the regular band concert at 8:00 p.m., the band remaining to aid the De-Molays in the ceremony. There will be several Merkel boys in attendance.

CANDIDATES MAKE APPEAL THIS ISSUE

In this issue of the Merkel Mail our readers will find advertisements from many of the various candidates from that of Governor on down, and we invite you to a careful reading of each and every one of them.

To read their appeals over carefully you would be better able to cast your vote for your choice in the different races.

As this paper considers them, they are all good men and women, each of whom would honestly and faithfully serve in their respective positions to the very best of their ability.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Holloway left Sunday morning in their car for a trip to Dallas and Galveston. They expect to be gone about ten days. They were accompanied to Dallas by Mrs. N. D. Cobb, who will visit her daughter there.

Messrs. W. N. Farris, W. T. Daniel and Sid Criswell returned first of the week from an extended trip to points through South Texas. They report a fine trip and are very commendable of the South Texas country.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Leslie have as their guests this week, Mr. and Mrs. Eckle, Mrs. Mayberry and son, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Dennis and daughter, all of Farmers Branch, Texas.

Rev. T. J. Rea and sons, T. J. and Adrian, and daughter, Miss Ermalee, returned last Saturday from Fort Worth, Texas, where they visited relatives for about a week.

RAINBOLT PRESIDING OFFICER ELECTION

Mr. W. O. Boney, who during the past two years has been the very capable and efficient precinct chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, for the Merkel Election precinct No. 6, announces the appointment as presiding officer of the Primary Election to be held here on July 26, Mr. H. M. Rainbolt, who will select the remainder of the election force to assist him holding said election.

Mr. Rainbolt is not only experienced in holding elections of this character, but is well posted as to the laws governing same, and will without doubt hold same in accordance with such laws. The appointment is a good one, and will meet with the general approval of all.

MISS LOLA ARMSTRONG MARRIES ABILENE MAN

A wedding of much interest to the people of Merkel took place Saturday evening, when Miss Lola Ruth Armstrong became the wife of Mr. John W. Cox, of Abilene.

To the soft notes of Mendelssohn's Wedding march, played by Mrs. Geo. W. Fry, of Abilene, the bride and groom entered from separate hallways and met beneath the double doors between the dining room and the living room. Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurray College, Abilene, read the beautiful double ring ceremony, and in a very impressive and sacred way joined these two young people in marriage.

The bride wore a charming model of poudre blue crepe, with gold silk lace trimmings, blue hose and black satin slippers, and carried a shower bouquet of tube roses, pink rose buds, sweet peas and fern. The bride's only adornment was a beautiful diamond bar pin, a gift from the groom.

Miss Armstrong is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, one of the pioneer families of Merkel, and is highly esteemed and much loved by a large circle of friends here and elsewhere. She was a student at Simmons College, and later attended T. W. C., of which institution she was a graduate in 1923. In the opening of McMurray College, she was chosen as one of its teachers in Domestic Arts and Science Department, where she has made a decided success in this, her chosen work.

Mr. Cox is a splendid young business man, a graduate of Simmons College. For the past few years he has been connected with the West Texas Utilities Company as assistant Commercial agent. About two years ago he was the manager of the West Texas Utilities Company office here, and during his stay made many friends. At present Mr. Cox is located at Abilene, where the happy couple will make their home.

Following the wedding ceremony, an informal reception was held. Pineapple ice and angel food cake was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox left about nine o'clock in their car for Abilene, where a prettily furnished apartment on Grape street awaited them. They left Sunday morning for a trip to Mineral Wells, Fort Worth and Dallas. The bride's going away gown was a very becoming model of heavy crepe, olive green in color, embroidered in gold and black. She wore a fall hat of black velvet trimmed with a gold feather.

Those attending the wedding and reception included a few close friends and relatives. Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Fry, Mr. and Mrs.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION JULY 26

Dr. H. C. Floyd, the splendid Precinct Chairman for the Republican party in the Merkel Precinct, announces that Saturday, July 26, there will be held in the Merkel precinct No. 6, a Republican Convention, for the purpose of electing delegates to the County Convention of said party to be held in Abilene, as well as to transact any and all other business which may come before said meeting, and to which he urges all Republicans to attend and take part.

SCHOOL TRANSFERS BE MADE BY JULY 31

All children between the ages of seven and seventeen who were enumerated in the scholastic census last March in any district of Taylor County or in an adjoining district in Jones County and who intend to attend the Merkel school during the coming year should transfer to Merkel BEFORE August 1, 1924. This should be done whether you have since moved into the Merkel district or intend to move into this district next fall or winter to attend the school here. It will be to your interest to attend to this at once. It will also mean money saved for the Merkel School. If you live outside the Merkel District, wish to send to the Merkel School, and do not move into the district, you should also transfer just the same as if you intend to move into the district. By so doing you will be given four months free tuition, after which you will be charged the regular tuition rates that all non-residents and non-scholastics are charged.

If you wish to transfer see at once (before Aug. 1st) Thos. Durham at the Merkel Mail, or County Superintendent M. A. Williams at the Court House in Abilene. Either of these will furnish you with the necessary blanks. On July 28, 29, 30, shall be in my office at the High School building each day from 9:00 to 12:00 to attend to transfers, credits, and so on.

Respectfully,
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.
Merkel Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson left Monday morning for Dallas, where Mr. Hutcheson goes for medical treatment. Mr. Hutcheson has been suffering for some time with erysipelas. We sincerely hope that Mr. Hutcheson will soon find permanent relief and cure.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Reeves had for their guests last week end, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Reeves of Blair, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Reeves and baby of Buffalo Gap Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson of Rotan, Mrs. E. F. Davis, Mr. B. F. Davis, Misses Marie and Lois Davis from Rosebud, Texas, Mr. W. A. Davis and daughter, Miss Ruth from Hico, Texas, and Mr. G. P. Davis from Tuscola.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hays and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, and little son, Robert Jr. of Campbellville, Tennessee, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins this week.

Mr. J. T. Darsey and family left last Friday for Waco, where they are visiting relatives.

Joe White, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hunt of Abilene.

PRESBYTERIANS AT BUFFALO GAP NOW

The annual West Texas Presbyterian Encampment which meets at Buffalo Gap Thursday, July 17, and will last exactly a week, ending July 24, is expected to afford an unusually interesting program and attract a larger attendance than ever before, according to local members of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A. Rev. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church is a member of the program committee and will conduct the daily Bible hour.

The Encampment program as announced by Rev. R. B. Twitty, Ballinger, Texas, secretary of the encampment has been planned with the idea of getting the proper amount of both work and play to make the session both instructive and recreational. Under the former head comes study classes in missions, Sunday school and stewardship. Then there will be numerous lectures by church leaders, inspirational meetings, vespers and music. On the other hand there will be recreation, social hours, mountain climbing and swimming.

The grounds afford plenty of live oak shade trees, abundance of water and drywood for the campers. Electric lights are being provided. A cafe and cold drink stands will be operated on the grounds, it is said, and delegates can have the choice of preparing their own meals or eating at the places provided.—Abilene Reporter.

METING AT BLAIR

The Mail is in receipt of a communication from Mr. D. C. Lindley, at Blair, announcing that on tonight, Friday, July 18, the Blair meeting will begin. Every body is cordially invited to attend and take part in the meeting.

Mr. Robert Hicks, the genial manager of the Liberty Hardware Company, leaves tonight for Louisville, Ky., where he goes to attend the 100th Jubilee Conference of the B. F. Avery Implements dealers. Mr. Hicks is one among the progressive, live-wire hardware dealers in this city and the state, and through his ability and excellent management, has been selected among the dealers of nation handling the Avery Implements, to make this trip at their expense. One among the chief merits helping Mr. Hicks to secure the trip was the splendid window display and newspaper advertising he has done the past year, as taken in account by the Avery people.

Miss Leol Merritt and brother, Jack, stopped over several days to visit with friends and relatives on their way home from Dallas where Miss Merritt has been attending Texas Branch of Boston School of Expression.

Mrs. T. M. Pippin and daughter visited Mrs. Ed. Turner Wednesday, while enroute to Coahoma, Texas, to visit the former's daughters. Mrs. Pippin is an aunt of Mrs. Turner, and they had not seen each other for seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis and daughter, Miss Lola, and son, Carlton, returned last Friday from a trip to Peecos, Texas. They made the trip in their car.

L. A. Watts and family have as their guest this week, Mrs. Will Spruill and children of Wichita Falls and Mrs. W. N. Hicks of Sweetwater.

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\$100.00 REWARD

For return or information leading to recovery of five doors stolen from the house on the L. A. Watts farm five miles northwest of Merkel. Three of these doors were stolen in January while the house was under construction, and two were taken off the hinges last week.

J. C. HARTLINE, Merkel, Texas, Route 2. 1tp

Miss Mary Hutcheson left on Monday morning for Strawn, Texas, where she will visit with friends and relatives.

Our Hot Tischnu Oil Scalp Treatment Will Cure Your Dandruff and Oily Hair.

Our Prices on Fancy Bobs have Advanced to 50c Straight bob. 35c

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Dull, Sluggish Feeling

"BLACK-DRAUGHT" is our household stand-by," says Mrs. Thomas H. Kell, who lives near Ellijay, Ga. "We have been using it years and years. My mother's family used it and we do here and my four sisters do, too."

"I could not run my house without Black-Draught. I give it to the children whenever they need a purgative, and both Mr. Kell and myself take it. As a medicine for sluggish liver and

headache, and the ills that come with constipation, Black-Draught is fine.

"Lots of times I have felt dull and sluggish, my head would ache and I had to make a great effort to do my work. A little dose of Black-Draught would correct this feeling. We always keep it on the medicine shelf."

Be sure that you get Thedford's, the old, reliable Black-Draught powdered herb liver medicine. At all dealers'.

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A SURPRISE FAMILY RE UNION AT THE HOME OF MR. and MRS. D.B. PERDUE

Sunday, July 6, 1924, the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Perdue met at their home in Eastland County to celebrate the first annual reunion of the family.

Each family prepared a basket of good eats and wended their way to the old homestead 15 miles southwest of Cisco, where they took the family on surprise, they not having been apprised of the fact that we were coming. It was quite a pleasant surprise to the old folks at home.

About 11:30 dinner was spread under the live oak trees on the banks of the south prong of the Leon River, where all enjoyed a bountiful supply of well prepared food. Every one was so well pleased with the spread that they decided to stay over and take supper, after which each family made preparations to return to their respective homes.

All of the children and grandchildren were present to enjoy this occasion except one family, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Perdue and children of Arizona, who were unable to attend.

The following children and their families were present: D. T. Perdue and family, of Eastland, Texas; J. R. Hardy and family of Abilene, Texas; and daughter, Mrs. Chester Roan, of Cisco, Texas; J. M. Perdue and family of Stephens County; M. L. Perdue and family, also of Stephens County; H. W. Perdue and family, of Cisco, Texas; D. B. Perdue and family, of Stephens County; and two single daughters, Misses Lela and Reba, also one single son, A. H., at home.

Nine children and twenty-six grandchildren were present, besides the following relatives and friends: Mr. D. C. Barnes, a nephew, of Shreveport, La.; Grandpa Williams of Potosi, father of Mrs. J. M. Perdue; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Roan and son of Cisco, Texas, and nephew, of Cross Plains, Texas; and Mr. Bob Blackwell of Nimrod, Texas. There were fifty-one present to enjoy this pleasant day of music, feasting, kodaking, and conversing. Each one expressed his desire to make the meeting weekly instead of yearly, but we fear that business will hinder the weekly program, and the majority of us will be satisfied with the annual feast.

The writer is wondering how many will be present and who will be missed at the next annual meeting. It was with reluctance that each guest bid farewell to host and hostess, as it seemed very hard to separate as we were still wondering what face would be missing next time. God willing, we hope to see each and every face that was present there next year and also those that were absent.

The writer can be assured of voicing the sentiment of all that were present in hoping many more golden years to be added to the already ripe old age of the host and hostess.

Let our prayers be for God to make the pathway bright, For those that delight in doing His will; So when He calls We will be ready to go To meet him face to face, And hear the Saviour say: "Well done thou faithful servant Enter ye in and receive your reward, Which is Life Eternal, With Him in Heaven." J.R.H.

JULY COAL PRICES—ORDERS FOR TON OR MORE

Dawson Fancy Egg or Colorado Lump \$12—at the car. McAlester \$13.50 at the car. Texas Lump, hand picked, \$8. Will make deliveries any where. All orders received up to July 25 be filled at above prices. SWAFFORD, Phone 44 South side. 1t

Little Miss Martha Ann Swafford of Rockdale, Texas, is here visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford.

FIFTH ANNUAL JULY 4TH. PICNIC ON THE BT RANCH

About one hundred persons met at the falls on Elm Creek on Sam Butman's ranch to celebrate the fifth annual fourth of July picnic held at that place.

A fine dinner with an abundance of good things to eat was spread on the rocks near the falls.

After dinner the crowd was entertained with roping, steer riding and cigarette races.

A dozen or more high stepping steers were ridden by some of the best circingle riders in this part of the country, including "Marley Harley," Leroy Jenkins, Henry Baccas, Forest and Cramer Reynolds. Let'er buck was the pass word for three hours of lively entertainment.

Mr. M. P. Latimer, an old time range hand, acted as judge in the cigarette races. Bennie Butman furnished the crowd with cold drinks.

Ice Cream and cake was served by the ladies present.

Every one reported a delightful time. A visitor.

Editor's Note—The Merkel Mail in some manner overlooked putting in the above article, and here extend our apology to the writer.

* * * * * WITH THE CHURCHES * * * * *

At The Methodist Church

We are studying at our morning services, the vital doctrines of Christian belief, "What We Believe" and the interest is fine and our services are helpful. Next Sunday morning under the above head, our particular theme will be "Christ's second Coming". We would like for you to be present and study with us this important doctrine of the teaching of our Lord.

Our singing is good and helpful and in the preaching we promise you something worth while.

Be on the job. The Devil never quits. Bring your friends and neighbors and let us have a great time together. T. J. Rea, pastor.

Senior League Program

Subject: Being a Good Neighbor.
Leader, Lena Stutts.
Song; Prayer; Song.
Scripture (Luke 10:30-37; Phil. 2:4.)

Talk by Leader.

How to be a good neighbor:

1. Tend to your own business, Joe Riney.
2. Be sociable, Doris Durham.
3. Be sympathetic, Rose Laney.
4. Be cheerful, Adrian Rea.
5. Be helpful, Mabel Toombs.
6. Be considerate, Murphy Thomas.
7. Don't peddle gossip, Leonard Wills.
8. Don't listen to gossip, Tom Allday.
9. Be interested in your neighbors and in your neighborhood, Lorena Frazier.
10. Be a broad neighbor, Wrenn Durham.

Song; Benediction.

The Weekly Prayermeeting

Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth has invited the prayermeeting to meet at her home on Wednesday July 23rd. and to continue to meet with her for the rest of the summer. So remember that the prayermeeting will meet at the home of Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth until further notice.

The lesson is Matt. 4:1-11 by Mrs. Fannie King. Heb. 4:12-16 by Mrs. W. W. Campbell. Luke 22:31-38 by Mrs. Lamar. Heb. 2:10-18 by Mrs. Joe Harris. 1st. Thess. 3:1-10, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth. James 1:1-12 by Mrs. Jim Meeks. Psalm 124 by Mrs. Estes. First prayer, Mrs. Joe Harris, second prayer, Mrs. Jim Meek, 3rd. prayer, Mrs. Fannie King, 4th. prayer Mrs. Mack Busbee, 5th. prayer Mrs. G. W. Elliott, 6th prayer Mrs. Frank Sears. Song No.'s 72, 195, 192, 310, 305, 151. Reporter.

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THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

Friendship Club Members Go Picnicing And Outing

Last Friday evening a number of ladies who were able to find time to leave household duties for a while, motored down to Abilene to the Zoo.

The weather was perfect and the afternoon was certainly enjoyed by all. Those who were not present can't imagine what they missed.

Picnic supper was served to twenty members and friends. Members will be notified later as to next meeting place.

Mr. Riley Horton of Abilene was here Sunday visiting with friends.

Ruby Fae Golliday Hostess

Wednesday afternoon, during the hours from five to seven o'clock, Miss Ruby Fae Golliday was hostess to a few friends at her home on Oak street.

Much amusement was had over a contest. Then various games were enjoyed for a time.

Delicious refreshments of punch and cake were served to Misses Flora Frances Anderson, Mary Comegys, Mildred Hamm, Elizabeth Harkrider, Tommie Durham, Marion Sheppard. A very pleasant afternoon was reported by all attending.

A. C. Rose was in Abilene last Friday attending to business.

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With each Purchase of \$1.00 or more made in
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It has always been a pleasure for this paper to say any kind thing about any and all business men and citizens of this and town and community. Things that in many cases have helped them along in their business career. Yes, we have talked about their honor, character and good citizenship, and some of them appreciated it by their kindness and loyalty to the paper and its management by giving us their business and occasionally saying a kind word for the paper. And yet there are others, about whom there has been more "Big Headlines" and "More Boosts and "More Sympathy" extended than most any one else, who seem very much averse to extending anything kind or in a business way toward the paper. But since time began there has been people who seem to fail to comprehend the meaning of the word gratitude.

Initiative is doing a thing without first being told that it's the proper thing to do.

The man whose conscience hurts him is much better off than the man whose conscience is dead.

If you feel like you must drink in the beauties of nature, it's better to do it sometime when you are not behind the wheel of an automobile.

The fellow who predicted there would be no summer in 1926 is not employed by the summer resorts.

The man who has a good opinion of himself is not hard to satisfy.

Happiness is merely the matter of having a good time without going into debt for it.

History Note—The monks started making beer in the 12th century and the bootleggers began operations in the twentieth.

A man's interest in a 'reform' is frequently measured by the amount of money it means to him.

Courting in a Ford is a lot more expensive than is used to be in a phaeton.

Many a man makes the mistake of trying to collect before delivering the goods.

There were over 24 billion telephone calls in the United States in 1922. That's not counting party lines, of course.

A real financier is one who can sell his experience for more than is cost him.

No one has ever discovered any real excuse for whiskers, except as a disguise for the villain in the movies.

Two can never live as cheaply as one, though they may find it necessary to do so sooner or later.

Men who stick to one kind of work can do it quicker, better and for less money. Moral—be a specialist.

Good cheer that radiates functions only fifty per cent. It should penetrate, too.

Some men have found that owning a machine is cheaper than motoring with one's friends.

The man who thinks he is just an ordinary dud generally remains one the rest of his life.

PICNIC TO ELM TUESDAY.

Tuesday afternoon several couples gathered at the home of Miss Mary Eula Sears at six thirty and drove to Elm. A delightful swim was enjoyed soon after arriving at Elm, then supper was spread, which was much relished by all, especially by those who went in swimming. There was not much sleeping during the whole night, for a constant chatter, singing and various other forms of amusement was kept up until early in the morning.

About five thirty in the morning another swim was had, after which breakfast was served, being cooked over the camp fire. About eight thirty every one started back home, declaring this to have been a most enjoyable outing. Mr. Loring Hamblett deserves most of the credit, as he was the one who sponsored the getting up of the affair.

Those enjoying this outing were: Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarland, chaperones, and Misses Mary Eula Sears, Loyce Dry, Bettye Rogers, Mary Proctor, Hattie Proctor, Levy Tittle, Murphy Thomas, Mae Collins, and Marian Sheppard, of Dallas. The boys were: Jack West, Delma Compton, Jack Durham, Tom Allday, Wrenn Durham, Wade Darsey, Loring Hamblett, and Judson McRee.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

To all who in any way assisted us during our recent sorrow, and who so kindly remembered us with their beautiful floral offerings, we wish to express our deepest appreciation. We wish to also thank the dear friends of Abilene, Amarillo, Walters Oklahoma, and Hollywood, California for their loving sympathy shown us in our dark hours of sadness. Rufie M. Diltz and daughter W. L. Diltz, Sr. and children Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton and family. It.

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A Spirit of '50-50'

Increasing numbers of people are showing a cheerful willingness to cooperate with essential utility services. When they understand the problems of public utilities they want to meet the industries half way.

It is not sympathy that inspires this spirit of "50-50" -- nor charity. Such people realize that their own personal interests and welfare are best served by such spirit.

We are always trying to better our service; meantime impressing the users of our service with the importance of their cooperation in insuring its continuous improvement.

This industry daily invites understanding and friendship by providing ample reason for both.

West Texas Utilities Co.

Electrical Service our Motto

HARVEST TIME

It will soon be Harvest Time and we must have something to gather in the bountiful yield.

We have received a car of wagons in Farm Gears, 3 and 3 1/4 sizes in both Steel Wheels, and low and high wood wheels.

We are also prepared to furnish Tents, Wagon Covers, Wagon Irons etc.

Our stock is complete and we can give you the best quality obtainable for the price. We want you to be satisfied as we expect to sell you not only once, but future business we try to build also, when we sell you.

If its Hardware you want let us know.

Liberty Hardware Co.

C. W. Simpson and daughters returned last week from their trip to Arkansas, where they had been for a visit among old friends and relatives. Mr. Simpson made the trip of about 1,600 miles in a Ford car without a single puncture of a casing, or any expense for car trouble. He used about 72 gallons of gasoline he states.

Mr. Luther Land and wife have just returned from a fishing trip on the Buoyo River. They report lots of fish and a splendid trip.

YOU TELL 'EM



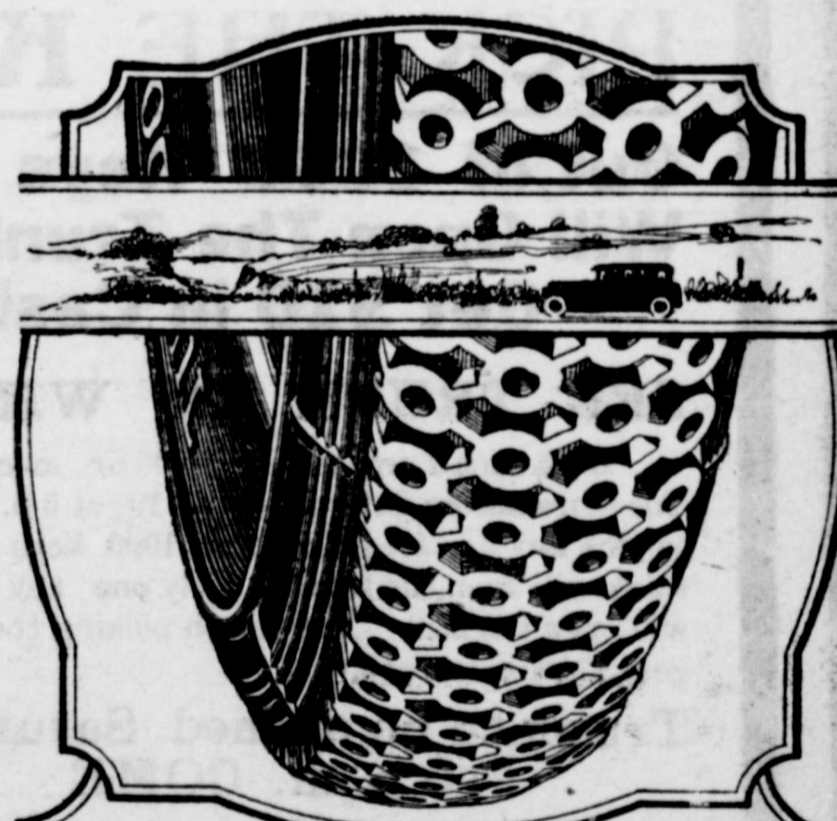
Hello folks - I am the new YOU TELL 'EM cartoon series. One of your livest home concerns has hired me to work for them - Watch for my WEEKLY MESSAGE - It's good!

Watch This Space

Brown's Bargain Carnival

Is now going on in full swing. Do not fail to attend this Sale.

BROWN DRY GOODS CO.



THE distinctive beauty of Tuxedo Vacuum Cup Cord Tires is in keeping with the equally distinctive and exclusive service features and the record mileage built into them, plus the safety of the Vacuum Cup Tread. Come in and look them over.

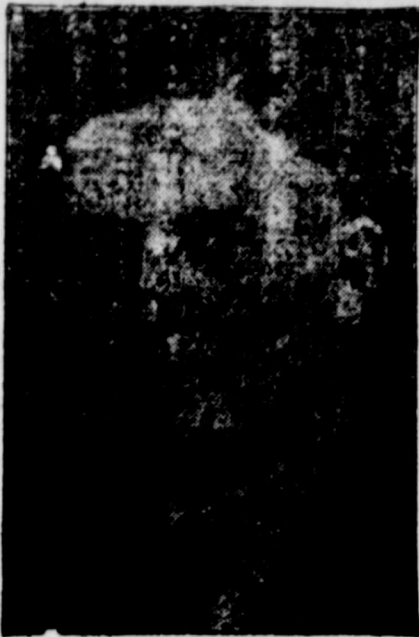
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WEST COMPANY
"Merkel's Complete Accessory Store"

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Now going on in full swing.
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**S. H. TERRELL
FOR COMPTROLLER**

For Efficiency and Economy

"A business administration of the people's business" is the slogan adopted by S. H. Terrell, who is a candidate for Comptroller of Public Accounts at the coming primary election. This is an office that every man who pays taxes to the State of Texas is vitally interested in. Mr. Terrell is a young man of recognized business ability, and at the outbreak of the late World War volunteered his services and the Federal Government, recognizing his ability as an accountant, placed him in the Finance Division of the War Department, where he served throughout the period. He is the eldest son of the late H. B. Terrell, who served the people in the State Senate for many years and was elected Comptroller of Public Accounts for three consecutive terms. For a number of years he was connected with the State Treasury and other State departments and is thoroughly familiar with the several divisions of the Comptroller's office, and his friends are not only confident of his election, but feel that he will give the State of Texas one of the most efficient and business administrations in its history. Mr. Terrell has assured the citizenship of Texas that he will surround himself with men and women who are not only worthy, but thoroughly qualified for the duties incident to the department, and that he will administer the law without fear or favor. He is not a member of any organization, other than the American Legion and the Democratic Party. His friends are very active in his behalf in this county and freely predict that he will lead the ticket in his race on July 26th.

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J. M. STEVENSON WELL QUALIFIED FOR CO. JUDGE

J. M. Stevenson, candidate for county Judge of Taylor County is a lawyer and road engineer of considerable training and experience. As a law graduate of the University of Texas and George Washington University, he is well qualified to handle the legal affairs of the county. With an engineering education gained at Yale College and in practical road building during the past fourteen years, he is capable of giving proper attention to that most vital question, good roads, and this, too, without going to unreasonable expense to secure them. In addition to laying off, planning and taking part in the actual construction work of more than thirty miles of improved roadway in Nolan county he has been regularly engaged as assistant to the county engineer of that county while state and national highways were being laid out and built. His legal ability was recognized when he was for three years an assistant examiner in the Bureau of Patents at Washington, D. C.

As for his local history, Mr. Stevenson came to West Texas fifteen years ago, locating at Sweetwater. While residing on his farm there he married Elouise Cockrell, daughter of Fred Cockrell of Abilene. Four and one-half years ago he moved to Abilene where he has since maintained law and income tax offices in the city while improving his farm lands near the city. He is deeply interested in the ir-

rigation possibilities of this section and during the past year has completed and put into operation a model irrigation plant on his farm near town, personally supervising the ditching, leveling and drainage work of this undertaking.

In speaking of his candidacy for office, he says, "I believe that I am qualified to hold the office of County Judge of Taylor County, and I am sure that administering the affairs of so enterprising and progressive county as Taylor during the next two years is a feat that any man should view with pride.

"The only argument I have heard advanced by the opposition against my election is, "do not change horses in the middle of the stream," the time worn admonition of the office holder. But what is a year of service compared to a life of training and experience? The era of big things is just dawning in Taylor County and year after year we will be faced with bigger problems. Whenever we have an opportunity to change for more and better service it is time to act.

"I have always been in touch with the wants and needs of the farmer as well as the business man, and if elected I want to be county judge of the whole county for the best interests of all. And I will never forget that the County Judge is a public servant, placed in power for the sole purpose of serving the whole people of the county."—(Political Advertising.)

To The Voters of Taylor County

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In asking for your vote and support for re-election to the office of Tax Collector of Taylor County I do so upon the record I have made in rendering you service in this capacity in the past. If my record in this office has been efficient, correct and pleasing to you, you are aware of same. If I have been capable, efficient and courteous in my service to you as your servant in the office of Tax Collector, that in itself is sufficient evidence that with such experience I am only the more capable to even serve you better in the future.

The office is of course a clerical one, but a man who might be capable as a clerical man in other lines, but without experience in this capacity, could hardly be expected to serve you so well as one having had experience; hence, upon this fact, together with my record which is before you, I am making the race for re-election.

To the voters of Taylor County, I am indeed grateful for the confidence you have placed in me in the past, and take this opportunity of so expressing my appreciation of same, and to further assure you that, if I am again elected your Tax Collector, I shall leave nothing unturned to continue to serve you honestly, faithfully and to the best of my ability.

RESPECTFULLY,

D. T. HARKRIDER

INVESTIGATE and COMPARE

Vote for Efficiency in every Office Taylor County deserves that of its Citizens.

What is a year of service compared to a lifetime of careful study and practical experience? An experienced road engineer will give us more and better roads for less money and a law graduate from the University of Texas can efficiently handle the legal affairs of Taylor County court.

A vote for J. M. Stevenson is a vote for progress and this is a progressive county.

Your vote counts--Use it.

J. M. Stevenson, Lawyer & Engineer
Candidate for County Judge, Taylor County

Miss Smith Entertains for Visitor

Monday evening at 7:30 Miss Mildred Smith entertained with a swimming party, honoring her cousin, Miss Fae Smith of Stanton, who is here visiting.

After all the invited friends had been gathered up by Mr. and Mrs. Smith in the truck, the short ride to Shannon's Swimming Pool was much enjoyed, as was also the swim.

After the swim, ice cold sodapop was served to all the guests, and for a brief time games were played on the pretty grass bordering Shannon's Pool.

Friends of Miss Smith who enjoyed this occasion were: Misses Fae Smith of Stanton, Inice Brown, Tommie Durham, Mildred Hamm, Ola Smith, Margaret Turner and Master Floyd Smith of Stanton.

ATTENTION JONES COUNTY VOTERS OWEN THOMAS
candidate for County Judge of Jones County solicits your vote and support.

I am now located at the W. P. Duckett old stand, and pay the top price, cash, for Poultry, and Eggs. West side Jocky Yard. J. D. Robertson. 11t8

Mr. Jim Patterson and family Mr. Brooks Patterson and family, returned last week from a few weeks trip to Corpus Christi and other places in south Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Huss and two boys are visiting with relatives at Benjamin, and Wichita Falls, Texas, this week.

Mr. W. H. Ferguson and son of Hamilton, Texas, are here visiting the former's brother, Mr. T. G. Ferguson.

Mrs. Guy Tabor and two little daughters, visited friends here Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Tabor are living at Canyon, Texas.

TO ALL THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY MEN AND WOMEN



Although I do not have an opponent (for which I am truly grateful), in my race for re-election to a second term to the office of County Clerk of Taylor County, I take this opportunity of soliciting the vote of the entire voting citizenship of the county just the same.

With the aid of my splendid and capable corps of assistants we are striving hard to conduct the affairs of the Clerk's Office in an honorable, efficient and painstaking manner, with the view of extending courteous treatment to one and all.

And in the future, throughout the coming two years, we shall with our past experience and study of the duties connected with the office, expect to even serve you better. And with the idea of rendering to you good service as your servant in this capacity, we again extend to you our appreciation of past favors and trust that by giving you service of the highest class, we may merit and receive your continued support.

RESPECTFULLY,

W. E. BEASLEY

J. K. FULLER FOR District Clerk

Kind Friend: Although I have made a diligent effort to see the voters of the county, the fact that District Court has been in session so much of the time this year has prevented me from seeing all of you in person. District Court will again convene here Monday morning and the duties of my office will prevent me from rounding out the last week of the campaign.

I believe you want me to attend to the duties of the office to which you have so kindly elected me, consequently I am asking you to please accept this as a personal solicitation for your support, both as to your vote and in fluence.

The voters of Taylor county have elected me to the office of District Clerk, and I have done my best to merit the trust imposed in me. My record is before you. If I have made you a good officer, I am asking you to support me for re-election. Yours for Service.

J. K. FULLER

TYPICAL LINCOLN J. CARTER PICTURE HAS THRILLS

If you want thrills—the good old fashioned kind of pulse quickening that you used to enjoy when you were a kid—go to the Cozy Theatre Friday and Saturday where Lincoln J. Carter's latest cinematic Melodrama, "The Arizona Express" is to be shown. It is melodrama up to date in the greatest medium of expression for this type of entertainment since the old Greek masters made it famous.

Carter is the uncrowned King of melodrama and certainly he has employed his vivid imagination with excellent effect in this William Fox production. The story concerns chiefly a young mail clerk, a wealthy banker,

his ward, an adventuress and her criminal partner. Carter has taken these characters and woven them in a plot which runs the gamut from the plot to rob the bank to a transcontinental pursuit in which "The Arizona Express" crashes over a trestle into the river.

The picture is billed as "an honest melodrama" and that is what it is. It will give you one genuine thrill after another, staged logically and entertainingly.

CHIEF JUSTICE C. M. CUR-ETON, now serving first term, is asking re-election. Endorsed by the lawyers and bars generally throughout the state, for re-election.—Adv. 1tp

For District Clerk



As the campaign is coming to a close, I take this final opportunity of asking the voters for their support in the race for District Clerk. I have tried in some way to solicit your support and trust I have won your confidence that I am the man for the place. I have never held public office, but feel fully competent to attend to the duties of the office I ask for. I have received good encouragement all over the county and will get a good vote from the various boxes. If you believe in me I will greatly appreciate your influence with your friends that perhaps are indifferent about this race. I assure you I will give you no cause to regret having supported me. I believe this is a man's job and will prove to you that I am a good man for the job. County offices are created to take care of the business of the voters of the county, and not created just to supply jobs for men and women, therefore, combined with good morals, should be qualifications and business experience. I believe I meet those requirements. I wish to thank every one that has done or said anything in my behalf and hope you will continue your efforts until the last vote is counted July 26th.

J. E. McPherson
Abilene, Texas

DAVIS, IF HE BEATS COOLIDGE WILL BE 8TH PRESBYTERIAN

New York, July 10.—If John W. Davis is elected he will be the eighth Presbyterian of the United States and this will bring the number of such Presidents even with the number who have communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the latter at present holding the palm with eight Presidents.

Mrs. Davis is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and Mr. Davis attends Sunday morning services with her in the Church of St. John of Lattingtown at Locust Valley the rector of which is the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Hinton.

Few of the intimate friends of the Davises were happier yesterday at the outcome of the convention than Dr. Hinton. He sent this telegram:

"Sincere congratulations, I had faith that you would be nominated and it is strong for your election."

Charles G. Dawes, Republican candidate for Vice President, attends the First Congregational Church in Evanston, Ill., of which the Rev. Dr. Hugh Elmer Brown is pastor. Mrs. Dawes is a member of this church.

President Coolidge united with the First Congregational Church in Washington, last October. He is the first Congregationalist President.

Warren G. Harding was the first Baptist President.

Besides Grover Cleveland, the Presbyterian Presidents were: Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Lincoln, Benjamin Harrison, and Wilson. Abraham Lincoln did not unite with the church, but during the years he was in Washington he was a regular attendant at the New York Avenue Presbyterian church.

The Episcopal Presidents were: Washington, Madison, Monroe, William Henry Harrison, Tyler, Taylor, Pierce and Arthur.

The Unitarians were: John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Fillmore and Taft.

The Methodist Presidents were: Jackson, Grant, Hayes and McKinley. Van Buren and Roosevelt were members of the Dutch Reformed Church. Garfield was a member of the Church of the Disciples of Christ Jefferson was a Liberal.

SHILOH NEWS

Health in the community is very good at present.

Crops are looking well, but a good rain would sure be enjoyed. Mrs. Tom Greene was sick a few days last week, but is able to be up again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rutledge spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. James.

Mr. W. R. Grayson left Sunday morning for Lamesa. Mrs. Grayson is going as far as Big Spring where she will visit her brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. James visited Joe Winter and family of the Noodle community Sunday.

Mrs. Cade has returned from her trip to Houston and Galveston. Her daughter, Mrs. Jack Anderson, returning with her. Mrs. Anderson and family left Monday to visit relatives at Big Spring and Tulia.

M. L. Rutledge and family visited Hardy Rutledge and family Sunday.

Tom Greene and wife spent Sunday with E. H. Grayson and family.

There will be preaching at Shiloh Sunday. Everybody come. Will have an ordinary service on that day. Brownie.

Len Sublett

Water well Driller,
all work guaranteed
first-class.

Merkel, Texas

BRYAN WANTS TO BE CLASSED AS A BAPTIST

New York, July 11.—Although he is not a member of any church, Governor Charles W. Bryan, vice presidential nominee of the Democratic party, wishes to be classed as a Baptist, he said last night when questioned as to his religious affiliations. Mrs. Bryan and the governor's children are members of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln, Nebr., and governor Bryan attends this church regularly with them, he said.

Governor Bryan's parents were Baptists and the governor was brought up in that religion, although he has never formally affiliated with any church. The vice presidential nominee is a believer in Christianity and a believer in what the church stands for, he said, but he is not a modernist.

SIMMONS BUILDING A NEW MENS DORMITORY

Abilene, July 17.—The \$150,000 men's dormitory which is being erected at Simmons College to replace Cowden Hall, destroyed by fire two years ago, will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the winter or spring term of the next session, according to President J. D. Sanderfer. Concrete forms for the third floor are now in place and workmen are busily engaged in pouring the concrete, with the expectation of having this work completed within the next three or four weeks.

The new dormitory has been under construction for the past ten months, though work was halted temporarily during the winter. A donation of \$50,000 was made to the building fund last month by a friend of the college whose name is withheld at his own request.

The new dormitory is the latest design in college buildings.



To The Voters of TAYLOR COUNTY

I am the daughter of H. B. Cook of Lawn and have lived in Abilene most of the time since 1889, so if you are interested in my candidacy for the office of District Clerk of Taylor County, it should be easy for you to satisfy yourself as to my fitness and worthiness to fill the office I seek.

I believe woman's first duty is motherhood and her best place is in the home. I feel I have well served in both even though for fifteen years I have been forced to fill the place of a father also. It is the latter necessity that compelled me to reach out for a better position, as there is only one period in a boys life during which he can be educated.

I find that nice, well-bred women are holding this office all over the United States, and I will deeply appreciate your vote July 26th. Respectfully,

Mrs. Laura Cook Mitchell

It will be three stories in height and a fitting reminder of the faith of West Texas Baptists in their school at Abilene. No main hallways will be placed in the dormitory, the various groups of suites of rooms being served by individual stairways with exterior exits. This permits of less disturbance to the residents of the dormitory.

The lack of the dormitory will be sorely felt during the coming session. Though 200 men at-

tended the college last year and boarded in the city the number seems certain to increase almost fifty per cent this year. College officials have secured sufficient reservations in nearby boarding houses to care for a fifty per cent increase in enrollment and all men students will be furnished accommodations in this manner until the hall is completed.

Mr. Claude Partridge went to Hamlin Tuesday on business.



Harry Tom King Of Abilene Candidate For State Senate

A former district judge of the 42nd judicial district makes formal announcement of his candidacy for the office of State Senator from this, the 24th Senatorial district.

Under the new redistricting law, this district will become the 24th, composed of twelve counties, as follows: Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones, Fisher, Scurry, Haskell and Throckmorton.

He is a native of Milam County, Texas, and was educated at the public schools of Rockdale; at Baylor University, at the Houston Commercial College, at the University of Tennessee, and the University of Texas. He graduated from the law department of the University of Texas in 1898. Since 1898 has lived in Abilene with the exception of two years spent at Galveston. A member of the State democratic executive committee during Governor Hobby's administration; appointed by that Governor as judge of the forty-second judicial district, composed of Callahan, Shackelford, Taylor and Stephens counties; resigned the judicial position to re-enter private practice of law.

The following platform of principles is herewith submitted:

1. I believe in obedience to all laws both on the part of the people and the officers charged with the enforcement of the laws. It necessarily follows that I am in favor of a fair and an impartial enforcement of all our laws.

2. I favor economy in the administration of the laws of the State, County and Municipality. Unnecessary offices should be abolished, and consolidations made where necessary and practicable.

3. I favor the working of short term convicts on the State highways; a sale of the major portion of our State farms; the production by the State on the farms retained of that class of crops as can be utilized by the State in feeding its dependents, making the production of cotton a secondary crop; the use of convicts in the manufacture of that class of merchandise as is necessary to be bought by the State in supplying prisoners and inmates of eleemosynary institutions.

4. I am opposed to the enactment of a State Income Tax Law, at this or any other time.

5. I am opposed to a further enlargement of our statutes creating special assessments and consequent liens against real estate for public improvement.

6. I am opposed to the present policy of this state of educating non-resident students at the expense of the taxpayers and believe that a flat charge should be made against such students on a level with charges made by other educational institutions of this state of like standing and for similar work.

7. I am opposed to the Legislature making appropriations in an amount beyond the available current revenues of the State Government, and am opposed to any increase in State taxes except in so far as it may be necessary to care for debts created by past Legislatures.

I will from time to time make my views known upon current political issues that may arise during the campaign.

JOHN BOND

For Re-election to the Office Of Sheriff

TO THE VOTERS:

I am asking to be re-elected to the office of Sheriff wholly on the record I have made, and because of the fact that the experience I have had in the last several years have, I believe, added to my qualifications to better serve the people in that capacity than ever before.

No one could serve the people long in the office of sheriff without incurring the displeasure of some—and I am no exception to this rule—but the criticism of those who believe themselves entirely just as critics, has been in the years that I have served you, largely compensated by the loyalty of friends whose support has laid upon me a debt of gratitude that I cannot hope to ever fully repay.

If you believe in me as an HONEST, EFFICIENT officer, I shall greatly appreciate your votes and influence in the coming primary.

I believe I never was as well qualified to efficiently serve you and I know that I was never more capable of appreciating my friends than at this time. May I have your VOTE and INFLUENCE?

SINCERELY,



JOHN BOND

MANY FROM OUT-OF-TOWN ATTEND DILTZ FUNERAL

Many relatives and close friends attended the funeral services of Mr. Earl Diltz last Sunday. The following is a list of names furnished of those attending: Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Diltz and family of McGregor, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland and family of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Pratt and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fitts, and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Fuller and family of Abilene, Mr. P. G. Tucker and daughter, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Williams of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Eakman of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Lawler and family of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bond of Abilene, Mr. J. M. Cook and family of Noodle; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Scott of Abilene, Mr. R. J. Reed of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Horton of Abilene; Mrs. Maggie Scott, Miss Myrtle Scott, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Sexton Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott, Mrs. E. F. Hart and son, George; Arthur Maberry and Misses Ila Belle Scott and May Jones, all of Sylvester. Others attended that we failed to get their names.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller and little daughter returned this week from Clyde, where they have been making their home for the past ten months. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Miller welcome them back to Merkel.

Honorable W. H. Frazier, County Commissioner in this precinct two, of Taylor county, has just returned from a trip to Bronte, Coke county, where he went after a big new five ton Catapillar Tractor, which he brought here for the inspection of the business men and citizens who are planning to buy another tractor for road work in this community. Mr. Frazier, who is one of the best and most capable Commissioners this or any other county ever had, reports it quite a job to drive one of the big tractors over a road the distance and such as are to be found between here and Bronte.

Mr. L. R. Thompson, following up the suggestion recently made at the Luncheon Club, has recently had the fire-plug at the corner near his home, painted a bright red, and he and C. K. Russell and Dr. R. I. Grimes, have also had put up on their street corners street markers or signs, designating the streets upon which they reside, and which as Mr. Thompson states, enables him as well as the public, know he resides at the corner of Oak and Baker streets. As stated above this suggestion which is indeed a good one, was suggested by the Luncheon Club and it is hoped that others interested, will do likewise. Mr. Ed Rister is making these for sale.

Mr. Felix Zucarello of Pulaski, Tennessee is here for a visit to his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins.

We are glad to learn that Mr. R. R. Buford has purchased the L. W. Cox home, second door south of the Baptist church, and will about the first of August move into same with his family.

Mr. Pick Allen and family returned this week from a trip to Waco and China Springs, Texas.

Mrs. J. B. Bell and two daughters are visiting with relatives in Eastland this week.

Mr. G. L. Reeves went to Rotan the first part of the week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt returned this week from a visit to relatives at Clyde, Texas.

Elder W. G. Cypert returned home from Walnut Springs, Tex as this week. Elder Cypert has been holding a meeting at Walnut Springs and reports a very fine revival meeting.

We are highly pleased with the response to our "Big Bargain Carnival"

As Announced to open Thursday July 17th. Hundreds have already been convinced our statements are backed by the right prices.

Be Sure to attend this Sale. Brown Dry Goods Company

Mr. J. W. Schindler and family spent last week-end with relatives at Roscoe, Texas.

Mr. Joe Williams of Childress, Texas, is here to visit Mrs. M. E. Orr.

Little J. W. and Norman Orr of Cross Plains, Texas, who have been here some time visiting their grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Orr, returned to their home Monday.

Little Doris Mack Diltz, two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz, underwent an operation at Alexander Sanitarium Tuesday. She is doing fine, and will soon be able to come home again.

Miss Fae and Floyd Smith of Stanton, Texas, are here visiting their grandfather, Mr. G. W. Johnson and other relatives.

Dr. J. P. Howard returned last week from a trip to Dallas, Galveston and Corpus Christi.

Miss Lerah Petree is away for a visit with relatives in Tennessee.

It's chatter when it leaves the tongue and gossip when it reaches other people's ears.

Mr. Max Mellinger left Monday night for the east, where he will make full purchases for his dry goods store.

Miss Lena Freedman of Houston returned to her home after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Max Mellinger for ten days.

Master Jack Merritt of Hale Center, Texas, is here visiting with friends and relatives.

Mr. Harry Barnett and family returned this week from a trip to Medlothian, Texas.

Miss Katie Sue Reed of Hillsboro, Texas is the guest of Mrs. T. G. Bragg this week.

If You Have a Printing Want

WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT IS

Putting out good printing is our business, and when we say good printing we don't mean fair, but the best obtainable. If you are "from Missouri" give us a trial and we will

Show You

Miss Lucy Mae Patterson of Abilene was a guest of Miss Lorena Frazier the first part of the week.

Mr. W. Z. Littleton of Alabama is visiting his sister, Mrs. T. H. Spears of the Blair community.

Miss Clara Rollo, of Huntsville Texas is here visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Woodard.

To the Voters of Taylor County

On account of the duties of the office I have been unable to see all of you in person, so am taking this method of soliciting your vote and influence on behalf of my candidacy for the office of Tax Assessor. Also calling your attention to the fact that I am doing the office work, therefore the values approved by the Board of Equalizers and the percent of corporations demanded by same actually appear on the tax rolls. We have not exchanged any special privileges for political influence, but have endeavored in each instance to grant equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

Our method is responsible for the fact that there has been no change in the assessed valuation of Taylor County property ni fourteen years unless new improvements have been added. We think this remarkable, as you well know commodities of every description have increased from twenty-five to four hundred per cent, increasing the county's burdens correspondingly.

We are opposed to levying a tax burden upon the citizenship of this county greater than that necessary to keep the county on a safe financial basis.

We warn the tax payers against electing any one for this office who has told you in advance that they would not fill the office, but would do the outside work, and leave the matter of abstract work and making the tax rolls to a deputy who is not under bond nor required to make any affidavit. And as you pay on the amount actually appearing on the rolls you see at once that you are wholly at the mercy of the roll maker. You are protected as to your assessments by the Board of Equalizers, after that, you have no protection except the honesty of the roll maker.

Elect me for another term. I will absolutely protect you, and be able to pay the mortgage off my farm, after that I will not suffer any uneasiness about getting some kind of a living.

SINCERELY,

Mrs. Florence Vance

To The Voters of Taylor County

Ladies and Gentlemen:



As the office of Tax Collector is a strictly clerical one, I feel that I am qualified to fill it to your entire satisfaction as I have served in the capacity of book-keeper, as well as druggist for 30 years or more. In addition to being book-keeper for practically all of the drug firms by whom I have been employed, I have had employment and experience in banking, was office deputy in Tax Assessor's office, was book-keeper for H. B. Terrell in his mercantile business. He was later elected State Comptroller and offered me a position in that office, which I declined. All of the above in McLennan county.

I came to Taylor county 19 years ago, as in the drug business in Merkel about 6 years and was City Secretary of that city the greater part of that time. I have lived in Abilene about 12 years, about ten years of that time in the employ of McLennan-Bass Drug Co. as book-keeper and druggist. I was in the drug business at Buffalo Gap one year.

The fact of being a druggist only tends to better qualify me for Tax Collector, as a druggist must be accurate and painstaking to a marked degree, as your life depends on his accuracy. Hundreds of you have trusted me with your life and the lives of your families. Surely you are willing to trust me with the collection of your taxes.

If elected, I promise you a square deal to all alike, courteous treatment by myself and deputies, and I will strive to make you a Tax Collector that will meet the approval of the entire county.

If I have failed to see you to talk with you, remember it was not intentional. I have tried to see every one, but it is almost impossible.

The present incumbent will have served you at the expiration of his present term, six years of the last twelve. The office is a gift of the people and I kindly ask that you honor me with it for the next term.

My campaign has been a pleasant one. No one could have received better treatment, and win or lose, I am grateful to you for your kindness and support. Thanking you, and assuring you that no one will appreciate your vote and influence more than I. Respectfully,

R. A. McCLAIN

To the Voters of Taylor County

In the coming campaign, I earnestly solicit your votes and influence on behalf of my candidacy for the office of Tax Assessor. Since the organization of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank twenty years ago I have served that institution in charge of its books. During all these years I have enjoyed the friendship of the other banks of Merkel, and count as among my best friends the officers and employees of the Farmers State Bank.

I have tried to serve faithfully every interest entrusted to my keeping and to deserve the regard and good will of all who know me.

I am asking to be elected to the Office of Tax Assessor, first: because I believe all my training has been such as to especially qualify me to fulfill its duties; second: it would afford a larger field for service; third: I need the emoluments of the office.

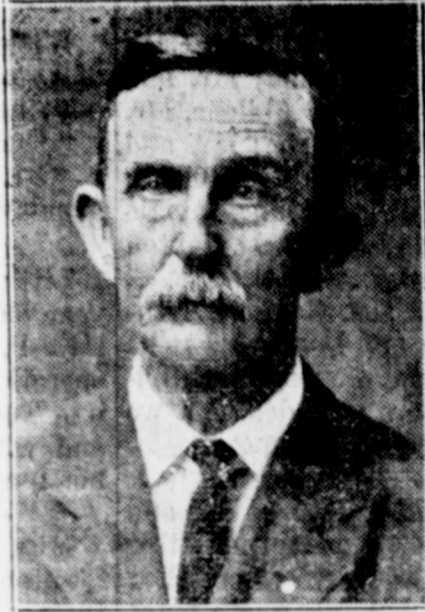
If elected to this office, I will give **MY PERSONAL ATTENTION** to its duties; shall see that the office is economically administered and I shall ever oppose the levy of a tax greater than that sufficient to keep the county on a sound financial basis.

I refer those with whom I do not have a personal acquaintance to any one in the Merkel or Trent territories, willing to let my candidacy stand or fall by the commendation of those who have known me since I have lived in the county.

I HAVE NEVER ASKED FOR ANY PUBLIC OFFICE IN TAYLOR COUNTY...

I have been made profoundly grateful to my friends for their interest in my behalf and, if elected, I promise to the citizens of TAYLOR COUNTY the VERY BEST SERVICE of which I am capable.

SINCERELY,



J. T. Howard

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—A New seven by nine Auto Tent at less than Wholesale cost. Jas. H. West. tf

FOR SALE—Good Wood. \$2.00 per cord while on ground. W.W. Haynes, French Pasture. tf

FOR SALE—Furnished house-keeping rooms. Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw. 1tpd

FOR SALE—My hand-made Cedar Library Table, at the Furniture store of J. T. Darsey. See it, you will like it. Norman Pledger. 1tp

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One 24-inch double disc Standard breaking plow, practically new. Would trade for Standard pony disc or single disc. W.W. Outlaw six miles northeast of Merkel. 1tp

FOR SALE OR TRADE—My home in Merkel. H. M. Rose, 116 Ash street, Sweetwater, Texas. 18t3p

FOR SALE—A complete Butcher and Meat Market out-fit. J. H. McDonald, Merkel. 1t

FOR SALE—Some fine Big Poland China Pigs. See Earl T. Pribble, route three. 1tp

FOR SALE—Stationery for both men and women, boys and girls. 200 sheets paper with 100 envelopes to match for \$1.15 and \$2.00. Comes in white, pearl gray, buff, pink and blue. Your name and address or monogram on each envelope and each sheet or folder of paper FREE. Call for Blanche Durham at the Merkel Mail office to show you samples. tf

Fire Destroys Servants House

A fire completely destroyed the wash house and servants house of Mr. T. J. Toombs early Tuesday morning. We understand that Mr. Toombs had built a fire under the wash kettle early in the morning and returned back to the house, and the wind which was rather strong, blew the burning papers in the wash house in such a way that the whole house was a blaze before it was noticed. No damage to other parts of the property was done.

Mr. Ross Wheeler, wife and little daughter returned this week from a visit to relatives at Waco, Texas.

Mr. Gilbert Walton and J. C. Childress returned last week from Plainview, where they have been working in the harvest fields.

Mr. J. L. Riddle and family left Wednesday for a visit with friends and relatives at Sanatorium, Texas.

Advice without a price tag on it is a commodity with dangerous possibilities.

Once we kicked about taxation without representation and now we are getting too much of both.

R. L. Meeks of Stephenville, was here this week to see Mr. Norman Pledger on business.

Mr. W. A. Hellums and wife of Comanche, Texas, are here visiting relatives and friends.

S. A. Freeman and wife, Mr. Abernathy and wife left Wednesday for Fort Worth, Athens and other places in east Texas.

Mr. Rape and family returned Saturday from Bomarton, Texas where they visited their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Parks.

Mrs. Fannie Manard and baby Jack have returned to their home in Burkburnett, Texas, from a three weeks visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Eula James, of Trent.

YOU TELL EM



"The farmer doesn't need to save daylight - he doesn't waste any"

But let us help you save money! Turning down high prices will make them feel cheap.

The high cost of living is surely jolted here.

A few of our specials for this week are listed below:--

- 8 lb. Bucket lard.....\$1.30
- 25 lb. Sack Sugar.....\$2.20
- Extra High Pat. Flour \$1.70
- Pure country made Ribbon Cane Syrup.....\$1.00
- Domino Pure Sugar Syrup.....85c

J. N. CARSON
Watch this Space

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cash and family of Hamlin were here Sunday visiting C. P. Stevens and family.

Mrs. J. F. Hodo returned this week from Dallas, where she went some time ago for medical treatment under specialists.

Mrs. Lillie Bebee and son of Tulsa, Okla., on their way to Los Angeles, stopped off here this week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns.

We are glad to learn that Mr. T. J. R. Swafford, who first of the week was among those on the sick list, is now improving nicely and will soon be at him self again.

Miss Frances Linton, of Abilene visited Miss George Daniels last weekend.

Mrs. Jas. H. West, accompanied by Mrs. Harbors were in Anson first part of the week visiting with relatives.

Dr. L. B. Fain, and wife of Blackwell, were guests this week of Mrs. Lucy Bumpass.

The "Biggest Bargain Carnival" ever put on in Merkel—Our policy high quality merchandise at smallest cash price". Sale opens Thursday morning, July 17. Come and be convinced. We have A REAL SALE. Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t

Mrs. J. Ben Campbell received a message last Friday of the sudden death of her niece, Mrs. Jim Cook of Bonham, Texas. The many friends of Mrs. Campbell join the Merkel Mail in tendering her heart felt sympathy in the loss of her niece.

Mrs. G. A. Rister of El Paso, Texas, who has been here for some time visiting her daughter Mrs. James H. West, left the first of the week for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Brown

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. West, Mr. and Mrs. John West, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren and Weston West returned late Thursday afternoon from a fishing trip to the Colorado river.

Mr. E. D. Coats and Mr. M. R. Hale returned this week from a trip to Midland, Texas.

Miss Mary Cradock has returned to her home at Merkel after being away at Osage, Texas for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. L. Crick returned last week from a two weeks visit to Dallas, Collin and Hunt counties. They report a fine trip, but Mr. Crick states that he was mighty glad to get back to good old West Texas. On their return they were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. John Olson and family and Mrs. Cogger.

Messrs. Sam Foster, Clyde Foster, W. F. Patterson and N. A. Dowell returned Wednesday from a few days fishing trip to Paint Rock and Menard.

Voters Attention

During the three years service as county attorney and six months as county judge by appointment I have been painstaking, fair and conscientious in all official matters and feel that my record, together with the fact that I am an attorney and experienced in the business affairs of the county, amply qualify me for this important office and justify me in asking you for the promotion.

My official acts are all public and are reflected in our public records. I can not argue my own merits and am unwilling to boast of my qualifications. I can only invite inquiry and am content to be tested by the report of those who know me and are acquainted with the record of my official services.

From necessity I have been taught and have practiced economy. I know what economy means, and will give the people of Taylor County an economical administration.

I favor an economical and careful completion of the good road program now under way, and feel that my work with the old commissioners' court will be of much assistance to the county and the new commissioners' court after the first of January in the completion of our road work.

Society and law exist for the aid and protection of the weak and unfortunate. I propose to temper justice with mercy when children are brought before me charged with crime. Too often parents are responsible for their dependant and neglected children. The law has delegated to the county judge the supervision of estates under probate and prescribes the procedure. During my administration all matters of probate, as well as other business affairs of the county, will be transacted in the open, with the lights turned on every step of the process.

As a trial judge, I pledge to follow the constitution and laws of the state. If elected, it shall be my purpose to determine the correct principle of law that should govern in each particular case before me, and then have the courage to apply it.

SINCERELY,



Carlos D. Speck

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For State Representative:
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 For District Clerk:
J. K. FULLER,
Mrs. LAURA COOK MITCHELL
J. E. McPHERSON
 For County Judge:
CARLOS D. SPECK,
J. M. STEVENSON
 For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS
 County Attorney
FRANK E. SMITH
T. M. WILLIS
ROY L. BUKE
 For Tax Collector:
D. T. HARKRIDER,
ED. DICKERSON,
R. A. McCLAIN
 For Tax Assessor:
J. T. HOWARD
JOE T. PERRY
(MRS) FLORENCE VANCE
 For County Clerk:
W. E. BEASLEY
 For Sheriff:
H. T. O'BAR
JOHN S. BOND
R. G. (Bob) ANDERSON
 For County School Supt.
M. A. WILLIAMS
 (Re-election)
 For Commissioner:
T. R. LASSITER
CHARLES P. STEVENS
PHILLIP A. DILTZ
HENRY R. HICKS
JOHN S. HUGHES
 For Public Weigher:
C. L. TUCKER
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 The powerful, healing warmth
 of Munt's Lightning Oil gives
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LIGHTNING OIL
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TO THE VOTERS OF JONES COUNTY:

I am a candidate for nomination to the office of County Judge of Jones county, subject to the action of the voters of Jones county at the Democratic Primary on the 26th of this month.

In seeking election to the important office of County Judge, I do so, believing that I am fitted by reason of education, training and experience, to properly and efficiently conduct the affairs of the office. I am a native son of Jones County. I was born in the county-seat more than twenty-seven years ago, and Anson has always been my home. I was educated in the public school there and in the University of Texas. During the past four years I have been serving you in a public capacity, as District Clerk of Jones County. During my service as District Clerk, and in other capacities previous thereto, I have become familiar in a general way with the county's government, as administered by the various officers. By reason of actual experience in the court room, I have learned much of legal matters and in court procedure. As to the manner of official that I have made, I leave to the consensus of opinion of the people of Jones County generally, and to the lawyers, who have practiced in the District Court at Anson in particular, unafraid of their verdict.

The duties of County Judge are administrative and judicial. I believe that the county's business affairs should be conducted in a systematic, business-like manner, and with that same degree of care and foresight, with which a prudent individual would manage his private affairs. I am for public economy, insofar as is consistent with the public interest. I am against waste, extravagance, the useless expenditure of public funds and graft in any form. I believe that, for every dollar of public money expended, value should be re-

ceived. I am for the upkeep of the county's property, as I believe this to be economy, and I favor the maintenance of the public roads in as good a condition as funds and circumstances will justify.

The judicial phase of this office pertains to the County Court. I believe that the County Court, as all courts of justice, should be a tribunal, wherein justice is administered and the law enforced in a fair and impartial manner.

In seeking election to the office of County Judge, I base my claims for your consideration upon my record as a private citizen, as a public official, and upon my qualifications for the office. If elected your County Judge, I shall ever strive to render honest, efficient, and courteous service.

I request your consideration: I solicit your vote and support.
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R. G. ANDERSON

CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

I HAVE LIVED IN TAYLOR COUNTY FORTY YEARS. BORN IN TEXAS, LIVED ON THE FRONTIER ALL OF MY LIFE, HAVE HAD DEALINGS WITH NEARLY EVERY CLASS OF PEOPLE, CONSIDER I AM A GOOD JUDGE OF HUMAN NATURE, KNOW HOW TO GET ALONG AND HANDLE PEOPLE, HAVE HAD LOTS OF EXPERIENCE WITH THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL, AND IF ELECTED WILL ENDEAVOR TO SEE THAT THE LAW IS STRICTLY ENFORCED, REGARDLESS, AND I WOULD ASK A CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF MY PAST LIFE BEFORE YOU CAST YOUR VOTE. I WILL PROMISE TO GIVE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE MY PERSONAL ATTENTION AT ALL TIMES, AND WHEN ANY BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE OFFICE IS TURNED OVER TO ME, I WILL PROMISE IT PROMPT ATTENTION.

I WILL THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND INFLUENCE ON JULY 26TH.

R. G. Anderson

COMPERE NEWS

The weather is very hot now, but the cotton sure has been growing since the showers of rain that fell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Strickland and family from south of Fort Worth are visiting relatives here, Mr. E. R. Foster and family.

The Baptist senior Sunday School class sure has missed Mr. E. R. Foster as the teacher of the class and has been absent two Sundays.

The crowd at Sunday School

Sunday was but few, as lots of people from here are attending meetings elsewhere.

Miss Ella Lane will leave for her home the first of the week, as her mother is pretty sick, and she has been gone a month and a half.

Everybody is beginning to get ready to attend the Baptist meeting.

Mr. Jim Chadwick of Imperial California, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chadwick.

Mr. R. L. Grimes was in Abilene last Thursday on business.

Methodist Revival at Stith

The Methodist revival will begin at Stith Sunday night, July 20, and continue over Sunday, August 3.

The preaching will be done by Rev. R.E.L. Stutts of Merkel, and the song service led by the pastor, Rev. B. Y. Dickinson.

The cooperation of all people regardless of church affiliation, is urged and expected.

B. Y. Dickinson, pastor.

Mr. John Gibson of San Angelo, Texas, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gibson.



Report of Congressman Thos. L. Blanton To His Constituents:

I am not ashamed of the record of my service. There is not the slightest stain upon it. I have been on the House floor constantly whenever business was transacted. I have taken an active part in every debate. Without exception I have heartily supported and helped to pass every constructive law that benefits the whole people, initiated during my term of service. And I have helped to defeat bad measures. I have fought all waste, extravagance and graft.

I have mastered the rules of the House. I have personally investigated the machinery and inside workings of every Bureau in Washington, and am intimately familiar with every feature of Government business. I offer you trained, experienced, efficient service. The men who have tried to discredit me have themselves been repudiated by the people. The Republican Leader, Mr. Mondell, who had been the sole Representative of Wyoming for 26 years, lost every County in his state except one. Many of the men who followed him in his attempt to put me out of Congress, have failed to come back.

I forced on the Statute Books a law which now prevents Senators and Congressmen from buying personal articles from the Stationery Room. The Congress itself thus vindicated me on that issue.

My determined, unceasing fight has finally stopped the sending of garden seeds under their franks to Constituents, and thus saves to the American taxpayers \$360,000 each year in expenses.

Aided by Conally and Jones, we passed a law which permits parents to force the War and Navy Departments to discharge their sons when within 60 days after enlistment, they file an application showing their son is under 21, and enlisted without their consent.

My incessant fights have reduced the amount our Government has been paying on the civic expenses of Washington people, first from 50 down to 40 per cent, and lately from 40 down to 30 per cent. I am still conducting this fight for further reductions. My investigation and report forced the Insurance Commissioner to resign, and killed his bill which doubled his own salary and sought to authorize him to employ any number of auditors at \$75 per day salary.

The fight I helped to make caused to be side-tracked the bill which would have given the \$100,000,000 Muscle Shoals Power Plant to Henry Ford for 100 years, with the Government operating and maintaining it for a century at the people's expense, with no guaranteed benefits offered in return.

The fight I helped to make caused to be side-tracked in the Senate the bill which proposed to pay out of the people's treasury \$10,000,000 to Germany during this campaign year when German votes in the United States are sought by political parties, and this too, when rich Germans still revel in wealth and luxury in Germany.

The fight I helped to make killed the McNary-Haugen Bill, which was a sham and a fraud. It would have appropriated \$200,000,000 for a corporation to waste, and authorized such corporation to issue bonds for \$1,000,000,000 more, and to put 50,000 additional employees on the Government pay-roll at unlimited salaries, and which measure offered no relief whatever to cotton farmers, and promised no certain benefit to any farmer or producer in the United States. I will support any measure that will grant relief

to farmers and stockmen, but I am against all wasteful shams and frauds proposed in their name.

For three weeks I led the fight from the House floor against and helped to defeat the pernicious Howell-Barkley Bill, which sought to deprive the public of representation at the council table in settlement of railroad disputes, and which created worthless boards of 40 members, 20 of whom were to be railroad owners, and the other 20 to be representatives of railroad employees, all 40 to be paid \$7,000 per year each by the Government, and each allowed unlimited employees, which would embrace a private secretary, clerk, messenger and janitor for each, at will, they to fix the salaries of such employees, and each member allowed to sit anywhere in the United States at any time at the expense of the people, and their decisions when made to be absolutely worthless because not enforceable against anybody. This bill would have doubled tariffs.

Each any every bill reported from a Committee is carefully digested by my office, and my one-man fights from the floor have killed many unmeritorious bills involving private claims aggregating millions and millions of dollars.

I have loyally kept faith with our brave ex-service men. During the war the government took them from their homes, parents, sisters, brothers, sweethearts, yea even from wives and little children, and sent them to the death-dealing trenches of France, where 75,000 of them gave their lives, and several hundred thousand came back maimed, or crippled, or diseased, shattered with position and business gone. We paid them \$33 per month, while Americans who stayed at home in many instances received \$33 per day for ordinary saw and hammer service in cantonments or shipyards. And when these boys were leaving on transports, I pledged them that I would not forget them. And I have kept the faith. After the war, I saw Congress pay to War contractors for probable profits they might have made if war had continued the sum of \$706,000,000; and Congress paid to railroads \$1,696,000,000; and Congress paid to railroad employees \$1,127,000,000; and Congress increased the salaries of civilian employees in Washington \$294,000,000, and none of these bills were vetoed. So how could we refuse to adjust in a small way the injustice done Ex-Service men? If the war had continued three month longer, the cost would have exceeded this bonus many times. Let none of us begrudge this small adjustment to our brave men who brought back from France victory for our flag, and who saved the civilization of the world.

The law required my opponent to file a lawful application with District Chairman Cockrell prior to midnight of June Second, embracing his age, his occupation, his place of residence, and acknowledged before an officer with seal. He did not do this. He merely wrote a personal letter to County Chairmen. Our Attorney General has ruled on several occasions that under such circumstances no Committee has any right or power to place such candidate on the ballot. Yet in five counties his name is on the ballot, in violation of law. Is he exempt from law? Does the law not apply to him? Will voters reward him for ignoring the law? I had to obey the law. Apply the law to Mr. Albright.

PERSONALS

Mr. Ross Ferrier and Mr. Lewis McCoy left Wednesday for Tulia, Texas, where they will operate Mr. Ferrier's thrasher in that vicinity.

Miss Geneva Greenrock of Baird is the guest of Mrs. Erma Lee Rea this week.

Mrs. E. J. Rhodes of California was a guest of Mrs. F. Y. Gaither Thursday.

Mrs. W. C. Calvert of Sweetwater was a guest of Mrs. R. A. Martin Thursday.

Mrs. John Morgan of Dallas is here visiting her sister, Mrs. J. C. Calvert this week.

Miss Norma Shannon is attending the Presbyterian Encampment at Buffalo Gap this week.

Miss Mildred Smith is attending the annual Presbyterian Encampment at Buffalo Gap this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Rogers and daughter, Miss Ruth, left Wednesday for Buffalo Gap, where they will attend the Presbyterian encampment.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard were in Abilene Wednesday on business and visiting with relatives.

Miss Beatrice and Miss Ethel McLeod of Trent were here on Thursday visiting with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton of McKinney, Texas, are here this week visiting friends. Mr. Shelton was a former cotton buyer in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Higgins and children went to Floydada, Texas, Wednesday for a visit with relatives.

MID-SUMMER CLEARANCE

Clearance of surplus Merchandise through out our store is our aim in this sale. Price is not considered, we need room for new Fall Merchandise already coming in. Read the items advertised and come get your share of quality merchandise and cheaper prices.

Extra Clearance Special	Extra Clearance Specials	Extra Clearance Special
Men's Lisle Hose 5 pr. \$1.00	Boys 75c Athletic union suits 2 for \$1.00	One lot mens shoes worth \$7.50 and \$6.50 \$2.95
One lot Men's dress shirts 98c	Men's 75c B. V. D. style union suits 2 for \$1.00	One lot voile dresses regardless of former price now \$3.95
One lot children's slippers 59c		
\$10.00 J. E. Tilt shoes 5.95		
\$8.50 J. E. Tilt shoes 4.95		
Clearance Specials	Clearance Specials	Clearance Specials
Ladies' \$2.50 silk teds \$1.95	Ladies \$1.50 gowns 98c	75c Tissue Ginghams 59c
Ladies' 50c knit teds 3 for \$1.00	Childrens gingham dresses priced for Clearance	75c Printed Voils 59c
Ladies \$1.00 gowns 69c	Entire stock ladies hats on sale at \$2.00 & \$1.00	\$3.00 Table Linens \$1.95
Ladies \$1.50 silk hose 98c		All piece goods priced Special.

All Men's Suits Priced to Make Room for our Big Fall Stock.

A big showing of shirts and ties arrived this week in time for price reduction.

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PERSONALS

Mr. H. M. Rose of Sweetwater was here Wednesday looking after business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Patterson announce the birth of a baby boy born July the 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sears and two boys, of Abilene were here several days last week visiting with Mrs. Frank Sears and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett moved to their new bungalow home on Oak street last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders returned last Friday from a camping trip to San Angelo and Christoval.

Mrs. E. N. Compere of Abilene was a guest of Mrs. R. I. Grimes last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Weaver and baby of Big Spring, Texas, were here last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arrington.

Messrs. Arl and Kenneth Sharp went to Colorado, Texas, Friday on business.

Mrs. Stanley B. King, Mr. T. J. King and Miss Stella King returned last Friday from a trip via car to East Vaughn, New Mexico.

Mr. L. R. Thompson was in Abilene on business last Thursday.

Mr. W. O. Boney, local real estate agent, was in Anson on business last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Acuff and children returned last Friday from a visit with relatives at Lubbock.

Mr. John W. Wheeler returned Friday from a trip to Fort Worth.

A WORD TO THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY



On January 24th, 1924, the Commissioners' Court appointed me County Attorney of Taylor County, to fill an unexpired term.

Since my appointment I have done my best to enforce our laws. The public records show that in the last five months there have been two hundred twenty-nine complaints filed, with two hundred twenty-five convictions, and one hung jury. I have lost three cases. Fines and costs assessed total \$3900. Our last Grand Jury makes the following statement: "We specially commend the County Attorney, Mr. Frank Smith, for holding courts of inquiry and filing complaints against violators of the law in misdemeanor matters. Such procedure greatly lightens the burdens of the Grand Jury and saves considerable time."

I was born in Taylor County, educated in Taylor County Public Schools, and spent my Senior year at Simmons College. I taught School in Abilene two years to enable me to finish my college education. I served in the Army throughout the war. After the war I received my law degree from the University of Texas, since which time I have been engaged in the practice of law.

If elected, I pledge my best efforts for the enforcement of our laws. I am for prosecution without persecution.

RESPECTFULLY,

Frank E. Smith

GOLAN NEWS

Crops are needing rain badly. The showers we have just had seemed to have caused them to burn pretty bad.

W. R. Hudspeth and family returned from the plains last Monday, where they have been visiting their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hill and family spent the week-end with Mrs. Fultz of Sweetwater.

Miss Linnie Barnes was the guest of Gertrude Byrom Sunday.

Mary Lou Brown visited Lena and Vera James Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jeffrey and boy and Uncle Tom Williams are planning a trip to Fannin County the latter part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. F. Jeffrey have returned from the coast where they have been visiting relatives Frank West and wife and boy of Anson were here visiting W. M. West and family Sunday.

The Phillips boys of Haskell spent the week-end with W. M. West this week.

Mrs. G. M. Byrom has been very ill the past few days.

Mrs. C. C. Stribling and family of White Flat Community, and C. A. Duncan and family were the guests of Ernest and Lettye Thompson.

Mrs. Fred Vestal is still reported on the sick list this week.

Rev. Tom White did not get here for his appointment Saturday night, but came Sunday

morning.

Sunday School is improving nicely. Everyone is looking forward to the meetings. Rev. Huston Scott is going to assist Rev. White in his meeting the last week in August.

The Methodist meeting begins the second Sunday in August.

Val Byrom, wife and boy revisited C. C. Stribling of White Flat Friday night and Saturday.

The singing Sunday night at J. F. Cox's was enjoyed by those present.

W. L. Davis and family and Val Byrom and family visited G. M. Byrom and family Sunday.

Some few men of this community attended the Masonic Lodge at Merkel and Sylvester Saturday night.

Misses Andra Hudspeth, Mary Northcutt and Elsie Hill visited Pearl and Minnie West Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Hill and little daughter, Eldora, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams of White Church community.

P. W. Lawlis and family, L. P. Lawlis and family and Miss Murle Dean were the guests of G. W. Lawlis and family Sunday.

Miss Menvil Hill spent the latter part of last week in Anson taking examinations for a certificate. She is planning on teaching school this winter.

Some of the young people of this community enjoyed the party at Newman Friday night. Dandelion.

Mr. T. J. Toombs was in Abilene last Friday on business.

We are Highly Pleased the response to our BIG BARGAIN CARNIVAL

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H. T. O'Bar, of Ovalo, is under no obligation to any sect or set of men, and if elected to the office of sheriff, promises to enforce the law, fearlessly, without partiality or favor to anyone. Mr. O'Bar is at present one of the county commissioners, serving his third term as such. He is a native Texan, and has lived in Taylor County twenty-three years, during which time he has been farming and serving as an officer.

He served twelve years as deputy Sheriff, two years under Cunningham, six years under Weir and four years under Dodson. He has made an every efficient officer and has been not only fearless in the discharge of his duties, but has shown considerable ability in ferreting out crime and criminals.

In the race for Sheriff of Taylor Co. Do not scratch H. T. O'Bar's name If you want a good sheriff.