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HENS THAT AVERAGE 175 EGGS PER YEAR

The Mail is pleased to reproduce in its columns the following splendid article as published in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram of Monday of this week, which was written by Mr. J. R. Masterson, Taylor County's able County Farm Demonstrator:

Merkel, Texas, July 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins, who live near Merkel, formed a Barred Rock poultry partnership 20 years ago, but Mrs. Higgins has been the leading and more active partner of the firm. The husband has been too busily engaged in cotton chopping to give much attention to the flock.

Mrs. Higgins' idea from the beginning was to produce the best Rocks that wear stripes, and she has nearly succeeded. Her dining room is decorated with 98 ribbons that she won at poultry shows. There is hardly a reputable poultry show in Texas that has not been honored with her fowls.

Are Good Layers

But the manager of this flock has had for her ideal the production of a flock of egg producers as well as birds for show. By carefully culling and selecting through the 20 years, her Rocks averaged during the past year 175 eggs to the hen.

Until three years ago, only setting eggs were offered to other poultrymen, but when the incubator became popular, baby chicks were marketed. And the demand is much greater than the supply. During the past season orders for many thousands of chicks could not be filled.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have 3 girls in school and the flock of Barred Rocks clothe them. Besides, the family is large and eats a large quantity of the poultry products. Last year, each hen on the yard profited Mrs. Higgins \$4.25. And those figures are not exaggerated.

Sons Raising Chickens

As a result of the success of the mother, her two sons, Orion and Ernest, have gone into the poultry business on a large scale. They have 400 pure breed Leghorns, and a large number of young pullets will begin to sing the joyous egg song this fall.

When asked how she managed her fowls, Mrs. Higgins responded: "We raise our own feed. Each year a small acreage is planted in wheat, corn and maize for the fowls. And in the fall small grain is planted for winter grazing ground. We never keep a hen after she has reached her third year. A young hen produces a more vigorous offspring. After the hatching season, the males are penned, and we offer to the market only infertile eggs."

"Yes, we have had hard luck at times, but if a fellow quits every time that he slips back, he can never make a forward advancement. We try to correct our mistakes, and profit by the errors that we stumble into."

Through this business-like method, and because of the high blood strain, Mrs. Higgins is making money from her poultry flock. During the past season breeders throughout West Texas placed orders with her for her highly-bred baby chicks.

Perhaps there is no Barred Rock breeder in this section of the state who has more nearly perfected in her fowls the show qualities and the capacity to produce eggs.

Rev. T. J. Rea and family left first of the week for Childress, where they will visit friends and relatives for some ten days or two weeks.

CHURCH OF CHRIST REVIVAL BEGINS SUN

The Mail is informed that Rev. Jesse P. Sewell, of Fort Worth, formerly president of Abilene Christian College, will begin a revival at the Tabernacle in this city on next Sunday, to continue for two weeks.

Rev. Sewell needs no introduction to the people of this community from us, as he has held meetings here before, and was for many years head of the Abilene Christian College. However, we will say that he is one of the most able and most powerful preachers of the Gospel that has ever been to our city, and we feel sure that every one will look forward with pleasure to his coming for a two weeks revival.

Local members of the church of Christ ask that through the Mail a cordial invitation be extended to every one to hear Rev. Sewell, and especially are the members of the church urged to be in attendance. Let all Christians lend their help and cooperation.

CORNER GARAGE CHANGES HANDS

A deal which was recently consummated, was the purchase of the corner garage from Messrs. H. L. Orr and Carl Thomas by Messrs. Jasper McCoy and John Sedberry. The business was turned over to McCoy & Sedberry on last Friday and these gentlemen are now actively in charge. They are well and favorably known to the people of this community, and are courteous, enterprising and progressive and will no doubt render their patrons and friends most excellent service in their line.

In fact, as one of them put it "We propose to give 'em real, up-to-date, honest, efficient service regardless."

In this issue of the Mail our readers will find their announcement of entering business in this line, to which we call your attention.

CHURCH NIGHT AT PRESBYTERIANS

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. The Juniors Christian Endeavor will meet in the basement of the church at the eleven o'clock hour.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 7 p.m.

At the morning service the choir will render an anthem, "The Christian Soldier."

Special music as the evening hour, including twenty minutes of congregational singing.

A church night service will be held Wednesday evening. Supper will be served at 8:30. A musical program will be given under the direction of Mr. Harry Barnett. A number of short talks will be given on problems of church and Sunday School, followed by a social hour under the direction of Mr. James West.

Mr. A. M. Giles, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Giles, returned last week from a visit to their old home in the state of Alabama. They report a very pleasant visit.

SUPT. SUMMERHILL ANNOUNCES PLANS

Merkel has had one of the best schools in the state and it is not my purpose to make any radical changes this coming session. I will try to build on the work that has been established. But I wish to offer some plans for the coming term.

I will require 16 affiliated units in high school for graduation. The required work will be four in English, three in mathematics, one in science, two in Language, one in European history, one in American history, one half in civics. The student may elect the remaining units from the courses offered during the four years of high school work. Chemistry will be offered the coming session. This arrangement will give the student an opportunity of selecting the course that appeals to him. The course of study will be increased as rapidly as is possible to do so. I am very much committed to the idea that the course of study should serve the pupil and not the pupil the course of study. I am trying to get a course of study that will meet the immediate needs of this community and requirements of the Department of Education. The school should be made one of the most interesting and attractive institutions of the city and surrounding community.

The grade school course of study will include a system of grouping of related subjects, such as health, civics and spelling; the entire group will be taught but not all at the same time. The elementary school will be placed on the Departmental plan. The work is being arranged and the teachers will be assigned to a special subject or some group of related subjects as soon as the superintendent can work this out with the teachers of this department. This plan will give each teacher an opportunity to teach the subject she is especially prepared for. Efficiency is to be the controlling factor and every effort will be made to secure it. We want each pupil to receive just the instruction and assistance that he needs in order that he may make the advancement that a normal child should make. I expect to see that every child gets just the help and direction that is needed for his particular case.

My office hours, until school opens, will be from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. Any information or assistance that I can give I shall be glad for you to call on me. Sincerely,
J. A. Summerhill, Supt.

FIREMEN RECEIVE \$50 CHECK FROM T. & P.

Mr. A. V. Dye, wide-awake Chief of the local Volunteer Fire Department, informs us that last week the Fire Boys received from the Texas & Pacific Railway a check for \$50.00 in appreciation of their efforts rendered the Railway Company last fall when three box cars were destroyed by fire three miles east of the city, which without their efforts would have been a great deal more.

SPECIAL MEETING OF AMERICAN LEGION

Hon. Roy L. Duke, Commander of Paramore Post American Legion, asks the Mail to announce that on tonight, Friday, July 24, there will be a special call meeting of the American Legion members in that city and that a special invitation be extended to all in the Merkel community to be present.

A NEW FIRM OPENS OPENS DOORS HERE

There is a new enterprise recently opened in this city; a fruit and vegetable business, owned and operated by Messrs. S. K. Eckerd and Lee Acuff. The new business is located in one of the new Daniels buildings on Front street, and according to the managers they are already enjoying a growing and thriving business.

From them you can buy almost any kind of fruit and vegetables, ripe, fresh and fine, just from the orchards and gardens of the famous Clyde community. It's a kind of business that has been needed in our city for some time, and should and will no doubt, receive liberal patronage from the citizens. Considering the scarcity and high price of both fruit and vegetables, you find the prices very reasonable.

They are believers in the use of printers' ink, and will from time to time carry special announcements in this paper concerning their supply of goods.

TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION A SUCCESS

Last Tuesday afternoon The International Harvester Co. thru their local representative, the West Company, of this city, held a field demonstration of their new Farmall tractor.

This is the first appearance in our city of a tractor that is designed to successfully take the place of horses or mules on the farm. The enthusiasm which the farmers are displaying at these demonstrations seems to indicate that there will be a heavy demand for these wonderful machines and that by another year there will be a great many of them lightening the burdens and helping the farmers of the Merkel community to make more money.

Over one hundred farmers scattered throughout the state have already testified that this year they have been able to cultivate from a hundred and fifty to two hundred acres of land at a cost of about \$150.00.

With the scarcity and prevailing high price of feed this year it seems reasonable to suppose that the farmers of this section, as they have done in other sections, will be quick to realize the immense saving in the expense of farming by the employment of reliable motor power.

If it were not for the immense power plants that turn the wheels of industry a great many of the luxuries that we now enjoy would still be prohibitive in price, and the business of manufacturing would not be a paying business. There is no logical reason why the farmer cannot supply this power to farming and make that business also pleasant and profitable.—Adv. 11

Revival at Hebron

Rev. O. B. Tatum, pastor at Hebron, announces that he will begin a revival at that place on Friday night before the first Sunday in August, the same being July 31st.

In this revival he announces that he will have the assistance of Rev. J. J. Gentry of Lueders, Texas. Every one is extended a cordial invitation to be present and take part in the meeting.

REV. PARRACK HAS ACCEPTED CALL

We learn with pleasure that Rev. Ira L. Parrack, now of Gorman, but formerly pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, has accepted the call to become pastor of this church for the second time, and will move with his estimable family back to this city next week, when he will take up active work with the church.

On next Sunday announcement is made that Rev. Horace Tatum will preach at the church both morning and evening, with all the regular services at the usual time.

METHODIST REVIVAL SPLENDID SUCCESS

The Methodist revival continuing at the big tabernacle in this city for two weeks, came to a close on last Sunday night. The local pastor, Rev. T. J. Rea, was assisted in this splendid revival by Rev. Lewis N. Stuckey, the eloquent and able pastor of St. Paul's church, Abilene, who did the preaching, and Rev. Thos. W. Brabham, in charge of the music and choir. There were about 21 members added to the church membership, with more than fifty conversions and re-animations.

From the very first to the very last service, great crowds were present to hear the great gospel sermons. We say Gospel and we mean it, for surely did the minister have a great message concerning the truths of the Master. The people came for many miles to hear Rev. Seuckey and we doubt that the Methodist church ever had in a similar meeting a more able or consecrated man than the Abilene minister.

Rev. Brabham proved not only to be a power among the young people and an excellent choir director, but during the absence of Rev. Stuckey, he preached a most wonderful sermon, showing that as minister of the Gospel he, too, was able and eloquent. Hence both Rev. Stuckey and Rev. Brabham while here made a host of friends and admirers, and will always find a welcome among the citizenship of this community.

The meeting has been pronounced a success in every particular.

ABILENE YOUNG LADY IS BURIED HERE

Miss May Allen, 22 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Allen, 660 Locust street, Abilene, died at the family home in that city last Friday and the remains were brought to this city, where in Rose Hill Cemetery they were tenderly laid to rest, Rev. J. C. Burkett conducting the funeral services.

Deceased with her parents formerly lived in Merkel and have many good friends who deeply regret her death, with whom this paper joins in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents and other loved ones.

SCHOOL TRANSFERS

All patrons that wish to transfer their children to Merkel Independent School District must do so before August one. Friday, July 31st, is the last day to make a transfer. Call at Merkel Mail or Superintendent's office for blanks. J. A. Summerhill, Supt.

LOCAL FARMER WILL ATTEND A. M. COURSE

On the morning of July 25, the County Agent accompanied by a number of farmers of Taylor county, will go in automobiles to College Station to attend the Farmers' Short Course which is scheduled for July 27 to August 1st. The railroads have reduced the rates to one cent a mile, believing that this will be one of the most important meetings to the rural people of Texas that will be held in the state this year.

The crowd that will go from Taylor county will start from Abilene early Saturday morning and will reach College Station Sunday. Each person will carry his bedding and equipment for cooking at the college, reducing the cost of the week to a minimum. On the college campus is an ideal camping ground which will be used by summer school attendants without cost to them. The entire cost of the trip to those who go in automobiles should not be more than eight or ten dollars. Round trip railroad fare is \$7.10.

Perhaps the farming people could not spend a week of recreation that would give them the equal amount of pleasure and that would give them an equal degree of profit.

A number of the ablest men from the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington and from the leading agricultural colleges of the United States will give lectures and demonstrations on modern agriculture. Practically every phase of the rural life will be discussed at these meetings throughout the week. Attention will be given to cotton culture and classing, grain sorghums, poultry, livestock, bees, tractors, implements and other farm activities.

The women will share an equal part in the program. Specialists in the women's department will give instructions in canning, preserving, cooking, sewing, hat making, dress forms and the other phases of women interests.

Special instructors have been engaged for the boy and girl attendants, and the boys and girls who go will be given the same protection and consideration that they could expect at home.

There will be many varieties of high-class entertainments during the week, as story tellers' hour, radio, brass bands, movie shows, swimming pool and comical features. All entertainment will be free to every one.

Those of this section who wish to go by automobile with the crowd that will leave Abilene on the morning of July 25, should get in touch with Mr. Masterson, the County Agent, immediately so that the details of the trip may be arranged.

If any should prefer to pay for their meals and room at the college, the rate for the two will be \$1.25 a day. But beautiful camping grounds will be open to attendants who wish to prepare their own eats.

Why not a great number of the farmers crank up the Ford and take the wife and children, and enjoy not only a trip of great pleasure to each but a very profitable one.

Revival at Cross Roads

We are requested to announce that the Church of Christ will begin a revival at Cross Roads on next Sunday evening. Everybody is invited to attend and take part in the meeting.

Mr. R. B. Wells returned last week from a visit to his old home in the state of Tennessee.

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This bank has won the friendship of the community because it has proved profitable to the community. A connection here will also be profitable to you.

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LODGE NOTICE

Woodman and Woodman Circle, there will not be a joint meeting on next Monday night, July 27. W. M. Elliott, C. C. It

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money.

NOTICE

I still have plenty of Maize Heads, Cotton Seed Meal and will buy your Cotton Seed, as I am around the place all the time. Bring in your seed any time and get the top price. L.L. Murray. 1

Just think men! 22 1-3% discount on all light weight Suits. Last Call. BROWN'S. 1t

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HARREST P. FUQUA ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

On last Sunday morning, the 19th, Harrest P. Fuqua, 23, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fuqua, was accidentally shot and killed by a friend, Will Ed Fuqua, 17, of no relation to Harrest.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuqua and family were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ima Oden of Levelland, when the accident occurred. Harrest was working on the Monger ranch, near Moro, and did not come home until Saturday night, when Will Ed spent the night with him. On Sunday morning Mr. Joe Davis, who was attending the Fuqua chores in the family's absence, sent his son, Odis, and also Cramer Reynolds and Carl Booth, who had spent the night with Odis, to attend to the Fuqua things. Odis and Cramer returned to the Davis home, while Carl Booth remained with Harrest and Will Ed Fuqua.

Will Ed shaved and dressed, and while he was at the lot, Harrest and Carl were examining a 25 calibre automatic belonging to Harrest. Harrest shaved and was dressing when Will Ed returned from the lot. Will Ed sat down on a trunk and, while handling the automatic, accidentally discharged it, the ball passing through his leg just above the knee cap and inflicting only a flesh wound, and entering the lower right hand side of Harrest's breast and ranging upward through the heart.

Harrest only lived about five minutes after the accident, and died while Will Ed was gone to summons help. All the neighbors and friends could do for him was too late. Will Ed and Harrest were the best of friends and there is no hard feeling between the two families.

The deceased is survived by a father, mother, two sisters and three brothers. The sisters are Mrs. Ima Oden of Levelland, and Thelma Fuqua of this place. The brothers are Elmer, 16, Garvin, 14, and Millard, 11.

Harrest was loved by his many friends in this and other communities who will miss his presence wherever they may go. The many friends extend their greatest sympathy to both families. My prayer to God is that we all may unite in the great beyond. A Friend.

Miss Mariana Mayfield left first of the week for Midland, near which city she will spend her vacation with relatives on a ranch.

J. H. THORNTON, 79, IS BURIED HERE

J. H. Thornton, 79, one of the early settlers of Taylor county, former county treasurer and retired business man, died at his home at 1557 South First street, Abilene, at six o'clock last Friday morning. He had been in bad health for twenty-five years, relatives stated.

Brief funeral services were held at the home there at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. Funeral services were held here with burial in the Rose Hill Cemetery at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Mr. Thornton came to Taylor county in 1883, settling at Merkel. He was in business here for a number of years and moved to Abilene in 1898 when elected County Treasurer. He held that office eight years. Prior to coming to this county he served the Confederate cause in the Civil War. Three daughters and one son survive him. They are Mrs. Roy Savage, Abilene; Mrs. Charles Ellis, Fort Worth; Mrs. Emm Hogue, Sweetwater, and Charlie Thornton of San Diego, Cal. The three daughters were present for the funeral. The son was unable to attend.

The deceased was a member of the First Christian Church of Abilene.

Besides a nephew, Mr. Arthur Thornton, residing in Merkel, deceased had many warm friends among the old time residents who deeply mourn his passing.

ANOTHER PIONEER HAS PASSED TO THE BEYOND

Mr. J. R. Dye, for many years prominent and well known citizen of Merkel, after several years of illness quietly and peacefully passed away at the family residence in this city at about 1:30 last Sunday afternoon.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at five o'clock at the family residence by Rev. Ira L. Parrack, of Gorman, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church in this city, with burial immediately after in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Deceased was born in 1859, at Parkers Grove, Ky., and came to Texas in 1896, settling in Merkel, where he has since resided. In 1897 he was married to Miss Matilda Wright, and to this union five children were born, one of whom died in infancy. The other four, two boys and two girls, with the good wife, remain to mourn his departure, who are: A. V. Dye, O. R. Dye, Miss Valerie Dye of this city and Mrs. Alta Brogdon of Tampa, Florida.

Mr. Dye, one of our best and most highly respected citizens, who for many years was actively engaged in the contracting and building profession, became a member of the Baptist church when only 18 years of age, and in which faith he remained true and loyal until the end. He had been a Mason for twenty-five years. He was honest, upright, kind in disposition and counted as his friends all with whom he became well acquainted. In his passing from the walks among men in this world, the home has lost a good, kind and affectionate father, men and women a good friend and the community a valuable citizen.

DR. GRIMES WRITES FROM CLEVELAND, O.

As previously mentioned, Dr. R. I. Grimes, accompanied by Mrs. Grimes and the children, went to Chicago, where the former went to take a special course in medicine, and a card from the Doctor to the editor this week states that he has finished his work there, and that they are now on their way into Canada, where they will see the sights of that great country, returning via New York, Washington, D. C., and on down to New Orleans and then to their home in this city, shortly after the first of August.

Dr. Grimes reports fine roads, solid concrete or macadam, making it possible to easily make 300 miles per day. No car trouble and all having a fine time.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION THE OLD RELIABLE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business June 30, 1925

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$265,141.92
Overdrafts	170.16
Bonds and Warrants	23,938.37
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed Int. Bkg. Co.	90.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH, SIGHT EXCHANGE AND U. S. BONDS	253,716.93
Total	\$552,819.88

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided profits ..	18,951.98
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	477,617.90
Total	\$552,819.88

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Serving on Grand Jury

Messrs. H. L. Propst, Fred Guitar and T. H. Spears, of Merkel and vicinity, are this week doing valuable service for their country as members of the Grand Jury now in session for the July term of District Court. They are among our very best citizens and will no doubt do all within their power to see that the laws of the state and county are enforced.

At Lytle Beach, Monday night July 27th, there will be a special dance from nine till two with music by Drapers Sevena Serenaders, admission \$2.50 per couple. 1t

LOOK FOR—

The bungalow sign—George's Kandy Kitchen, on Front street. "Eat Hand-Made Candy" and protect your health. Try our Hamburgers, Cold Drinks and Cigars. George W. Thompson, proprietor. tf

Mrs. S. G. Vaughn of Home Gardens, California, is here for an extended visit with her sisters, Misses Dotie and Olive Garoutte.

BLUE BUGS?

Feed MARTIN'S POULTRY TONE to your chickens and paint the hen house with MARTIN'S ROOST PAINT to kill and keep away insects. Guaranteed by Merkel Drug Company

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Write us when ready to buy and our factory representative, Mr. G. C. McCord, a member of the firm, will be glad to call and submit modern designs and prices; or we would be glad to have you visit our plant. When you deal with us you deal direct, avoiding middle-man profit.

SPECIAL BARGAINS!

For the next few days, in order that we may make room for our new Fall and Winter goods that will be arriving shortly after our visit to the big Eastern Markets within the next few weeks, we have decided to offer much of our goods at real bargains. Bargains that will mean a saving to every one who takes advantage of the special offer.

And when this store announces bargains in dry goods the people of this community know full well just what that means. A saving in good hard earned money to all who trade with us.

We have a good clean stock of merchandise from which to make your selections. No old, shelf worn goods. All new, purchased since January 1 this year. A visit to our store will convince you that for the next few days we are offering some real, genuine bargains.

Max Mellinger

COMPERE ITEMS

By Miss Alma Stout

We certainly need a good rain around C ompere. The feed is burning up fast and the cotton is needing rain badly.

The Baptist meeting closed Sunday night. It was a fine meeting and everyone was sorry because the meeting did not go on longer. A church conference was held Sunday afternoon and Bro. Parrack was called as pastor for the church to fill the place of Bro. Albertson, who resigned a few weeks ago to go to Haskell.

Mr. George Stout and family spent Sunday with Mrs. T. B. Hobbs in Warren community.

Some of the Compere folks attended the funeral of Lonnie Childress. He was well known by some of the Compere folks and

was very highly esteemed by all who knew him. The bereaved parents have our sympathy.

Some of the people from Stith Kale and Noodle attended the Baptising at Warren Lake Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Matt Randolph and Blanche Randolph and Mr. Bob Hobbs were visitors at Mrs. Stout's Monday evening.

On last Wednesday afternoon a large crowd of people met at the Presbyterian church to clean off the grounds and prepare for the meeting. After the grounds were cleaned off the women served ice cream and cake to about 60 people. Every one had a nice time besides getting everything fixed for the meeting which will start soon.

Mr. Joe Schmitt from Arlington, Texas, is visiting his Uncle, Mr. G. W. Stout, this week.

Mr. Tom Keener spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Matt

Randolph at Hawley.

Miss Virgie Rister spent Wednesday night with relatives in Merkel.

Mr. E. C. Tarvin and Mr. Tom Keener attended the party at Mr. Homer Foster's in Warren community Monday night.

On Tuesday a large crowd went to the river fishing. They did not have any luck fishing but every one enjoyed the nice dinner. Those who went were Mr. Bob Cannon and family, Mr. John Hobbs and family, Mrs. T. B. Hobbs and family from Warren, Mr. G. W. Stout and family, Mr. E. C. Tarvin, Tom Keener and Joe Schmitt and Mr. T. H. Randolph and family from Hawley.

Mrs. R. R. Spurgin returned recently from a trip to East Texas, where she visited her daughters and sister.

Mr. Wade from the Plains spent Sunday and Monday with his son here, Mr. Jim Wade.

Mr. H. S. Hanson spent the week-end with relatives in Big Spring.

Just think men! 22 1-3% discount on all light weight Suits. Last Call. BROWN'S. It

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Scribner, of McKinney are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hartley.

Dennis Hartley is here this week from the Plains for a visit with home folks and friends.

Mrs. Houston Robertson left this week for a visit with relatives at Dallas and Palacios.

Come to Boone Bros, Healthatorium, Christoval, Texas, (20 miles south of San Angelo) Famous Christoval mineral baths followed with scientific adjustments and massage treatments. Ideal climate, swimming, boating, fishing. Open the year round. Aug 28

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"GOLAN ECHOES"

By Special Correspondent

Crops in the immediate community are beginning to suffer considerably for want of rain. The majority of the feed crops have gone too long. Indications are good for a rain in the near future.

Rev. W. C. Hines assisted by pastor R. V. Toole and Rev. Embury are conducting a Methodist revival at this place. We feel that much good has been and will be accomplished. Bro. Hines preached at this place some eighteen years ago. He was just beginning the ministerial work at that time. He is preaching some splendid sermons here that are always enjoyed by a large crowd. Every one is invited to attend and take part in these services.

Mrs. Hugh Jefferie and her father, Mr. Tom Williams, are visiting relatives in Fannin county.

Mrs. Vernon Barkley of Cottonwood, Texas, is visiting her mother, Mrs. P. W. Lawlis.

Mrs. Cheatham of Comanche is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Louis P. Lawlis.

Miss Hallie Green accompanied by Miss Lola Peterson are visiting relatives of the latter at New Home, Texas.

Mr. W. C. Hill and family are visiting relatives at Nara Vista, New Mexico. They will return on or about August first.

Mrs. D. A. Hill of Childress, Texas, has returned to this place from San Angelo, where she has been visiting her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Geo. M. Hill. She will leave Saturday in company with her brother, Mr. A. L. Oxford, for Silverton, Texas, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Nancy Riddle.

Miss Vera Lawlis has returned from McMurry. She completed qualifications for her first grade certificate there in the summer session. She will teach the primary grades at this place.

Miss Bettye Byrom was home for the week-end from McMurry College.

Mr. Cecil Stevens and wife were the guests of Mrs. J. W. Hill Sunday.

Mr. Leonard Woods and Clarence Thomas will leave soon for Eden, Texas.

Mr. Holten Jones will leave Friday for the Concho in hopes of returning with a big fish tale.

Mr. Charley Hodge and wife were visitors in this community Sunday.

Mrs. Stribling of Floydada, an old resident of this community is visiting her son, Mr. O. Stribling here.

Mr. Claude Stribling and wife were visitors here Sunday.

NOODLE NEWS

Health in this community is not very good at present. Most all the children who have not had whooping cough have it. Some of the little fellows have it badly while it does not seem to be hurting others.

The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ely is quite sick. She was taken to Abilene for an operation last week, and at last reports was a little better. We hope she will speedily recover.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. L. Crick have been sick this week, but are able to be up now.

The revival being held under the tabernacle here has started off well. Nice crowds in attendance. Rev. Campbell, pastor of Baptist church is doing the preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Herring and son, Louie, are visiting in South Texas.

L. M. Howard is spending a few days in Hamlin.

Russell Herring was in Abilene Monday.

Mrs. Homer Howard of the Horn community was in Noodle Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Merritt had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Clark Monday.

Mrs. Z. Harrison and daughter,

Cozy Theatre

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, July 24 and 25

William Fox Presents

BUCK JONES

—in—
"THE DESERT OUTLAW"

Universal Presents

William Desmond and Eileen Eedgwick in

"THE RIDDLE RIDER"

Directed by Wm. Craft—Chapter 8 "The Frame-up"

—Also—

BOBBY VERNON in "RENO OR BUST"

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, July 29-30

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"DAUGHTERS OF THE NIGHT"

Secrets, Perils, Temptations, love and life of the Telephone girl.

Story by Willard Robertson—An Elmer Clifton Production

—Also—

E. W. Hammons Presents

"MERRY MAKERS"
An Educational Comedy

ters, Linnie and Dula of Horn were in our little town Tuesday.

William Burton Howard is spending the week with his grandparents in Hamlin.

Mrs. Quinnie Eller called on Mrs. W. J. Bicknell Tuesday morning.

W. B. Howard and little son, Roger, were in Abilene and Mer-

kel Monday.

W. T. Walker and Bill Brown were in Abilene Monday night and Tuesday.

Otto Bicknell and grandpa Winter were in Noodle Monday.

\$20.00 Suits for only \$13.33 They must go. Last Call at BROWN'S. 1t

Kwik-Way Valve Facing Machine and Kwik-way

Reseating Tools, due to their extreme accuracy, will true up the valves and valve seats in the motor, so that they will be better than when they were new, and will get more mileage from your gasoline. Most shops use grinding compound, which does not true up a warped or worn valve, or a worn valve seat and this means that you are paying out your money for results that you are not getting.

We will be pleased to show you this new equipment and talk it over with you.

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Have you had baby's picture taken yet? Not just a "snap shot"—but a really fine likeness, fit for a frame? Don't postpone it. Those cunning expressions pass away as the days go by. Preserve them for the time to come.

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**THE MOST USEFUL
BUT MOST UNDERPAID**

The following is from the pen
of the world's highest salaried
writer, Arthur Brisbane, who
has an interesting column every
day in the Fort Worth Record:

This "humorous" paragraph is
published: A country editor,
having worked for thirty years,
retired with \$50,000 capital. He
explained as follows: "I attrib-
ute my ability to retire with
\$50,000 to the fact that I work-
ed very hard and saved every
cent—and to the death of an
uncle who left me \$49,999.50."

Ten Thousand country editors
could testify that there is more
truth than humor in that anec-
dote. "The most useful, under-
paid and earnest body of men in
the Nation are the editors of
country newspapers."

The pathetic fact is that they
would be highly prosperous men
if business and advertisers real-
ized the truth, that the country
newspaper, in proportion to its
circulation, IS THE BEST AD-
VERTISING MEDIUM IN THE
COUNTRY.

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BROWN'S. It

Miss Velma Holloway return-
ed Wednesday from a visit with
friends and relatives in Fort
Worth and Dallas.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

*** WHITE CHURCH NEWS ***
By Mrs. Dillard R. Snow
*** * * * ***

The dry weather continues
and it seems that the feed crop
is going to be cut short in this
section. However, we are hoping
it rains before such is the case.

Brother Stutts assisted by
Bro. Marvin Williams is con-
ducting a revival at Butman this
week. This is a union meeting
between the M. E. Churches of
Nubia and White Church, and
from reports the sermons are
splendid and the attendance a-
bove the ordinary.

Mr. and Mrs. Sycle Phillips
are entertaining a four and a
half pound girl at their home
since last Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Snow and Clayborn
McPeak returned the latter part
of last week from Brownfield,
Floydada and other points on
the Plains. They were accom-
panied as far as Justiceburg by
Mrs. Snow and Mrs. W. L.
Brown, who visited Mrs. Brown's
mother, Mrs. Allie Reid.

Mr. Raymond Malone return-
ed to his home at Hico recently
after visiting for a few weeks
with his brother, W. E. Malone.

Mr. W. J. Williams and family
from Lubbock were here one
day this week attending to busi-
ness.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Connelly
visited relatives at O'Donnell
last week.

Mr. Nath Noel and family left
Saturday in company with Mrs.
Noel's father, Mr. Childers, of
Bitter Creek, for New Mexico,
Arizona, and California.

Mr. Walter Dye and wife of
Hebron visited Nelson LaFlaire
and family Wednesday.

Messrs. Burgess and Ballinger
with their families from Empire,
Alabama, returned home Mon-
day after visiting Mrs. Tom
Maddox and Mrs. Floyd Cob-
burn.

Our school trustees, Messrs.
W. A. Harrison, A. D. Wilson
and D. R. Snow, will go to Abi-

lene tomorrow to attend to our
text book problems and other
things pertaining to our school
interests for another year.

MULBERRY NEWS
By Hazel Thomas
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Crops are looking good, al-
though feed needs rain, but cot-
ton is holding up fine.

Our community was made sad
on the morning of the 17th,
when the death angel entered
the home of Mr. John Childress
and took away the 23 year old
son, Lonnie. Typhoid fever was
the dreadful disease that seized
him about three weeks ago.
Every effort for his betterment
was put forth by the untiring
hands of the doctors and nurses
also by anxious neighbors and
friends, all to no avail. Lonnie
will be greatly missed in the
home as well as in the commu-
nity, as he was a model young
man.

Services were conducted at the
tabernacle by Dr. Hendricks, as-
sisted by Rev. Gibbs of Abilene.
Interment was made immedi-
ately in the Stith Cemetery. The
community joins in extending
deepest sympathy to the bereav-
ed ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh,
accompanied by Mr. and Mrs.
Reginald Guin left Monday to
make an extended visit with
friends and relatives at Okolona
and Prescott, Arkansas.

Our meeting is progressing
nicely, being conducted by Bro.
Gibbs, assisted by other able
preachers. All who can are es-
pecially invited to come.

Miss Frankie Lee Andrews, of
Snyder, Oklahoma, is visiting
Misses Frankie and Maggie Lee
Chancey and other relatives.

Miss Eva Blair who has been
visiting friends and relatives re-
turned to her home in Sterling
City Sunday.

Mr. B. F. Thomas, from Oko-
lona, Arkansas, is visiting rela-
tives in our community and at
Merkel.

Save Your Feed!

**We have a Row Binder in
Stock as a sample. Come in
and see it whether you are in
the market or not.**

**Binder Twine Hay Ties
Maize Forks Maize Knives
Pitch Forks etc.**

**Come in and see our wagons
before you buy.**

Hardware of all kinds in season.

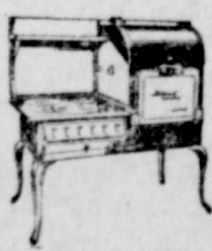
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The art of cooking received its greatest
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flavor---enclosing searing effect of
cleanly electric heat in the broiler
and oven. A revelation awaits you
when you first use an electric range.



See our "Pay as you Use" Plan

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.

L. M. Walsh and B. F. Thomas
made a business trip to Abilene
last Saturday week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Guin had
as their guest Sunday, Mr. and
Mrs. L. M. Walsh and family,
Mr. B. F. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs.
Wiley Clark and Mrs. C. E.
Thomas.

Miss Raye Arnwine spent the
week-end with home folks.

Mr. Dewey Childers, from Cal-
ifornia, also Lawson Childers
and family from Coleman were
here for the funeral services of
their brother, Lonnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Regeon
and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh
drove to Clyde Sunday and spent
the day.

NOTICE of ADMINISTRATION

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS:
The Estate of S. P. Martin, De-
ceased, L. R. Thompson, Admin-
istrator.

Notice is hereby given that I,
administrator of the estate of S.
P. Martin, deceased, by virtue of
an order of the county court of
Taylor County, Texas, will on
the 30th day of July 1925, in
Merkel, Texas, in the county of
Taylor, state of Texas, sell at
private sale certain personal
property belonging to the estate
of S. P. Martin, deceased, as fol-
lows: to-wit:

Four Vendor Lien notes, being
Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, for the sum of
\$225.00 each, dated July 26th,
1925, and being due 1923, 1924,
1925, 1926, bearing interest at
the rate of 8% per annum, with
10% after maturity. Said notes
are signed by P. C. Forrester
and payable to S. P. Martin and
the interest on all notes being
payable annually.

The terms on which I will sell
said personal described property
are as follows; to-wit: Cash.

Witness my hand this the
10th day of July 1925.

L. R. THOMPSON, Adminis-
trator of the estate of S. P. Mar-
tin, Deceased. 1712

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wilkins,
of Tulia, are here for a visit
with friends and relatives. They
moved from here to the Plains
last fall. Mr. Wilkins reports
conditions in that country about
like they are here, needing rain,
which, if it falls soon, will be of
much benefit to crops.

\$20.00 Suits for only \$13.33
They must go. Last Call at
BROWN'S. It

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Conner are
this week visiting in Glen Rose,
Texas.

Miss Dixie Blair, who has been
sick for the past few days, is
somewhat improved.

KILL SCREW WORMS---

Instantly, heal wounds quickly and keep
off flies with Martin's Screw Worm
Killer. Guaranteed by
Merkel Drug Company

BADLY RUN-DOWN

**Lady Was Very Depressed on
Account of Poor Health.**

Mrs. H. S. Miller, of Spindale,
N. C., says: "Five years ago I
was very much run-down in
health. I would give out with the
least exertion. At times I would
have to go to bed.

"I read of Cardui. . . My hus-
band got me a bottle and en-
couraged me to take it. I was
almost a skeleton. I was so thin. I
was run-down and my general
health was very poor. This was
very depressing and I was in low
spirits. My husband had to help
me around. He did all he could for
me and had me keep up Cardui.

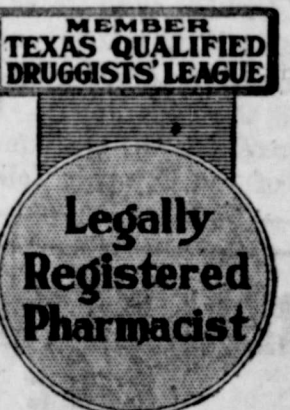
"I continued taking the medicine
for several months and it was
wonderful the improvement I
made. I gained over twenty
pounds in weight, and I felt so
much better besides. This gain
was permanent, too. I have never
lost it and my general health has
been much better since I took
Cardui."

At all drug stores. C-34

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elry, and valuables. Mail to-
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If you suffer from any form of
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Tetter or Cracked Hands, Poison Oak,
Ring Worm, Old Sores or Sores on
Children. We will sell you a Jar of
BLUE STAR REMEDY on a guar-
antee. It will not stain your clothing
and has a pleasant odor.
For sale by MERKEL DRUG CO

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. West returned first of the week from their extended visit to friends at Wichita Falls and Southwestern Oklahoma. They report a fine trip.

Miss Foy Harris of Rising Star, Texas, is the guest of Miss Dixie Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Owen of Slaton, were here this week for a visit with friends and relatives. Mr. Owen returned Wednesday while Mrs. Owen remained for a more extended visit.

POULTRY INSECTS can be killed and kept away by painting hen houses with **MARTIN'S ROOST PAINT** and feeding **MARTIN'S POULTRY TONE** to your chickens. Guaranteed by **Hamm Drug Company**

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INDIGESTION
Black-Draught Brings Relief for Tight, Bloating Feeling.
"I had indigestion," says Mr. W. B. Bouknight, of Ballentine, S. C. "Working out, I got in the habit of eating fast, for which I soon paid by having a tight, bloating feeling after meals. This made me very uncomfortable.
"I would feel stupid and drowsy, didn't feel like working. I was told it was indigestion. Some one recommended Black-Draught and I took it after meals. I soon could eat anything any time.
"I use it for colds and biliousness and it will knock out a cold and carry away the bile better and quicker than any liver medicine I have ever found."
Eating too fast, too much, or faulty chewing of your food, often causes discomfort after meals. A pinch of Black-Draught, washed down with a swallow of water, will help to bring prompt relief.
Black-Draught gently helps the over-taxed organs to perform their regular functions, in such cases, ridding the system of poisons that might accumulate.
Sold everywhere; 25c. C-34
Theford's **BLACK-DRAUGHT** LIVER MEDICINE

Portable Stove Was Ben Franklin's Idea

The first stoves were simply hot stones. In using his flint knife, man evidently discovered that stone held heat, and soon he was utilizing his discovery. Huge round stones have been found which appear to have been used for purposes of cooking food. Some are flat, some concave. A large pot of a later period has been found containing several smooth, round stones. It is believed that early man heated water by dropping hot stones into it. In early times the fire was built in the center of the cave and for a long time the cook occupied the center of the home. But later the fire was moved to the side of the home and in the Twelfth century chimneys to supply draughts and to lead smoke and fumes out of the house were introduced. Closed stoves of brick or porcelain tile have been in use in Holland, Russia, Germany and other northern countries of Europe since the end of the Middle Ages. Cast-iron stoves were known in Alsace as early as 1400, but they did not come into general use until considerably later. For many generations the brick and tile stoves were in use. The early American colonists did their cooking in open fireplaces. They had large swinging cranes on which to suspend pots. In 1744 Benjamin Franklin invented the portable fireplace of iron.

Earliest Clocks Not Provided With Dials

The first clock of which there is any authentic record was invented by Richard de Wallingford, abbot of St. Albans, in 1326. It was known to be going in the time of Henry VIII. Some early clocks had no dials, so people had to wait until the hour was struck to learn the time. When dials were first introduced they only had one hand and only marked the hours. Later the hours were divided into quarters and "Jacks," or mechanical figures, struck the bells. One of the earliest pocket watches known belonged to Oliver Cromwell, says a writer in the *Horological Journal*. This was made in 1625 by John Midnall, and was about the size and shape of an ostrich egg. At that period watches became very fashionable and were often carried in the hand. There were no watch-glasses, and a shutter arrangement was used.

Fifty-Fifty

It was pay day and the bookkeeper stood in the manager's office to claim extra pay for extra work. "Mr. Grasp," he said, toying nervously with a piece of red tape, "during the last week I have been doing the work of the pay-roll clerk, who has been ill."
"Well," retorted Mr. Grasp, "what of it?"
"Why, this being pay day, sir," said the bookkeeper, "I thought it might be right to mention it."
"Quite right," said the manager. "Let me see, your salary is \$40 and the pay-roll clerk's is \$20."
"Yes, sir," replied the bookkeeper, beaming expectantly.
"Then," computed the manager, "working half the week for yourself entitles you to \$20 and half the week for the pay-roll clerk entitles you to \$10. Here it is."

Scriptural Manna

According to the Scriptures, manna was the food of the Israelites for 40 years. The "food was gathered every morning, every man according to his eating, and when the sun waxed hot, it melted." It is described poetically as "food from heaven" and "bread of the mighty." No substance is known which in any degree satisfies all the requirements of the Scriptural references but one proposed is to identify manna with a lichen which grows upon the limestone in the Arabian and other deserts. The older masses become detached and are rolled about by the wind. When swept together by sudden rainstorms in the rainy season they may be collected in large heaps. It is a form of nourishment in the desert, especially when eaten with the sugary manna from the trees.

Constant Assortment

"Life is an endless battle against clutter," says a writer in Scribner's. "No sooner do we get through one job of assortment than some unobserved mounting head of something else challenges our sense of order and analysis. Most of us are, at any given moment, conscious of a pile of something somewhere in our lives that needs sorting—it may be a mass of old books, or old boots, or merely old motives. There is hardly any peace of mind so deep as that one experiences just after one has satisfactorily sorted something. Yet always invariably, insidiously, a fresh inchoate pile is mounting somewhere on our spirit's premises, demanding arrangement."

Cat Jumped to Fame

In the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, there is a stuffed cat labeled: "This cat on September 23, 1880, jumped from the top of the Washington monument and lived." The monument at that time was not completed and the cat jumped from a height of about 100 feet, alighted on all fours, lay on the ground for a few minutes and then got up and walked away. The jump was witnessed by quite a few persons who were dismayed when a dog pounced upon the cat a few seconds after it started to walk away and killed it.

Women of Solomon Islands Fade Early

In their youth, the women of the Solomon Islands are slender and graceful. However, they are like certain flowers, they blossom early and very soon fade. They marry sometimes before they are in their teens and become prematurely old from the drudgery of the day's labor—bringing up babies, tending gardens, making mats and pottery. Their dress consists of a fringe of hemp-fiber; or, where the white man's influence has penetrated, of a skirt of calico, called "lava-lava." The figures on the imported cloth occasionally suggest new designs for ornaments or pottery made by a native artist, who adapts them to his own best needs. By the help of a sling thrown over her shoulder, a young mother from the island of Malaita carries with ease her sturdy, healthy babies, one on each hip. Though unclothed, they wear necklaces and anklets. Children are usually carried in this fashion until they are three or older, despite their weight. Like the men, a woman prepares for the delights of smoking in some chance hour of rest by tucking her clay pipe and perhaps her tobacco and match-box into the pocket formed by her tight armband.

When Greeley Proved He Was No Minister

Most people know Girard college. If they know it at all, for its stringent rule that no clergyman shall ever enter its gate. Whenever the institution is open a guard stands at that entrance, and his one question is, "Are you a preacher?" Long ago Horace Greeley, with his usual white tie and angelic smile, stood at that gate. "You can't come in here!" exclaimed the guard. "Why not?" queried Greeley humbly. "Because you are a clergyman." "The h—I am!" blurted out Greeley. "Excuse me, sir," stammered the guard, "come right in."
It was not prejudice against clergymen that caused Stephen Girard to make that law, but rather his desire that the boys should not be confused by denominational controversy, and that "on their entrance into active life they may adopt such religious tenets as their matured reason may enable them to prefer."—Carl Holliday in *American Mutual Magazine*.

T. R.'s Three Speeches

Sir William Reach Thomas, English war correspondent, in his book, "A Traveler in News," tells the following anecdote about Colonel Roosevelt, whom he met in the United States: "Whether or no he possessed a great brain may be debated, but I never met a man who had so much control over his mental processes. A friend told me that he had heard him address a crowd in the open air on a windy day. Only those toward whom he turned could catch what he said; so he spoke three speeches—one to those on the left, one to the center, one to the right. The three speeches were different and were given in alternate sentences; but he managed the triple feat without confusion, without pausing for a word or thought."

Old Army Punishment

The expression "running the gantlet" meaning to suffer ill treatment at many hands, is derived from a form of military punishment once in vogue, in which the culprit, stripped to the waist, was obliged to run repeatedly between two lines of soldiers facing inward, each one of whom struck at him with a short stick or switch. The custom is said to have originated in the "Thirty Years' War," (1618-1648) and to have been adopted by the European armies as a mode of punishment. The word "gantlet" does not derive from the iron glove, but from the Swedish word *gattlop*, meaning "a running down a lane."—Exchange.

Variation in Story

Leon Bloy, to whose memory a monument has been erected in France, was a deep student of ingratitude. One day a lady asked him if the children of this era were usually ingratitude. "Yes, madame. Allow me to tell you a story. There was a young villager who wanted to leave the parental roof, and who pestered his father into dividing up the family live stock and giving him his share—" "I know that story," interrupted the lady. "It is the parable of the Prodigal Son. Subsequently he returned, repentant, to his father's home!" "No, madame," said Bloy. "In my story it is the pigs that return."

First Egyptian King

According to Greek authors, as well as according to the Egyptian list of kings, the first king who ruled over the Nile valley was Menes, called Men in Egyptian. His family came from Tebi, a spot in middle Egypt, which formed a certain religious center of the kingdom down to a later period. Menes was the founder of the so-called first dynasty of Egypt (4400-4133 B. C.) Tradition represents him as the buldler of the great city of Memphis.

Explaining the Boosters

"One thing I can't understand," remarked Jones to his neighbor, Smith, as they walked home one evening. "Is what has happened to all the boosters that used to infest this town." Smith laughed. "That's easy to explain," he replied. "It's like this. All the boosters who haven't sold their real estate have bought some."



Off The Beaten Path

The real charm of touring lies in leaving the main-travelled highways and exploring the thousands of alluring side-paths. These dirt roads and trails lead to spots of rare beauty unvisited by the throng—where better camp-sites may be found—finer fishing and lovelier scenery. In a Ford car, you can enjoy the thrill of exploration and discovery. It is the one satisfactory means of travel for these narrow roads—light—yet so powerful that it will bring you through—easy to handle—sturdy and economical. It will carry the whole family and the saving in cost often pays for the entire vacation.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—All livestock and real estate of the late W. T. Duncan. For particulars see Chester A. Duncan, Exer., Trent, Route No. two. 2422p

FOR SALE—Second-hand Standard Windmill in good condition. W. L. Diltz, Jr. It

LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—A bay horse mule about 14½ hands high, smooth mouth, shod all round. Got out of pasture Thursday of last week. If you know of mule's whereabouts, please notify J. A. Stanford at Everybody's Garage. Itp

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished house-keeping rooms. Second door north of Christian church. Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw. Itp

Mrs. Silas Jones, mother of Mr. C. H. Jones, with Mrs. R. P. Lindsey and two sons, all of East Texas, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones this week, having just returned from a trip to Cuba and the Hawaiian Islands.

Miss Hattie Friedman of Kennedy, Texas, is a guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. Max Mellinger, this week.

Mrs. E. N. Brown and little granddaughter, Joy Meador, left this week for San Angelo, where they will spend some weeks visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. V. P. Tippett.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends who were so kind and thoughtful during the illness and death of our husband and father. We treasure each word of sympathy and appreciate the beautiful floral offerings.

It is during the hours of sorrow that friends seem one of the greatest blessings that God has given us. May God's richest blessings be on you all. It Mrs. J. R. Dye and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Hail and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derstine and children left Tuesday for a visit to Lamesa.

Just think men! 22 1-3% discount on all light weight Suits. Last Call. BROWN'S. It

Mrs. Eugene Petty of Dallas is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tipton, this week.

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JUNE FORD SALES 6000 MORE THAN LAST YEAR

A new June sales record was established by the Ford Motor Company during the month just passed, when approximately six thousand more Ford cars and trucks were delivered to retail customers in the United States than during the same month a year ago, which held the previous high mark for June.

Reports indicate a continued large volume of business through the summer months with a higher buying level than is usual during this season of the year. The Outlook is for another record breaking month for July. Urgent requests for additional shipments have made necessary increasing the company's July production schedule, which now calls for several thousand more cars and trucks than were produced in June.

Sales figures just given out by the company show that the total sales for June were 195,306 Ford cars and trucks. Of this number, 176,256 represent domestic sales, as compared with 170,547 cars and trucks sold in June a year ago.

Buying conditions also continue good in the high priced car market. Evidence of this appears in the sales of Lincoln cars during June, with deliveries to domestic customers totaling 892, an increase of 95 over June a year ago.

STATIONERY SPECIAL

200 sheets of paper and 100 envelopes to match with your name and address or monogram printed to order in blue ink for \$2.00. You may have your choice of folder or straight sheet in white, pearl gray, royal blue, pink or light yellow. You can't beat this for a stationery bargain. Makes appropriate gifts. Also have \$1.15 box. THE MERKEL MAIL.

SWEET CREAM—I am now using a cream separator and can furnish you with fresh, sweet cream on short notice, right off the ice. Phone 246, Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

TO THE LOYAL SONS OF THE CONFEDERACY

Having organized a Camp of Sons of Confederates at Merkel, we cordially invite all loyal sons of the South to join with us and let's keep alive the patriotic memories of our fathers who gave their life and all upon their country's altar and as loyal sons of the South it is our duty to perpetuate the memory of their noble deeds and patriotism.

To all who care to join our camp, make application through Mr. John Childers, Mr. Sie Hamm, J. C. Mason or any member of the camp who will gladly furnish you with a blank application.

The Joseph E. Johnston Sons of Confederacy, Merkel, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haynes returned first of the week from their honeymoon trip through the western part of the state and eastern New Mexico. They also spent several days in El Paso, also visiting the city of Juarez, Mexico.

MISS MARY OLIVE TEAFF WEDS MR. W. C. WHITE

The marriage of Miss Mary Olive Teaff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff, and Mr. W. C. White, of Baird, was solemnized Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, four miles northeast of Merkel.

The bridal party assembled in the living room which was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. Miss Lucy Tracy sang as the pre-nuptial solo, "I Love You Truly" accompanied by Mrs. Holland Teaff. To the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March the Rev. Dick O'Brien, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Baird, followed by the bride and groom passed across the front porch and just onto the lawn where the impressive ring ceremony was said.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. White left for an automobile trip to the White Mountains in New Mexico.

The bride wore an ensemble suit of tan flat crepe with hat and accessories of harmonizing color.

Mrs. White is one of our most popular young women, is loved by all who know her. She is a graduate of Simmons University and for the past two years has been head of the History department in the Baird High School.

Mr. White is a man of sterling worth and numbers his friends by his acquaintances. He is now the tax collector of Callahan County.

Mr. and Mrs. White will be at home after August 8, at Baird, Texas.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of extending our thanks and appreciation to one and all who so kindly assisted us during the sad and unfortunate accident which caused the sudden death of our beloved son and relative, Harrest Fuqua, on last Sunday morning.

We sincerely appreciate our friends and neighbors and the kind assistance and words of condolence extended during this sad hour, and sincerely trust that the good Lord will bless and protect each of you. J. P. Fuqua and family; M. G. King and family. 1tp

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for their kind assistance and sympathy in the sickness and death of our beloved wife and mother. We would not forget those who so generously expressed their love in the beautiful floral offerings. May God's richest blessings be with you. 1t

(Signed) J. D. Robertson and children. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman returned last week from a very pleasant visit to relatives at Van Alstyne, Texas.

SLAYER'S DEATH SENTENCE IS COMMUTED

Austin, July 22.—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson Wednesday afternoon granted a commutation to life imprisonment of the death sentence imposed on Salvador Jacques, Mexican, of El Paso, who was to have been electrocuted next Friday at Huntsville for the murder of J. J. Coleman, an El Paso policeman. It was on the petition of Consul General Corrallo of Mexico, with headquarters at San Antonio, that clemency was granted. The Mexican consul petitioned the Governor some time ago. Commutation was also recommended by the Board of Pardons.

Two conditional pardons were granted by the Governor, one to a prisoner convicted of bigamy and the other to one sent to prison for violation of the liquor law.

They are: D. E. Morgan, convicted in Limestone county of transporting liquor and sent to prison for one year; has served part of the sentence. Recommended by 10 of the trial jurors prosecuting attorney, sheriff, county attorney and prominent citizens.

C. C. Webster, convicted in Tom Green County of bigamy and sentenced to two years, has served over one-half of the sentence and has a clean prison record. Recommended by R. J. Flanagan, manager of the Imperial State Farm, and other prison officials. Also on account of Webster having a wife and two children wholly dependent upon him—Star-Telegram.

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* "HEBRON GOSSIP" *
* By Mayflower *
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A good rain would certainly look good to us now and here's hoping that we will soon be visited by one.

Quite a number from this community attended the revival at Merkel Sunday.

The B. Y. P. U. did not meet Sunday on account of the many meetings going on.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson went to the Lueders Baptist Encampment Monday, returning on Tuesday evening.

Misses Ruth and Ruby Hartline visited Misses Evelyn and Lou Pannell.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harp of Tye were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hartline Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Pannell and family attended the revival at the Lueders Baptist Encampment Tuesday.

Miss Gladys Hartline is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Raymond Harp of Tye. "Mayflower"

Mrs. J. S. Blair and daughters, Dewey and Dixie, and Mr. C. D. Hutchins, accompanied by her niece Miss Loraine Stamford returned Monday from a few days visit with friends and relatives at Waco, Texas.

A NEW GARAGE A NEW FIRM

We take this method of announcing to our friends and the public in general, that we have recently purchased the Corner Garage, opposite the Burton-Lingo Lumber Co., and it is our aim and expectation to give the public as good as the best in the Garage business.

We can serve you with the well known and ever popular Magnolia Gasoline and Oils, of which there is none better. We also handle the well known Hood Tires and Tubes, as good as can be found any where. We also expect to handle a full and complete line of accessories, and in fact make our service in every department as good as can be found anywhere.

In our mechanical department, Mr. Carl Thomas, will be found in charge. As a man and a good mechanic, he is too well known to need further introduction, further than to say that, if your repair work is done by him, it is done right.

We cordially invite our friends and the public to pay us a visit and give us a trial, after which we will be able to count you as a regular customer.

McCoy & Sedbury

At The Methodist Church

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* **SALT BRANCH ITEMS** *
* By Miss Wynona Patton *
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The farmers of this community would appreciate a good rain.

Mr. Joe Jaynes and family, Mr. S. O. Patton and family were visitors at Lueders, Texas, Friday. They enjoyed the trip very much.

Mr. Austin Robertson and Family were visitors at Lueders. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays and two sons, Willie and Paxton, were visitors at Lueders.

The Baptist revival will start Friday night at Salt Branch. Bro. L. P. Fitzgerald will conduct the services.

Mr. S. O. Patton and family were visitors at Nubia Sunday.

Mr. Evan Allen and Mr. Luther Higgins were visitors at Lueders, Texas.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

On account of the pastor being away on his vacation, there will be no preaching at the Methodist church next Sunday morning or evening. There will be Sunday School at nine forty-five in the morning, and every one is urged to be present and in their places and let's make our Sunday school the best we have had for many weeks. L. W. Cox, Superintendent.

Salt Branch B.Y.P.U.

Program for July 26. Leader, Ollie Higgins. Part 1, Mrs. L. B. McClain, Part 2, Austin Robertson. Part 3, Earl Walker. Part 4, Mrs. Ollie Higgins. Part 5, Houston Robertson. Part 6, Mrs. Joe Jaynes.

Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

1. The Lost coin, Willie Evelyn Boaz. 2. The Lost Sheep, Mary Katherine Cummings. 3. The Prophet Isaiah, J. D. Ashby. 4. John the Baptist, D. O. Huddleston. 5. The Good Shepherd, Margaret Miller. 6. The Shepherd Psalm, Oleta Moore. 7. Poem, Louise Booth.

Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb returned Thursday from an auto trip through the Plains country and Oklahoma, returning via Dallas where they were joined by their daughter, Mrs. George Coker, and son, who will visit her parents here for some time.

Messrs. O. J. and R. L. Adcock two of the able and courteous rural carriers out of this city, are this week in Tyler, attending a state meeting of the Letter Carrier's Association of Texas.

Mrs. C. O. Lynch of Abilene is a guest of her sister, Mrs. O. R. Dye, this week.

Mrs. W. F. Hamblet left this week for a visit with her sister at Colorado, Texas.

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