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GOV. PARDONS FEW MORE THE 'FAITHFUL'

According to the Fort Worth Record of Thursday morning, Governor M. A. Ferguson extended sixteen acts of clemency on Wednesday, making a total of such acts for the month of July of 141. And a total of 776 since her induction into office in January this year, a little more than six months.

The list for Wednesday includes murders, criminal assault, thieves, forgers, bootleggers and such minor offenses against the peace and dignity of the citizenship of the great state of Texas.

Many of these are turned loose because of the "faithful" service they have rendered the state, and because they are "friendless and penniless?"

But we must not complain, we are Democrats, believe in the majority rule, and by a majority vote of the people of this state Mrs. Ferguson holds the title of Governor.

And then she is a woman, tender hearted and forgiving. And then years ago, we were told that to enact prohibition and woman suffrage would do away with the penitentiaries, and undoubtedly our woman governor is doing her "bit" toward depopulating same. But, after all, the people rule. They get what they vote for. Let 'er walk brother—No, let 'er fly.

DAUGHTER OF JOHN ELLIOTT DIES JULY 22

Died at the home of her parents, 1941 E. Commerce St., on Wednesday, July 22, 1925, Miss Elsie Kate Elliott, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Elliott, in her 19th year. Other surviving relatives are four brothers, J. M. Elliott, J. E. Elliott, L. R. Elliott, all of San Antonio and Roy C. Elliott of New York City. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a graduate of Brackenridge High School graduating last year with highest honors. Her remains will lie in state at the family residence until Friday morning, July 24, when it will be taken to the parlors of Sloan, Wilbert & Pelphrey, where services will be held at 10 o'clock, Rev. Paul Evans of Goliad officiating, assisted by Rev. A. H. P. McCurdy Interment in Roselawn Burial park under direction of Sloan, Wilbert & Pelphrey.—San Antonio Express, July 23rd.

News has been received here of the birth of a baby girl in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. McBean of Dallas. Mrs. McBean will be remembered as Miss Edith Brown.

Friends here of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippet of San Angelo have received announcement of the birth of a daughter on July the 25th.

Miss Hattie Freedman of Houston was here last week visiting her sister, Mrs. Max Mellinger and will remain here during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Mellinger to New York.

Mrs. Roy Adams and baby daughter, Peggy Jane returned this week from a visit at Post City, Texas.

Mr. Slim Copeland of Eastland Texas was in Merkel several days last week visiting friends.

Mr. Claude Pennington of Albany, Texas, spent a few days last week with friends here.

MERCHANTS LEAVING FOR BIG MARKETS

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and little son, left first of the week for New York, where they will visit and make selections and purchases of the big fall and winter stock of dry goods for the Max Mellinger store in this city. They will be gone several weeks.

LEGISLATURE MADE VERY COSTLY BUST

Austin, Texas, July 29.—It will cost the counties of Texas not less than \$250,000 to hold a second election on Nov. 3, 1926 on a lone constitutional amendment to abolish the State Prison Commission, which election is made necessary by an error of the Legislature in submitting three amendments to a vote of the people on Nov. 2 and a 4th the next day, Nov. 3.

Another case of the people getting what they vote for. And, if the state of Texas paid its representatives a decent compensation there would be more likelihood of the state getting better and more efficient service.

It seldom pays one to invest in cheap goods of any kind.

YOUR MERCHANT

As the summer approaches the peddler and the cheap auction man will be around in all his glory. He will tell you the smooth story about bankrupt stock that must be sold. But be not deceived. Remember that your home dealer is here to make every promise good, and that he can always give you a better stock to select from. It is characteristic of the American people to try to get something for nothing, but the time when they can do this has not come as yet. Nor is it liable to come this year. Munday merchants do not promise to give you something for nothing, but can give you as much for your money as merchants anywhere else, and they are showing an immense lot of reliable goods.—Munday Times.

Mr. G. F. Rymes of the Noodle community, was here yesterday and has our thanks for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail. He reports a fine rain out his way.

Eggs 25c per dozen. Cream 35 cents per pound, at McDonald & Collum's. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Huss are in Hugo, Oklahoma, visiting with friends and relatives.

Mr. D. H. Vaughn has been very sick this week, but at this writing is reported as being much improved.

Mr. Tom Sears of White-wright, Texas, is here this week the guest of his brother, Mr. John Sears, and family.

Mr. G. F. Turner of the Stith community, was here yesterday and reported a fine rain of about two inches at his house.

Rev. T. J. Rea and family returned yesterday from a ten days vacation with friends and relatives at Childress, Texas.

Miss Opal Bradley of Abilene spent last week-end the guest of Miss Rosa Laney.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott and Mr. Edward McCrary returned last week from Arlington.

GOOD RAINS INSURE MUCH BETTER CROPS

After an eight weeks drought and some of the hottest weather this country ever experienced, a nice rain fell over considerable of the Merkel community Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. And while there was only light showers in some few localities, the fall ranged from a quarter inch to more than two inches. In the town of Merkel about an inch and a quarter fell Tuesday evening with about a half inch Wednesday afternoon.

While the country as a whole needs more rain, what has fallen will be of great benefit to both cotton and feed. Infact, many well informed and competent judges believe that it is possible, with more rain, for this immediate section to make a fair yield of cotton. However, as to feed, there was hardly sufficient acreage planted to make sufficient for all, and now that the yield has been cut short by the continued dry weather, much feed will have to be shipped in for use in making the next crop.

LARGENT CATTLE TO THE MISSOURI FAIR

Sedalia, Mo. July 29.—C. M. Largent and Sons, Merkel, Texas, have entered sixteen Hereford Cattle in the live stock show at the silver anniversary Missouri State Fair, August 15 to 22, 1925.

In making the entries at the Fair office, the firm of Largent and sons has called for fourteen stalls in which their Herfords will be on exhibition throughout the eight days of the Missouri State Fair. This firm sends annual exhibits to the Missouri State Fair and had the distinction of showing the best herd of ten Herfords at the American Royal Live Stock Show at Kansas City last year.

All livestock entries for the Missouri Fair closed July 29. A total of \$35,000 is offered in the various livestock departments.

Rev. Rea to Preach Next Sunday Morning

Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the First Methodist Church, South, who has just returned from his vacation, requests this paper to announce that there will be all the regular services at the Methodist church next Sunday, including preaching by the pastor. He urges all members to be present and extends a most cordial invitation to the public to also attend.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Magness, of Dallas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble of this city last week.

Mrs. S. A. Chenault, of Houston, is a guest of her son, Mr. S. D. Gamble and family.

W. I. Cogburn and family returned first of the week from a visit to Glen Rose and Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell returned first of the week from a visit with relatives at Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter of Dallas returned to their home last Friday after a visit with relatives and friends here.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

MERKEL SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPT. 7

At a recent conference of members of the Merkel School Board and Superintendent J. A. Summerhill, it was decided that the 1925-26 school term of the Merkel Public Schools will open on Monday, September 7th.

All teachers for the next term have been selected, and Supt. Summerhill announces that all plans are about perfected, and everything will be in readiness for the opening of school on the above date.

There is every indication that a very capable and well qualified faculty for the coming year has been selected, and should this prove true, there will only be needed the united support and full cooperation upon the part of the pupils and patrons of the school for same to be the success most desired by every one. Infact, a competent faculty alone, will not give Merkel a first class school, for there must be that cooperation extended upon the part of the patrons and pupils. Anyone can kick and complain and some times a person has a right to complain, but if so there is a right time and right way to kick, and there is also the proper person to make such complaint.

AMERICAN LEGION MEET HERE TO-NITE

A meeting of all members of the Merkel Post of the American Legion and all Ex-Service men will be held tonight, Friday, July 31st, at the Armory building, for the purpose of re-organizing a local Post of the American Legion.

A letter from Mr. Roy L. Duke Post Commander of Parramore Post, Abilene, states that the membership of that Post will be here for the organization, and that they expect to see at least 75 local ex-service men in attendance. He also states that good eats will be provided by the visitors, and that speaking will be there in abundance. Mr. L. R. Thompson of Merkel will be one of the principal speakers. All ex-service men are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Esker Curtis, of Vernon, are here this week, the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus. Mr. Curtis will go from here to Austin, where he will take up special training as an athletic coach for a few weeks, after which they will go to Anson, where he has been engaged as athletic director in the public schools of that city.

Childrens Play Suits, Saturday only, 49c pair. Limit 4 to a customer. Brown D. G. Co. 1t

Misses Annie Bickley and Genevra Middleton returned the first of the week from an extended tour of the Southern part of the state. They visited San Antonio, Galveston, Austin and a number of other smaller cities.

Elder W. G. Cybert returned first of the week from Walnut Springs, Texas, where he just closed a very successful revival at the Church of Christ in that little city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ash attended a family reunion at the home of Mrs. Ash's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Eldridge, at Clyde, last Sunday.

REV. PARRACK WILL PREACH NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, recently called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, has arrived with his family, and announces that he will preach at both the morning and evening services. He will appreciate every member being present and invites very cordially the public in general.

BAPTIST WOMEN MEET HERE AUG. 7

A big gathering of women will take place in the Merkel Baptist Church on Friday, August the seventh when the quarterly conference of the Baptist workers of the Sweetwater Association convenes here. Mrs. Jas. P. Stinson, the president, will call the meeting to order at 9:30, and Mrs. E. B. Atwood will conduct the devotional preceding the business meeting.

From twelve thirty to one-thirty, lunch will be served, and immediately after lunch the meeting will be opened with song and prayer. A feature of the afternoon meeting will be the efficiency drill consisting of a memory contest of officers of women's work in the state, district, association and county organizations.

A talk on the religion and customs of China will be made by Miss Blanche Walker who has recently returned from 20 years in the interior of China, where she has been doing missionary work. This is Miss Walker's first visit home in seven years.

A discussion of reports will be heard and a round table discussion of the associational work will be led by Mrs. C. C. Compere.

Mr. C. H. Jones, local Magnolia Agent, returned Wednesday from a business and pleasure trip to Oklahoma. Mr. Jones states that the crops in Merkel territory are better than any he saw while away. He went the straight northern route via Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reed and son, Henry, accompanied by Misses Mary and Ouida Campbell returned from Weatherford last week, where they spent several days visiting friends and relatives. They also report the marriage of Miss Lora Drake, formerly of Merkel, to Mr. Don Oldham.

Mr. F. M. Smith a barber of many years experience, of Comanche, Texas, has purchased an interest in the Palace Barber Shop on Front street, and has moved here with his family, and will be actively connected with the above named shop.

Mr. Henry R. Hicks received a message Wednesday stating that his father at Marble Falls, Texas, was very low and not expected to live. He and his son Robert left immediately for the bedside of the aged man.

Our customers furnish the best proof of anything we know of in reference to Pangburns Ice Cream. Ask them. Surely such popularity must be deserved. Why? Because Pangburn's quality is unsurpassed. It is best by every test and is a Pure Food Ice Cream. Sold only at Grimes-Smith Drug Co. 1t

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MUCH INTEREST IN CHRISTIAN REVIVAL

The Church of Christ revival that has been in progress at the tabernacle since last Sunday, is growing in both interest and attendance.

Dr. Jesse P. Sewell, formerly president of the Abilene Christian College, who is conducting the meeting is bringing to his hearers logical and forceable gospel messages, and with both the interest and attendance increasing this early in the meeting there is every indication that before same shall have come to a close there will be many who turn from the paths of the unsaved and give their lives for the work of the Master.

Without doubt, Dr. Sewell is one of the foremost and able ministers of the state, and those who fail to hear him are missing some great Bible messages, for indeed does this good man believe in huing close to the word and standing by the "Old Time Religion."

Let all Christians attend these services and lend a helping hand in every way possible to make the meeting a splendid success.

CHURCH OF CHRIST REVIVAL AT NOODLE

The Mail is requested to announce that Elder W. C. Warlick, of Abilene, will begin a revival meeting at Noodle on next Saturday night, with Mr. Jesse Pribble in charge of the choir. All are invited to attend.

In the death of William Jennings Bryan, which occurred at Dayton, Tennessee, at about 4 o'clock on last Sunday afternoon, July 26, the nation loses one of its best and greatest citizens—a man who without doubt has had more to do with the shaping of the nation's best interest than any other one man. He was not without fault, but a man upon whose name and character there was not the slightest shadow of blemish. A great and good man was William Jennings Bryan, peace to his ashes.

Mr. George Keith and family of Wichita Falls, were here last week, guests of C. M. Largent and Sons. Mr. Keith, who is secretary of the Texas-Oklahoma Fair, held each year at Wichita Falls, while here bought from the Largents one of their fine Hereford Show Heifers, he being a raiser of fine Herefords himself.

Mr. Hollis Haynes has just returned from Cotton Valley, La. where he visited his brother, Mr. Dewitt Haynes. He returned via Waco and Milford, where he visited his sisters, Mrs. R. L. Ferguson and Mrs. Chas. Hill, respectively, and was accompanied home by Mr. Chas. Hill, Jr., his nephew, who will visit here for some time.

W. H. Frazier, wife and daughter and Mr. Vernon Simpson returned Tuesday from a ten days outing and fishing trip. On their trip they visited Christoval, Menard, Fredericksburg, San Antonio, Lampasas and other places. Mr. Frazier reports the crops as entire failures from Brown county south. Very distressing, he said.

Messrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr., and R. O. Anderson were in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Warlick of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin Wednesday.

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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Christian Endeavor Program

Subject: "God's Friendliness as Expressed in Nature."
 Scripture reading: Matt. 6:26-30; Psalms 145:16.
 Leader, Roy Elliott.
 God's care of little things, Mildred Smith.
 Marvels of seeds, Rev. Little.
 Chance cannot explain nature, Mrs. Little.
 Debate: Resolved that Astronomy reveals more of God than Biology does. Affirmative, Roy Elliott, Norma Shannon, Mona Margaret Jones, Doris Russell. Negative, Christine Russell, Nina Belle Russell, Mary Derstine.

It's a pleasure to serve customers when you know they will be well pleased, that's why we take great pride in serving Pangburns Ice Cream. Grimes-Smith Drug Co. 1t

Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

1. The Lawyer's Question, by Audie Lou Giles.
2. The Traveler meets with thieves, Oleta Moore.
3. The Priest sees the wounded man, by Louise Booth.
4. The Levite, by Mary C. Cummings.
5. The Good Samaritan Comes, by Himalaya Swafford.
6. The Samaritan Goes to the Inn, by Eris Ash.
7. The answer, by Cullen Tittle.
8. The Inn of Good Samaritan, by J. D. Ashby.

Hay—Bright—Just unloaded car nice bright Johnson Grass Hay—Hay that we are not ashamed to take you—Swafford, phone 44, south side. 1t

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Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Preaching at 11:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor will meet in basement of church at the 11 o'clock hour. Senior Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p.m.

For the month of August all Sunday Evening services will be held on the church lawn. Comfortable seats will be provided, and arrangements are being made to make this a cool and inviting place for our Sunday evening worship. A cordial invitation is given to the public to worship with us at all the above services.

Missionary Society Program For Monday, August 3

There was a splendid meeting of the Missionary Society at the church last Monday afternoon. Mrs. Thompson gave the first lesson in our new mission study book, "China's Real Revolution" This is a real interesting study of the existing conditions of China and every member of the Society will find these lessons interesting and instructive. Next Monday there will be a program from the Voice, also the regular business meeting. Look over the program below and see if your name is there. If so come prepared with your part Monday afternoon at four o'clock.

The Program

1. Song. 2. Bible lesson, Luke 18:15-17, Mrs. Clyde Sears.
3. Prayer, Mrs. Rainbolt.
4. Business.
5. A sisterhood of mothers caring for the children, Mrs. Ellis.
6. A message from one of our Societies, Mrs. Golladay.

Baptist Sunday School Notes

We are hoping for a good attendance Sunday. Bro. Parrack our newly elected pastor, will be with us and we are sure everyone will want to be boosters from the start. Let us renew our obligations to God and not let an opportunity pass to be in service for Him. Orchestra will begin playing at five minutes to ten, Sunday School promptly at ten o'clock. All officers and teachers are urged to be present at 9:30, and not later than 9:45. A hearty welcome awaits one and all.

Eggs 25c per dozen. Cream 35 cents per pound, at McDonald & Collum's. 1t

Mr. W. T. Eldridge of Clyde, was here last week the guest of his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Ash.

Misses Melba West and Dorris Durham spent several days last week in Abilene guests of Miss Ona Fae Rose.

SALT BRANCH ITEMS

By Wynona Patton

Mr. Joe Jaynes and family were the guests of Mr. C. C. Foster and family Sunday.

Miss Fannie Mae Reeves was the guest of Miss Wynona Patton Sunday.

Miss Gladys Petty was the guest of Miss Celia Henry Tuesday of this week.

Miss Norma Lee Foster was the guest of Miss Ruba Patton Monday.

The farmers certainly did appreciate the good rains.

Miss Fannie Mae Reeves was the guest of Miss Lois Jaynes Tuesday.

Miss Lillie D. Foster was the guest of Miss Wynona Patton Sunday evening.

Every one is enjoying the meeting which is going on at Salt Branch. There has been several conversions.

Mr. Claude Patton and family are visiting friends and relatives. Miss Anna Myrtle Walker was the guest of Misses Ruba and Norma Patton Sunday.

COMPERE ITEMS

By Miss Alma Stout

Health of the community is not very good at present.

Mrs. Allred has been very low for the past three weeks but was better at last reports. We are wishing her a speedy recovery.

The revival meeting is now in progress at the Presbyterian church. The meeting will go on for a few days yet. Bros. Collins, Bryant and Moody are conducting the meeting. Everybody come who can and help out in the meeting.

Mr. Joe Schmitt who has been visiting his uncle, Mr. George Stout returned to his home in Arlington last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Berry had as their guest last week, Mr. Berry's brother from East Tex.

Mr. Raymond Stout and E. C. Tarvin left Sunday for Breckenridge and Ranger. They were accompanied by Mr. Tom Keener, Hall and Jasper Hobbs from the Warren community. They returned Tuesday afternoon. They reported a nice time but no work.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hanson had as visitors last week Mr. Hanson's nephew and family of Big Spring.

Mrs. McKinney and family and Mr. George Donaldson and family spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. G. W. Stout and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cranstons left a few days ago for an extended trip through the west. They will visit at Denver, Colorado before returning to their home here.

Miss Elizabeth Hanson returned recently from a two weeks visit with relatives in Big Spring.

Some of the young folks attended the party at Warren Saturday night.

Mrs. Delma Tarvin and Children visited her mother in Warren community last Wednesday afternoon.

Everybody enjoyed the nice rain which fell Tuesday afternoon. We would like to see more but the amount which fell Tuesday will be of great benefit to the crops.

Mr. Hall Hobbs spent Tuesday night with Mr. Raymond Stout.

Mr. and Mrs. Busbee from Merkel were visitors in this community Tuesday. Mr. Busbee preached a fine sermon at the morning service, taking the place of Bro. Collins who did not arrive in time to hold the morning service.

The revival meeting will continue for several days. A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend. Morning services are held at eleven o'clock and evening services at 8:30.

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

In the above statement we carry no bonds not our own, bought and paid for by this bank. The interest on which we collect and credit to interest earned. Our bonds can be sold this Friday morning at \$3,420 premium besides accrued interest.

In addition to the above our customers have left with us for safe keeping \$54,275.00 which never show in our statement. We keep these bonds registered and insured and our examiners always check them as carefully as they do our cash. For the benefit of our customers we are again publishing our itemized statement which we send to the Comptroller of Currency. Carefully study it and any item you do not understand, we will be glad to explain to you. We are very proud of that statement and we want you to know about it.

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Messrs R. O. Anderson, B. P. Middleton and F. P. Hamm were in Abilene Monday attending court.

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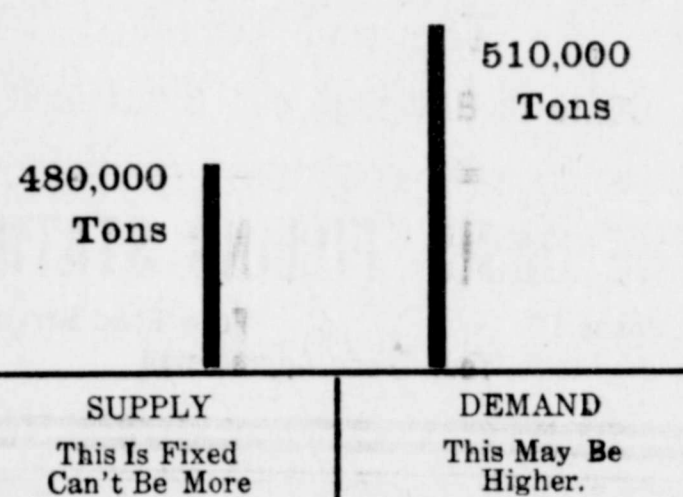
Write us when ready to buy and our factory representative, Mr. G. C. McCord, a member of the firm, will be glad to call and submit modern designs and prices; or we would be glad to have you visit our plant. When you deal with us you deal direct, avoiding middle-man profit.

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There is nothing mysterious about rapidly advancing tire prices; it is as simple as two and two. Here is the reason in a nut shell: The most important ingredient that goes into the making of tires is rubber, and tire manufacturers CAN'T get crude rubber in sufficient quantity!

You can't Beat the Law of Supply and Demand

Here it is on Crude Rubber for 1925.

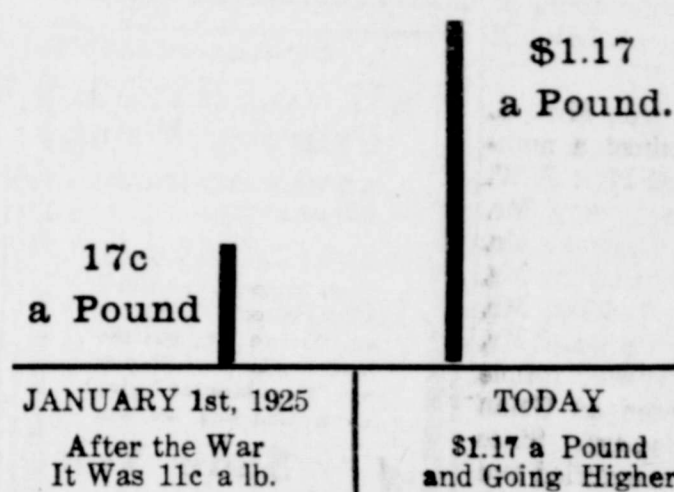


Why can't they get it?

Well, in the words of the old darkey, "You can't get it where it ain't."

What crude rubber the manufacturer is able to get is costing him such an exorbitant price that there is no other way out but to raise the price of tires. Just think of it—crude rubber has advanced from the first of the year from 17c to as high as \$1.17 a pound—from \$340 a ton to \$2,140 a ton.

How the Price of Crude Rubber is Advancing



Why is Crude Rubber so High in Price?

The majority of the world's rubber supply is grown in British colonies. The Parliament of Great Britain passed a law known as the Stephenson Restriction Bill, which restricts the amount of rubber that may be produced, fixes the minimum selling price and, what is most vital to us, the amount of crude rubber that may be exported.

The committee reporting this bill to Parliament claimed it was intended for the relief of the rubber growers as it would check de-

clining prices due to unlimited production as heretofore allowed.

This restriction may be relief to the rubber growers but it is a grief to American tire manufacturers and tire buyers, for while the consumption of rubber is greatly increasing (due in a measure to the balloon type of tire) the production of crude rubber, by this law, is greatly decreased. For example, the world production of crude rubber for 1925

will be 480,000 tons, and the estimated consumption of rubber this year will be at least 510,000 tons. Warehouses in London and Liverpool usually carry from 100,000 to 200,000 tons of crude rubber in stock. They now have none. Manufacturers are depending on shipments from the plantations which are half way around the world. Figure this out for yourself and you will agree we are right when—

RUBBER STRETCHES; TO INFLATE TIRES

London, July 14.—Pandemonium again reigned today among buyers on the rubber bourse as rubber reached a new height, 4 shillings 4½ pence per pound.

Rubber has been soaring steadily for the last week on the London bourse, where nearly two-thirds of the world's rubber is controlled. It is foreseen that American tires will increase in price as a result of the bourse movement and England's limitation of rubber supply.—Dallas Journal, July 14.

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Magnolia Gas & Oils

Merkel Motor Company

Ford Sales and Service
Tires and Tubes

Boney's Garage and Filling Station

Michelin and Standard-four Tires and Tubes

Phone 60

Humble Gas and Oils

Middleton's Filling Station

And Tourist Camp

Dayton Thoroughbred Tires and Tubes

Phone 254

Good Gulf Gasoline

Merkel Garage

Goodyear Tires and Tubes

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* "GOLAN ECHOES" *
* By Special Correspondent *

On Tuesday afternoon the Golan community was favored with a good rain. We were very much in need of it. It will help the late feed considerably.

The Methodist revival at this place closed Sunday night. There was a great number of conversions. All those who heard Bro. Hines preach enjoyed the sermons. The sermon to men and boys only Sunday afternoon was well attended.

Mrs. M. E. Davis and family are visiting relatives in Austin.

Mr. R. T. Jones and wife and Mr. W. T. Jones and wife are visiting in New Mexico.

Miss Mervil Hill is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. C. Williams at White Church.

Mr. W. Wallace Hill is with the McCauley Sylvester team at Slaton for a series of baseball games.

On Sunday afternoon Mrs. L. C. Williams entertained a number of old friends at Mrs. J. W. Hill's. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Lawlis, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Barkley, Mr. and Mrs. Val P. Byrom and Mr. Homer Lawlis. These people were all schoolmates at Golan for a number of years. Since that time they have married and moved to various places. All had a pleasant time talking of

"ither days."
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dean visited their daughter, Mrs. Haynes, of Anson, Monday.

Mrs. Lottie Green and family are visiting relatives at Tokio, Texas.

Mr. Curr and wife of Houston are visiting Mr. Cecil Stevens of this community. Mrs. Curr is the daughter of the late Mr. Edd Lasiter.

Mr. Johnnie Hill was transferred and enrolled in the Anson High School Monday.

Miss Jewel Chesney of Brownfield was the guest of Miss Bettie Byrom Sunday.

Mr. Frank West and wife were visitors here Sunday.

Mr. J. F. Cox and family are visiting relatives at Fort Worth.

Do not miss our window sale Saturday. BROWN D.G. Co. It

Why buy an inferior quality Ice Cream when you can get the best at the same price. Pangburn's sold only at Grimes-Smith Drug Company. It

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

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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

WARREN NEWS

The farmers of this community are up with their work and certainly did appreciate the splendid rain.

Health of this community is very good at present.

Miss Willie Ellington left Friday for Abilene where she will enter Draughon's Business College on Monday.

Messrs. Hall and Jasper Hobbs left Sunday afternoon for Ranger, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Flench.

Miss Willie Newman spent last week with her brother, Mr. Hollis McCoy.

Miss Ollie Hobbs spent Monday night with Miss Ella Hobbs. We are glad to learn that Buster McCoy, who was in the Sanitarium at Abilene is improved at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hutcheson of Merkel spent last Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy.

The party at Miss Lena May Chancey's Saturday night was attended by a large crowd and all reported a nice time.

Grandma Harvell and little grand-daughter, Claudene, visited her daughter in Clyde last week.

Mrs. May Peterson and family are visiting at Noodle and Anson this week.

Mr. Sewell Harvell spent the week-end with home folks and friends.

Several around Warren attended the meeting at Merkel, and report a fine meeting.

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.

Cedars of Lebanon Famed for Centuries

The cedar of Lebanon is native in Syria, Asia, Palestine and the island of Cyprus. It usually grows in the mountains at elevations of 4,000 and 6,400 feet above sea level. These trees famous from early times in sacred and profane writings, are large, ornamental evergreens with wide-spreading branches. They are noted for the size of their trunks rather than for their height as many people suppose. Until the outbreak of the World war one of the original groves mentioned in the Bible was still standing at the head of Kedlisha valley near the ancient Lebanon. This last remnant of the cedar forests so often referred to in the Old Testament was visited by the English botanist Hooker in 1860.

He found about 375 trees growing in nine groups. Five of the oldest trees measured thirty feet or over around the girth. Hooker estimated them to be about 2,500 years old. Some of the younger trees were estimated at 100 years.

Many of these survivals of antiquity were destroyed during the great war. In ancient days the white gum which oozes from the trunks and branches of these cedars was used for embalming.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Animals Have Various Methods of Signaling

Birds all have good voices, barring a few like the pelicans and cormorants that are virtually silent, and so we find that they communicate their messages mainly by means of the voice. Mammals, on the other hand, are not possessed of such ready voices and so are given much more to the use of gesture, says Hamilton M. Laing, in the Winnipeg Free Press.

The common Richardson ground squirrel and striped spermophile of our prairies, the prairie dog and some others of these rodents, apparently use their tails in signaling. It can be noted, too, that each animal is very prone to repeat the signal. This trait is so pronounced that often we hear them called "flicker-tails." These fellows all have a shrill whistle that is much more useful as a danger signal, and this is true of the marmots (woodchucks) also.

The red squirrel of the woods expresses a great many things by means of his great feathery tail, but he seems to use it not so much to signal to his kind as to express his own feelings. He has a good voice and his messages to his kind are sent by means of it.

But Peter's Thoughts

Old Peter, the postman, footsore and weary, had reached the end of his round and was congratulating himself upon having finished in such good time.

"Postman," came a voice from the last house in the street, which could only be reached by climbing a hill of about 300 steps.

"I wonder what she wants?" thought Peter, as he started to climb the steps. "She may have an important letter she wants posted."

At last he reached the top of the hill and stood puffing before the woman.

"Did you have to pass an examination to get in the post office?" she said.

"Certainly," said Peter.

"Oh, that's fine. I imagine you are pretty bright, then. Will you tell me how to spell 'psychological'?"—London Answers.

Effectively Guarded

Stephen McKenna, in "An Affair of Honor," tells a good Benvenuto story about King Edward when he was prince of Wales. He disliked being surrounded by detectives, and one night signified that he wished to attend the opera informally. "The hint was taken. For one night the traditional boots and reefer-suits of the secret police were not to be observed. His royal highness was enjoying himself thoroughly when he happened to inspect the house through his glasses and found that every one, on every side of him was dressed and made up to reproduce him in every detail. Hundreds of princes lolled in their boxes or stalls. A nihilist, had one been present, would have been carried away prostrate."

Evolution of Shoes

Among the ancient Jews shoes were made of leather, linen, rush or wood. The Greek philosopher, Pythagoras, would have his disciples wear shoes made of the bark of trees, probably that they might not wear what was made of the skins of animals, as he refrained from the use of everything that had life. In England, about 1462, the people wore the points of their shoes so long that they cumbered themselves in walking, and were forced to tie up the points to their knees. In the reign of Edward IV this was prohibited by law.

Paul Was Puzzled

Little Paul was turning the pages of a new picture book which had been given him. He came to two which were uncut. He tried to turn the page, found that he could not, lifted up the corner and peeped under, and stopped to ponder the situation. "Mamma," he called. "Mamma, come here a minute." "What is it, dear?" asked his mother. "Look at my book," said Paul, showing his mother the leaves were stuck together. "How did they ever get the pictures in there?"

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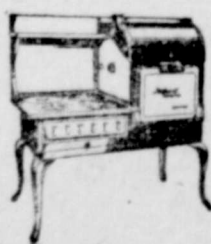
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Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and son, Sylvan, left Sunday night for an extended trip to New York.

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest. It

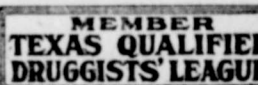
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We learn that Mr. C. P. Stevens was very sick last week, but is able to be up at present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cash of Hamlin were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens this week.

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Telling how he obtained relief from very disagreeable symptoms of stomach trouble, Mr. Charles T. Wintz, of R. F. D. 4, Huntington, W. Va., made the following statement:

"I began taking Black-Draught about fifteen years ago. I would have gas on my stomach that just pressed and seemed to shorten my breath, and I would have all kinds of feeling. My head would ache and I was in a very bad fix. I had tried remedies that didn't seem to do me any good. I saw Black-Draught advertised and sent for it.

"After taking a few doses, I knew it was helping me. It seemed to break up the gas, and the tight, bloated feeling disappeared, and I was like a new man. I would not be without Black-Draught. I can eat anything I want to. If I get dizziness in the head, Black-Draught relieves it."

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LIVER MEDICINE

Gold Beating Done as It Was Centuries Ago

For 30 centuries gold leaf has been made in one way and the yellow metal that is used on store windows and office doors is identical with that which gilded the throne of Pharaoh.

Small crumbs of gold placed between layers of parchment, called gold-beaters' skins, were beaten interminably with mallets. As the gold spread under the blows it was cut, put between more skins and laboriously beaten again for days and weeks until one grain of the precious metal, weighing about one five-hundredth of an ounce, became an almost impalpable sheet of 40 square inches. The cost of this labor greatly outweighed the cost of the gold, says the New York Herald-Tribune.

Electro-chemistry has now entered the field and a new process recently invented promises to make gold leaf far less expensive. Upon a ribbon of thin silver a film of gold is electrically deposited from a solution of gold and potassium cyanide. The silver ribbon, with the gold on its upper side, is then laid upon a celluloid band and immersed in a bath of nitric acid. This eats away the silver, which is later recovered, and leaves the gold leaf on the celluloid band. There it is washed in alcohol and the warm air from electric fans blows the gold leaf from the celluloid and slides it between protecting leaves of paper.

Dilemma the Result of Higher Education

A visitor to Farmer Hayseed's farm was greatly astonished to see the poor old fellow hobbling around on a pair of crutches. Having tendered his regrets at seeing him thus, the visitor inquired as to how the accident happened.

"Well," replied old Hayseed, "it's like this, I sent my boys to college and had one trained as a lawyer and the other as a doctor." Here he shifted his crutch.

"You should be very proud of them," answered the stranger, wondering what this information might have to do with the farmer's disabled leg.

"I don't know about that," said the aged agriculturist; "it looks as though it was a goin' to break up the family. I got run into by a motor, and one of 'em wants to cure me and the other wants me to go lame so that he can sue the car owner for damages."

Britain's Constitution

The constitution of Great Britain, many of whose principles form the foundations of about every free constitution in the world, is an accumulation of statutes, customs and decisions. The Magna Charta, granted in 1215 by King John, may be regarded as a starting point. Other salient features are the Petition of Rights and the Declaration of Rights, the Habeas Corpus act, the Act of Settlement, the franchise laws, the practices and customs respecting the responsibility of government. The sovereign would accept or decline gifts of small value or of no political significance, according to his own wish or judgment; but a gift of very considerable value would not be accepted without the advice and consent of the ministry.

Great Early Teacher

Zoroaster was one of the great teachers of the East and founder of what might be called the national religion of the Perso-Indian people, that is, speaking generally, the Persians. When he lived and taught is not exactly known, but it is held that it was between the years 1000 B. C. and 600 B. C. He taught a dualism of power, one good and the other evil. Light represented the former and darkness the latter. As corruption grew up the sun became worshiped as the great source of light and, therefore, of all good.

Vassar's Bootjacks

On one occasion a building foreman who had annoyed Mr. Vassar with too many needless questions asked what was to be done with a certain pile of hickory boards. "Oh, that lumber is to be cut into bootjacks," replied the irritated founder. Whereupon the carpenter did saw out bootjacks by the hundreds. They were distributed throughout the dormitory and, when finally the first class came to Vassar, each girl found a bootjack in her room.—Charles A. Selden telling of the founding of Vassar, in the Ladies' Home Journal.

Latin America

France, Spain, Italy and Portugal are known as Latin countries, because they were influenced by the Roman civilization and language more than the other countries of Europe. They speak what are known as the Romance languages. Since South and Central America were settled chiefly by the Spanish and Portuguese, they are called Latin America. Rumania, the French part of Belgium and the Italian and French parts of Switzerland were also affected by ancient Rome in the same manner as the other countries named.—Exchange.

Hard to Answer

Two commuters were discussing life in general. "I've been commuting three years," said one, "and I've never yet missed the train I intended to take." The other commuter admitted this was quite a record, but as an afterthought he inquired: "What in the world do you tell your wife when you miss the train she intended for you to take?"

Chapel Old Structure in Shakespeare's Time

Of all the beautiful and interesting buildings which arrest the attention of the visitor to Stratford-on-Avon, none arouses a deeper sentiment than the chapel of the Guild of the Holy Cross, standing right athwart Chapel street as it does, and closing the vista as seen from both that and High street, the London Times says.

It is indeed, a graceful structure, invested with all the indefinable charm of the best medieval work, as beautiful in outline as it is in the color of its weatherworn stone.

Founded about 1296, from which period the chancel dates, the nave was rebuilt by the famous benefactor of Stratford, Sir Hugh Clopton, about 1495.

To us, however, its main interest is that, in the time of Shakespeare's childhood it served—as, indeed, it still serves—as the school chapel for the boys attending the grammar school which adjoins it. Furthermore, it is situated only a few feet from where stood Shakespeare's house, New Place, lying under its shadow on the opposite side of Chapel lane, where he must have often gazed upon it, whether strolling in his garden or seated in his parlor facing the chancel.

Spectacles Go Back to the Middle Ages

The little storm sashes with which so many people have to cover their eyes, and generally known as spectacles were first invented in the Middle Ages. At that time Latin was in universal use as the language of all science and scholarship, and it was therefore only natural that this new invention should be given a Latin name. Spectaculum comes from the word which means to see or to look at, and this was the title, afterward corrupted into our "spectacles," that was given to these aids to vision. Later on in history, the clumsy framework of the old spectacles was improved upon, and the new and lighter glasses were called eye-glasses or pincez (pinch nose), to distinguish them from the old spectacles. In a sense, of course, all eye-glasses are spectacles, but we use the word only as denoting a special form of frame.

Old Mythical Hero

Siegfried is a semi-fabulous personage of superior strength and beauty, who occupies a conspicuous place in various Teutonic legends and is especially distinguished as the hero of the great German epic, the Niebelungen-Lied. He cannot be identified with any historical personage. In an old saga, he is represented as having slain a dragon and bathed in its blood, whereby his skin became as hard as horn, except in one spot where a leaf intervened. But he is most celebrated for having vanquished the ancient fabulous royal race of the Niebelungen and taken away their immense treasures of gold and gems. He was finally slain by Hagen, who had learned from Christmild the secret spot where alone Siegfried was mortal.—Kansas City Times.

You Don't Mean It!

The following is a single sentence from an article by Dr. Frederick Mote in the London Lancet:

"Seeing that every sensation and every mental image or engram leads to a reflex activation which may be apparent or not, according to the influence of positive or negative inhibition; so every sensation and image or preception there must, in consequence of this reflex motor action, result a corresponding kinesthetic or postural excitation of different stimuli flowing along proprioceptive neurotic systems from muscle spindles, tendons, bones and joints, which, combined with associated labyrinthine sensations, form a sensory continuum which is intimately integrated with the exteroceptor sensory continuum on one hand and the motor continuum on the other."

Hippo Carries Dentist

The hunters of Africa say that the hippopotamus carries his dentist around with him. The latter is in the form of a bird which accompanies the big animal in his wanderings, and after indulging in a full meal the hippo will stretch out in a comfortable position and with its mouth wide open will give a big grunt or two, and this is the signal for the bird, which flies into the animal's mouth and makes a round of the latter's teeth, picking the molars perfectly clean of all particles.

The big animal seems to enjoy this treatment as much as the bird, which gets a big meal without the labor of doing much hunting for it.—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

Key to Treasure House

Just think of the vast treasures of words full of rich and rare meaning that lie locked up in our language, hidden away from common use and enjoyed only by the learned few! It is as if, possessing the mineral wealth of the world, ready for the mint, we scornfully turned aside to remain in poverty.

The dictionary constitutes the treasure house of our language. As a people we needlessly deprive ourselves of the great helps at our command. In our daily tasks, not one of which can be performed without the use of words, we possess only the most primitive tools, while we might be equipped with the keenest and most efficient.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—A good milk cow. See Roy Harrell, Merkel, Route No. Four. 1tp

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LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—Ford fender brace and license number plate No. 817-128. Owner may get same at the Merkel Mail by paying for this notice. 1t

FOUND—A pair of glasses with gold rims. Has one ear-piece broken. Found near town. Owner may have same by paying for this notice. 1t

LOST—A pair of glasses in case, on the streets of Merkel. Finder return to R. J. Adcock. 1tp

LOST—A string of Pearls, tied in a pink handkerchief, on the streets of Merkel. Finder return to Merkel Mail. 1t

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished bedroom with bath, Phone 38. 1t

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WANTED—Young widow lady wants work as house-keeper on farm or in motherless home. Very neat and refined, splendid house-keeper and cook, will work reasonably. Prefer near Merkel or Trent. Write Mrs. R. B. Bucklew, Merkel, or see O. T. Lackey, Merkel. 1tp

WANTED—To do laundry work. Mrs. Bessie Smith. 1tp

Mrs. George Coker and baby of Dallas are visiting Mrs. Coker's parents, Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb.

Mr. F. P. Hamm and family and Mr. Guy Darsey left Wednesday for a trip to South Texas.

Miss Willie Swann of Snyder visited her parents and friends here last week.



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RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$255,141.92
Customers' liability account of acceptances of this bank	NONE
Total loans	\$255,141.92
Overdrafts, secured, \$ 80.90 Unsecured	\$ 89.25
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
All other United States Government Securities	\$109,110.63
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	25,978.37
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	29,139.58
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	107,473.20
Amount due from State banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10)	
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	500.36
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$109,717.08
Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank	
Miscellaneous cash items	1,243.16
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.60
Total	\$552,819.88
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$ 3,951.98
Reserved for	
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes	3,951.98
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the U. S. and foreign countries (other than items 22 23)	17,501.65
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	364.41
Total of Items 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26	17,866.06
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	373,045.55
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	
Dividends Unpaid	2,262.00
Total of demand deposit (other than bank deposits)	
Reserve, Items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32	\$375,307.55
Certificates of deposit (Other than for money borrowed)	15,130.00
Other time Deposits	69,314.29
Total of time deposits subject to reserve, Items 33, 34, 35, and 36	\$ 84,444.29
Total	\$552,819.88

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:

I, L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of July, 1925.
W. O. Boney, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:—G. F. WEST,
J. T. WARREN,
SAM BUTMAN Directors.

We carry at all times just the flavor you like and its Pang-burns best by every test. Grim-es-Smith Drug Co. 1t

Miss Rosa Laney will leave the latter part of the week for Corsicana where she will spend her vacation.

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On Cantaloupes, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Watermelons, Peaches, Blackeyed Peas Roasting Ears and Cooking Apples.

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DORA NEWS

Dora, Texas, July 28.—A nice little shower fell here this afternoon.

The Baptist meeting which closed here Sunday was a great success.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gibbons have been visiting in Sweetwater the past week.

Miss Emma Perry of the Nubia community spent Saturday night with Mary Ellen Frazier.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frazier.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gibbons and father motored to Abilene Saturday.

Mr. E. L. Frazier and son motored to Sweetwater Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frazier motored to Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Bell Farmer is visiting her parents at Cisco.

Miss Rosa Whisenhunt has been attending the meeting at Butman.

Mr. E. L. Frazier and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Lykins of the Nubia community.

Mr. Earl Gibbons has been breaking wild broncs for Mr. John Bardwell.

The Methodist meeting at the Chapel began Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coats are attending the meeting at Butman.

Mr. Ernest Gibbons motored to Dora Monday.

Hay—Bright—Just unloaded car nice bright Johnson Grass Hay—Hay that we are not ashamed to take you—Swafford, phone 44, south side. It

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

Mr. and Mrs. Will Warren of Anson were here visiting relatives last week.

WARREN NOTES

By Vera Jones

The health of the community is very good at the present.

The farmers had a good rain Tuesday, which was much appreciated and will do much good.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones visited at Sylvester Monday.

Mr. Eujan Jaynes spent last week end with his sister, Mrs. Onnie Harris.

Miss Artie McCormick is spending the week in Trent.

Misses Lillie and Liddie Jones spent Sunday evening with Miss Vublet Jones.

All who attended the party at Miss Lena Mae Chancey's Saturday night reported a nice time.

Mr. Burnerd Hayes was the guest of Mr. Luther Higgins Sunday.

Miss Mae Wilkins is spending the week with her friend, Miss Nora Foster.

Miss Helen McCormick spent Sunday with Miss Vera Jones.

Mr. Shouse of Trent is spending the week with his daughter, Mrs. C. T. McCormick.

Miss Vela Jones spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Annie Harris.

Eggs 25c per dozen. Cream 35 cents per pound, at McDonald & Collum's. It

BIG SALE OF NOTIONS

At the Barnes Variety Store on Saturday, August 8th, there will be a big Special Sale on many items of interest in this Merkel's newest and most up-to-date Variety Store. Don't forget the date, August 8th, on Saturday. It

Every day more folks are ordering Pangburns Ice Cream for parties, Picnics and all public gatherings. Why? Because they want the very best that money can buy and yet it costs no more. Grimes-Smith Drug Co. It

Miss Murphy Thomas spent last week in Tuscola visiting her sister.

Miss Dorothy Sanders of Abilene is a guest of Misses Sallie and Inice Brown this week.

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Official Statement of Financial Condition of the FARMERS STATE BANK.

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1925, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 31st day of July, 1925.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$340,130.41
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	15,069.91
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	782.82
Bonds, stocks and other securities	1,335.00
Customers' Bonds held for safekeeping	58,750.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	12,500.00
Other Real Estate	13,002.50
Furniture and Fixtures	5,430.00
Cash on hand	12,820.32
Due from approved reserve agents	53,106.93
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	4.00
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	8,422.66
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	10,591.52
Other Resources	5,745.74
TOTAL	\$537,691.80

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund	6,000.00
Undivided profits, net	3,448.65
Dividends unpaid	2,500.00
Individual Deposits subject to check on which no interest is paid	362,436.01
Individual deposits on which interest is paid or contracted to be paid	6,800.10
Time Certificates of Deposit	32,574.38
Public Funds on Deposit (City \$13,355.20) Total	13,355.20
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	1,827.46
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	58,750.00
TOTAL	\$537,691.80

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor: We, J. S. Swann, as President, and R. O. Anderson, as Active Vice-President of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. J. S. Swann, President. R. O. Anderson, Vice-President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of July, A. D. 1925. Murphy Thomas, Notary Public, Taylor County, Tex.

CORRECT—ATTEST: David Hendricks, W. L. Diltz, J. C. Mason, Directors.

The Playground of Texas

Are we West Texans neglecting our opportunities? Is there any special reason why hundreds of people from all parts of Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi should go to California and Colorado every summer when West Texas has just as picturesque scenery, just as ideal climatic conditions? A few people have already sensed the value of what this section has to offer summer tourists, and two large church encampments have been located in the Davis Mountains, one at Paisano and one at Skillman Grove.

To these encampments thousands of people from every section of Texas come for purposes of recreation and rest. They return to their tasks better prepared physically, morally, and spiritually to render a higher quality of service. Our State is yet young; her resources are almost unlimited; and her people have been engaged in the mad pursuit of wealth. But the day is soon coming when the Davis Mountains will be the Playground of Texas. The lure of the picturesque mountains, the invigorating climate, the cloudless skies, and the call of the wild will attract people from all over Texas in ever increasing numbers to this section when once the advantages of the climate and scenery are presented to them in proper form.

If West Texas is ever to come into her own, the people of West Texas must put their hands to the plow and drive straight to a definite goal—the value and beauty of our climate and our scenery. The responsibility for the moral, spiritual and material welfare of this section rests upon the people who have elected this part of the state in which to live and die, as the best part of the State in which to rear their own children. We must believe in our section, and we must believe in ourselves; we must build up that life of which we are a part, and we must induce others to come out and enjoy some of those things we value so highly.

During the 1925 summer session more than 300 students from 88 counties of Texas enrolled at Sul Ross State Teachers College—a college established and maintained for the boys and girls of this section. These young men and young women will return to their homes in August and tell others about the wonderful scenery and climate of this section, about the hospitality of its people and their freedom from conventionalities, about the "Spirit of the West." A great college in this section will advertise the Davis Mountains to the rest of Texas. In addition, it will give many boys and girls of this section an opportunity to get a college education; and it will raise the cultural level of every community in this section. The people of West Texas should, therefore, take a pride in their own college and should patronize it in ever-

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

increasing numbers. We cannot say to the people down state that this is the best place in Texas to attend school, and then turn around and send our own boys and girls elsewhere to college. We should at least give our own college a trial first. Sul Ross State Teachers College is a West Texas enterprise, and as such it should receive the hearty and active support of every community in West Texas.

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. tf

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. tf

When you think of Ice Cream think of the best that money can buy—Pangburns. Sold only at Grimes-Smith Drug Co. It

Miss Gladys Mayfield has her cousin, Miss Juanita Tittle of Abilene as her guest this week.

Supt. J. A. Summerhill and family are spending the week with relatives in Midland.

Mr. A. L. Walden of Mulberry was in the city Wednesday and reported a nice rain in his community Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt is spending the week with friends and relatives in Abilene.

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