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HOW MANY BALES WILL MERKEL GET?

Of course every one knows that there are many reasons why one can't safely and accurately estimate just how many bales of cotton will be gathered in any certain locality, and with the approach of the gathering season there is always more or less speculation as to the outcome of the crop, and in the Merkel community it seldom turns out that the guess falls short, and generally always there is more cotton raised than is expected at the beginning of the season.

But to give our readers the exact amount of cotton that has been shipped from Merkel each year for the last six years, we have secured from Mr. A. Morton, most efficient and courteous freight and express clerk at the T. & P. Station, the following figures:

1919	21,039 bales
1920	15,946 bales
1921	11,317 bales
1922	10,779 bales
1923	15,998 bales
1924	13,587 bales

About this time last year there were many who made the prediction that eight or ten thousand would be the limit for the year's production, while a few said around twelve thousand would be the limit, the writer agreeing with the latter.

At this time the prediction runs from eight to fifteen thousand. But after all it all depends upon the seasons, and time alone will tell. We make no prediction this week.

NOODLE WINS FROM MERKEL IN CLOSE GAME, 3-2

In a close game between the Noodle team and Merkel "Vets" on the High School diamond here Wednesday, the Noodleites succeeded in taking the big end of the score—but not a big score—the final runs being 3 to 2.

The Noodle team has played several games this season and was well in practice, but the Merkel nine was composed of "old timers" who had had little or no practice. Following is the box score:

NOODLE	
Players	ab.r.h.po.a.e.
V. Eller, 1b	5 1 0 2 0 1
Womack, lf	4 0 1 1 1 0
H. Laney, ss	4 2 1 3 3 1
C. Goode, 2b	4 0 0 0 3 0
H. Vick, c	4 0 1 4 1 0
J. Goode, p	4 0 0 2 0 0
E. Foster, 3b	4 0 0 2 1 0
C.R. Williams, cf	4 0 1 2 0 0
H. Goode, rf	4 0 2 2 0 0
Totals	37 3 6 27 9 2

MERKEL	
Players	ab.r.h.po.a.e.
Sharp, cf	4 0 1 2 0 1
Renfro, 1b	4 0 0 2 0 0
Arrington, 2b-p	4 0 1 1 3 0
Warren, lf	3 0 0 3 0 0
Laney, 3b	4 0 0 1 1 1
Patterson, ss	4 0 0 1 1 2
Compton, rf	3 0 1 3 0 0
Holloway, c	3 1 1 3 1 0
Woodrum, 2b-p	3 1 1 2 3 1
Totals	32 2 5 27 9 5

Noodle 100 011 000—3
Merkel 000 000 020—2
Stolen bases, Compton, H. Vick, and H. Goode; two-base hit, Howard Laney; Innings pitched by Woodrum, 5; by Arrington, 4; by Womack, 8. Hits off Woodrum 3, off Arrington 3, off Womack 5. Struck out by Woodrum 1, by Womack 2, by J. Goode 1. Bases on balls off Woodrum 1, off Womack 1. Winning pitcher, Womack.

Time of game 1 hour, 13 minutes.

Expecting car Dawson Fancy Egg Coal. Phone 44. 1t

MR. AND MRS. T. G. BRAGG OFF TO EASTERN MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg of the Bragg Dry Goods Company, left first of the week for St. Louis, where they will spend some ten days or two weeks selecting and buying one of the largest and most complete stocks of Dry Goods for their firm in this city for the fall and winter seasons.

NAZERINE REVIVAL BEGINS NEXT WEEK

The Mail is requested to announce that on next Tuesday, August 11, there will begin a ten days Nazarene revival at the Tabernacle, with Rev. Lee L. Hamrick, noted evangelist of Hamlin, doing the preaching.

There will be two services daily through the meeting, and the public and all denominations are invited and urged to be present and take part in the revival.

Rev. Hamrick is said to be a very able and convincing revivalist.

DR. GRIMES AND FAMILY RETURN FROM TOUR

Dr. R. I. Grimes and family returned to this city Tuesday from a trip in length amounting to more than 5,000 miles. They left here about the first of July going to Chicago, where Dr. Grimes took a special course in his profession, after which they traveled up to Buffalo, Niagara Falls and over into Canada, and then back down to Washington, New York, and on down the Atlantic coast country and finally into Louisiana, then home.

They report having had a most wonderful trip and the doctor says he is feeling fit and fine and is now again ready for a season of hard work and practice, such as is the lot of the real, live, successful practicing physician.

While in the city of Washington, D. C., where perhaps they enjoyed the most wonderful sights, they were guests of Congressman Blanton and family, and feel greatly indebted to them for their splendid hospitality and courtesy.

Has Good Crops but No Rain

Mr. D. M. Miller, one of the Mail's good readers who resides over in Jones county, beyond Noodle, was in the city Tuesday and reported fine crops notwithstanding the fact that he has received little rain since June, and none last week.

friend Miller along about the beginning of the cotton picking season last fall, and he seemed very blue over crop prospects, saying that he did not expect to gather more than fifteen bales, but the rains came and Mr. Miller's last bale, if we mistake not, was along about 41 or 42.

Mr. Owen Ellis, clever and efficient Assistant Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, accompanied by his wife, who holds a responsible position with the Citizens National Bank of Abilene, left first of the week on a two weeks vacation trip.

Mrs. T. F. Compton and grand daughters, Misses Lucille Russell and Phala Ditz, left Sunday morning on the Sunshine Special for a visit with relatives in Nashville and other points in Tennessee.

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A FARMERS SHORT COURSE AT M'MURRY

The A. & M. College will hold a free Farmers' Short Course at McMurry College next Thursday and Friday, August 13-14. Five among the ablest instructors at College Station will give lectures and hold demonstrations, covering the fundamental factors of modern agriculture.

There will be two group meetings, one for the men and boys, and the other will deal with the activities of the rural housewife. The men's department will make a study of grain sorghums, cotton, soils, livestock and poultry. The women's section will discuss canning, preserving, hat decorations, form fitting, pattern making and other phases of women's activities, and will be conducted by lady instructors. Every one is invited to attend these meetings and to enjoy the opportunities that the A. & M. College is bringing to our very door. The program will begin at nine o'clock and close at five, with an hour and a half off for lunch. The rural people could hardly spend two days more profitably than enjoying this free short course.

AMENDMENT CALLS FOR MORE JOBS

There was a bureau formed at Washington in 1912 that asked for an appropriation of only \$12,500. It was known as the Children's Bureau. In 8 years it was asking for 26 times that amount, and this does not include the \$1,250,000 which it receives out of the Maternity Act. This bureau is sponsoring the child-labor amendment to the Federal Constitution where parents cannot make their children under eighteen years of age work.—Texas Tax Journal.

Should the amendment be ratified, the children's Bureau will be demanding \$50,000,000 inside of three years. Every time Congress is saddled with new duties, new bureaus must be created, or divisions of old bureaus greatly enlarged. School teachers are asking for a department of education, and the doctors want a department of health, each to be represented by a cabinet officer. Should these departments be established, there will be a lot of new bureaus and thousands more employees living off tax money.

This process of centering power in Washington with Government snoopers prying into our family and personal affairs can only go so far before there will be a political upheaval in the Nation that will border on revolution.—Farm & Ranch.

W. W. Campbell and family expect to leave soon for a trip to their old home in Louisiana, where they will visit for a few days as well as look after some property interest they have there and which Mr. Campbell hopes to dispose of. He also recently purchased a half section of land in Parmer county as well as some town property in some of the fast growing cities of that section, but states that Merkel shall continue to be their home. This we are glad to learn, for he and his excellent family are among our best.

Mrs. F. Y. Gaither left this week for San Angelo, where she will join her husband who is connected with one of the banking institutions of that city.

Get your winter coal at Summer prices. Car Domino Coal on track. Buy now and save money. J. M. GARRETT, Phone 155. 1t

COMMUNITY FAIR TO BE LUNCHEON TOPIC

The Merkel Luncheon Club discontinued meeting about the first of July on account of the extreme hot weather and other things that seemed to get in the way, subject to a call of the President of the organization. After conferring with a number of the members and citizens of the town this week, Mr. L. R. Thompson, the president, asks the Mail to announce that the organization will again begin its regular meetings on next Tuesday evening at Ed's Cafe, at eight o'clock.

Since the time is getting short for making preparations for the annual Merkel Community Fair, the Chairman has appointed Mr. J. A. Buford as the next Toastmaster, and has asked him to use for the subject for discussion, "The Coming Community Fair." This being done that all plans may be laid and carried out for making the Fair this fall one of the best, if not the best in the history of the city.

The Fair last year was indeed a success, and now since the rains have fallen there is every reason to believe that we will have some very fine farm exhibits, and if the town and surrounding community will work together the Fair can be made even better than ever before.

The Fair is a good business proposition for every business man in the city and the farmers as well, and both will be helping when he takes part in making plans and carrying same to success. Therefore let every institution and firm in the city send representatives to the Luncheon next Tuesday evening and help to start the Fair movement off in the right direction.

A Fine Cotton Stalk

Mr. H. O. Miller, splendid citizen and successful farmer of the Stith community, was in the city yesterday, and left on exhibition at the Farmers State Bank a very large and well fruited stalk of cotton.

The stalk is of course very likely "picked," and one of the best in the field, but we are informed that Mr. Miller has a very fine all-round crop.

Mr. H. H. Toombs, one of the largest land owners in this section of the country, reports fair to good rains on all his farms in the surrounding community, and feels that if other good rains fall soon, this community will enjoy a good crop.

Mr. Jas. A. Patterson, another extensive land owner informs us that good rains have fallen on all his many farms in this section and that there is good prospects for both feed and cotton to make from fair to extra good yields.

Mr. Herbert Patterson, very courteous and capable assistant cashier at the Farmers State Bank, with his family, left first of the week for an extended trip and outing in South Texas.

Mr. Cleo Calloway, of Dallas has accepted a position with the Farmers State Bank as bookkeeper, and is now at his post of duty as such. Cleo is a Merkel reared young man, is capable, courteous and will no doubt make good with this splendid institution.

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

MR. J. C. MASON RETURNS FROM EAST TEXAS TRIP

Mr. J. C. Mason returned yesterday from a two weeks visit at Paris and Deport, Texas, his old home county, and reports that county blessed at this time with very fine crop prospects.

Mr. Mason is a director in the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, and left Thursday for Ballinger where he will attend a district meeting of the association.

OIL MAN MOVES HIS FAMILY HERE

Mr. Mack Best, who we are informed is the field man and general superintendent for the Ibe Oil Company, moved to this city first of the week from Albany, occupying the B. C. Gaither home in the south part of the city, which place, according to Mr. Gaither, has been leased by Mr. Best for twelve months.

Mr. Best and associates have also secured offices in the W. O. Boney building, formerly occupied by Judge E. S. Cummings.

To this writer, Mr. Best stated that he had no news to give out for publication at this time. However, we were given to understand that this company means business as regards some development here for oil, and that there would only be a short delay in beginning operations, on account of conditions arising over which they had no control.

Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston Return

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston returned last week from their trip and visit among many friends in the Southern part of the state, and along the coast. The most of the time they spent at Palacios, Texas, visiting on their return with friends at Coleman. Mr. Huddleston reports enjoying very much attending the Methodist Encampment for two weeks while at Palacios.

He was also delighted with the fine rains that had fallen just before his return to his home here, and feels that with other good rains to fall soon there will be a fair to good crop made here.

W. G. Leach, efficient telegraph operator for Western Union, with his family returned first of the week from a very pleasant visit among friends and relatives and the scenes of his boyhood in the state of Kentucky. Mr. Leach reports a very fine trip and says he returned feeling very much improved in health.

Mr. W. J. Largent and Chas. Sutphen left Wednesday for the State of Missouri where they went with the C. M. Largent & Sons fine Hereford show cattle, mention of which was made last week.

Mr. L. C. Patton and family returned last week from an extended visit to Dallas, points in Oklahoma and back via Munday, Texas, where they visited relatives. Mr. Patton reports a very pleasant trip, and that on his return here he found the crops as good as any seen on the trip. He also has our thanks for a subscription to the Mail which he sends to his father in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Roger Hamblet and little daughter, Tommie Lou, were up this week from their home in Breckenridge, for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblet.

NATIONAL GUARD BOYS TO CAMP

The 131st Field Artillery, Texas National Guard Unit, in command of Lieutenants Emmett T. Grimes and Irvin L. Jackson, left Thursday morning for Camp Stanley at San Antonio, for their regular summer encampment, lasting from August 7 to 22.

There are about 45 men in the company and the boys are reported to be in excellent training since some of them have served through two encampments already. A good many new recruits have been enlisted, however, and it was necessary to turn away some because of the company being complete.

Mr. Lewis Giles, a member of the unit, will correspond for the Merkel Mail during the two weeks stay. Watch for his story next week.

MR. HICKS' FATHER DIES AT MARBEL FALLS, TEX.

Mr. Henry R. Hicks and his son, Robert, returned first of the week from Marbel Falls, Texas, where they had been called to attend the bedside of their father and grandfather, respectively, and whose death occurred last Thursday, funeral services and burial on the following day.

Capt. A. F. Hicks, 86 years of age, was a native of England, coming to Canada when 19 years old, thence to the United States, where he spent the remainder of his life as a useful and most highly respected citizen.

Since there is quite a bit of interesting history and facts connected with the life of the deceased, this paper hopes to give a more complete and detailed report of his useful and interesting life in our next issue, which would have been given this week but for the lack of information.

Dr. Gambill Returns

I take this method of letting the good people of Merkel know that I have returned and am now ready to again serve you in my profession. I am indeed glad to be back in Merkel and to be able to serve the people of Merkel, so if you have any work in my line I would be glad to wait on you. Dr. W. M. Gambill. 7t3

The goods on the shelf of the merchant are his stock and trade. He makes his living, and some besides if he can, by selling his stock to whomsoever calls for same. It matters not whom they are nor from whence they come, they get the goods if they want them and have the money with which to pay for same. The columns of the newspaper is the newspaper man's stock and trade. By the sale of space in his paper is he able to make a living. He has the same right to sell his space to whomsoever desires to purchase it. And live merchants buy his space to advertise their goods for sale to the public. The Merkel Mail is read by more people in the Merkel community than any other newspaper circulating here, and the merchants of Merkel by the proper use of its columns in advertising their wares will be able to hold and secure their share of business that justly belongs to the town.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. West, accompanied by their son, Mr. John West, and wife and baby, and Master Geo. F. West, Jr., left Thursday for a ten days outing trip in the Mountains of Northern New Mexico.

We Stand on Our Record

The things a bank stand for are best determined by its record in the past.

In inviting people to avail themselves of the service of this bank, we make no promises of conferring unusual privileges; but we do stand on our established policy of giving every one who comes to us the same courteous, efficient, service, and every assistance that sound banking practice will allow.

If you want assurance of the fair treatment you will receive here, ask those we have served.

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J. S. Swann, President J. C. Mason, Vice-President R. O. Anderson, Active Vice-Pres, W. L. Diltz Jr., Cashier Herbert Patterson, Assistant-Cashier. David Hendricks

Missionary Notes

The Missionary Society of the M. E. Church of Trent met on Monday afternoon, August 3rd. We had a very interesting meeting with one new member. The following program for Monday August 10th.

Hymn; Business; Report of Officers and committee; Roll call.

The miracle of money, Mrs. C. H. Ledger. Bulletin, Mrs. D. J. Rawlings. Bible lesson, Mrs. R. B. McRee.

Sharing where woman's work is never done, Mrs. G. C. Williams.

A message from a member of the Wesley House Mothers Club Mrs. M. G. Scott.

Buy your pies, cakes and dressed chickens from the ladies of the Presbyterian Church Saturday at West Company's store.

M. E. Missionary Society

There will be a mission study lesson at the meeting of the missionary society on next Monday afternoon. The lesson will be the second chapter in the new study book, "China's Real Revolution." It has been said there is inspiration in numbers" and if this be true we would all be greatly inspired if every member of the society would be present at this next meeting. Remember this slogan, "Workers do not growl and Growlers do not work." Let's apply this personally and lay aside what small hindrances we may have and come to the Missionary Society Monday afternoon at four o'clock. Publicity Supt.

Mrs. George Coker and baby left for their home at Dallas Sunday morning, after a brief visit here with her parents, Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb.

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Our fire insurance policies are dependable.

W. O. BONEY

MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

WITH THE CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH

Last Sunday we had a good day. Results of our meeting were evident. Let's make Sunday a better day. Every man in his place will do it. It's just three months until annual conference and if all hands will pull together we can make it easy for a good report, and also make Sunday a red letter day.

T. J. Rea, pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour. Senior Christian Endeavor at 7 p.m.

There will be a call meeting of the Ladies Missionary Society Monday at 4:00 p.m. All ladies of the church are cordially invited to attend. After the business meeting a social hour will be held.

There will be a meeting of the Session Monday evening at 8 o'clock. All officials of the church are urged to be present.

A general church night service will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Supper will be served followed by a program and social hour.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School at 10 a.m. with places for all. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Morning subject: "Winning Another to Jesus." Evening subject: "Why I came back to Merkel."

The work starts off well. Fine attendance at all services including the prayer-meeting, 12 additions to the church Sunday and a fine spirit among the people.

We will have baptizing at the evening service. And who have been received for baptism should come prepared for the ordinance. Any who have trusted the Lord and have not been received may be received at either service Sunday and be baptized Sunday evening.

The pastor will preach at Comere Sunday afternoon, having failed to fill his appointment there last Sunday.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who will to come and work and worship with us.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Junior League Program

A visit to Cuba, Hawaii and Japan. Leader, Billie Lloyd Smith. Song; Scripture lesson; prayer.

How the Cuban's live, Opal Huskey.

The Hawaiian people, Eleanor Mae Hamilton.

A boy who had three names, Burrell Chaney.

Now Leaguers meet promptly at five o'clock and let's make some new plans.

Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program

3. Scripture reading (Judges 6:1-4) by Clara Pilcher.

4. A disobedient people, by Kenneth Mayfield.

5. A sad state by Mildred Lloyd.

6. Gideon's call, Iris Garrett.

7. Gideon's Army, Ima Parrack.

8. Gideon's Battle, Maurine Davis.

9. The pursuit and capture, by Orion Tittle.

10. The greatest victory of all, Iris Garrett.

Salt Branch B. Y. P. U.

Program for August 9, by honorary members.

Leader, Mr. Outlaw.

Introduction by leader. Part 1, Mr. Hays. Part 2, Mrs. Fortenberry. Part 3, Mrs. Hays. Part 4, Mrs. Derrick. Duet, Mrs. Hays and Mrs. Higgins. Part 5, Mrs. Higgins. Part 6, Mr. Thompson. Part 7, Mr. Petty.

Have just unloaded car of choice Johnson Grass Hay. See us for prices. J. M. GARRETT, phone 155.

Senior League Program

Topic: "The League and its work."

Leader, Jack Durham.

Hymn; Prayer concluded with the Lord's prayer by Leaguers.

Announcements. Reading. Scripture reading: Phillipians 7:16. Quartette.

Leader's talk.

Our new organization, Eva Mae Johnson.

Our Plans, Cyrus Pee.

What the Non-Leaguer misses, by Adrian Rea.

Open Meeting.

On last Sunday afternoon at a meeting of the young people called by the pastor, the Senior Epworth League was re-organized and the following officers elected: Cyrus Pee, president; Jack Durham, vice-president; Ethel Wilson, secretary; Loring Hamblet, treasurer; Murphy Thomas, corresponding secretary; Adrian Rea, Era Agent.

This organization includes all members of both the old Senior and Sub-Senior Leagues, which will no doubt bring about new interest and give the new organization added strength. Come out next Sunday and hear our plans for the future. We are going to do things.

Dawson Fancy Egg Coal. Telephone 44. 1t

A post card to the editor from Mr. Ed. Turner, popular owner of Ed's Cafe, who with his family closed up shop some two weeks ago and departed for an extensive automobile trip through the Southern part of the state, bears the post mark Matamoros, Mexico, indicating that Mr. Turner might not have been satisfied with the scenery along the northern banks of the Rio Grande, and made a quiet exit over into that country that is known not to be so dry on the south side. LATER—Since writing the foregoing, Mr. Turner and family have returned to this city and are now busy serving their patrons and the public, in their cafe. They report a delightful and interesting trip. Mr. Turner also stated that while good rains fell all the way from here to Corpus Christi, there was absolutely nothing made in many parts of the coast and southern part of the state.

We are closing out our Ribbon Stock at exactly 'HALF PRICE' BROWN DRY GOODS CO. 1t

Miss Othel Branscum of Duncan, Oklahoma, who has been visiting in the home of her aunt Mrs. Willie E. Weed, went to Abilene to spend a few days with her grandparents and from there she will visit relatives in Ballinger and Eden, Texas, before returning home.

THE OLD RELIABLE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

Merkel, Texas
Close of Business June 30, 1925

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$265,141.32
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.

J. T. Warren, Pres. L. R. Thompson, Cash.
Booth Warren, Ass't Cash. Owen Ellis, Ass't Cashier

DIRECTORS— J. T. Warren, Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson, Sam Butman Sr., Booth Warren

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Never Assessed a Shareholder



I WANT YOUR PRODUCE

I have been closed for 30 days on account of sickness in my family, but now have my business open again, and want to buy your poultry and produce. Call and see me. I will treat you right. W. P. Duckett old place. J. D. Robertson. 7t2

BARBER SHOP CHANGE

I have purchased an interest in the Palace Barber Shop, next door to Holloway's Cafe, a new man in the town but 23 years a barber. Will be glad for you to give us a trial. "First Class work is our motto." Ladies work a Specialty. F. M. SMITH. 1tp

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum and son Frank and Missie Dye, left this week for a visit with relatives in East Texas.

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

Sweetwater Marble & Granite Works

J. P. Aycock and G. C. McCord, Props.

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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.

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.

HAND & RIDDLE GARAGE
Front Street Merkel

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

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

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

Mrs. Jones Entertains Honoring Her Daughter

Last Friday evening Mrs. Chas. H. Jones entertained with a dinner party for her daughter, Mona Margaret.

A four course dinner was served, dainty place cards marking the places for the ten guests and unique plate favors and interesting games between the courses made the time happily and too swiftly spent.

After the dinner hour, the show at the Cozy was much enjoyed.

The guest list included: Misses Flora Frances Anderson, Melba West, Dorris Durham and Sue Craven of Paducah. Messrs. Edward McCrary, Ray Garrett, W. L. Harkrider, Roy Elliott and Robert Lindsay of Arkansas, a cousin to the honoree.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail. tf

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Chaney and children went to Albany Saturday to attend a family reunion.

Expecting a car of Cannell Coal next week. See me and give me your orders. Buy now and save money. J. M. Garrett.

Mr. F. P. Hamm and family and Mr. Guy Darsey returned Tuesday from a trip to South Texas.

Mrs. Henry Miller of Stith is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jack Canon this week.

Buy your pies, cakes and dressed chickens from the ladies of the Presbyterian Church Saturday at West Company's store.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Turner of Rule, Texas, spent last Sunday with the former's uncle, Judge W. W. Wheeler and family of this city.

Mrs. Jet Ninety of Lamesa, after a visit here among friends and relatives, left first of the week for her home.

Mrs. Jack Durham left Sunday morning for Dallas to visit with her mother, Mrs. Maude Rogers.

Miss Vannie Hamblet returned last week from a visit with friends and relatives at Breckenridge, Texas.

Mr. C. C. Campbell and daughter returned first of the week from an extended stay in Sweetwater.

It's a pleasure to serve customers when you know they will be well pleased, that's why we take great pride in serving Pangburn's Ice Creams. Grimes-Smith Drug Company. It

Who is Who? Barrow Furniture Co

WHY?

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They have the largest and best stock of Furniture west of Abilene.

They have the lowest prices west of Ft. Worth.

They back each and every sale with their personal guarantee of Satisfaction.

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Why go elsewhere?

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Have you seen our Row Binder? We have it up so you can give it the once over. Come look it over whether you are in the market for one or not, we want you to see it.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hurley of Mangum, Oklahoma, are here this week for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Bill Sheppard.

Mr. Sam Owen came down from Lamesa last Sunday to accompany his family back to their home there, after a pleasant visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner.

Miss Iva Bragg left first of the week for Chillicothe where she will visit for some time with her brother, Wallace Bragg, and wife.

Expecting a car of Cannell Coal next week. See me and give me your orders. Buy now and save money. J. M. Garrett.

Mr. J. A. Canon left first of the week for a business trip on the South Plains. Mr. Cannon owns some of the valuable land in that section.

Supt. J. A. Summerhill and family returned first of the week from a visit with relatives in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler returned last week from Post, Lubbock and Lamesa where they visited friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Rosa, left first of the week for a ten days visit with friends and relatives in East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Allday and son, Tom, returned last week from a very pleasant outing in the mountains of Colorado and New Mexico. They report a very fine trip in every particular.

If you are thinking of having a lawn party, picnic or social of any kind, just phone us your cream wants and leave the rest to us, and rest assured the quality of Pangburns will be most pleasing. Grimes-Smith Drug Company. It

Byron (Punk) Walton accompanied the Army Boys on the encampment as Mascot. Byron will very likely have an interesting and enjoyable trip.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Lattimer of Route Five, were in the city yesterday to bring the former's sister, Miss Annie Lattimer, here to take the train for her home in Greenville, Texas, after a very pleasant visit with her brother and family.

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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Any one who can take teachers to room and board for the coming school session will please notify me. J. A. Summerhill, Superintendent. It

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TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Mer-
kel, Texas as second class mail.

Let the other fellow run his
business. You'll do well to suc-
cessfully attend to your own.
And, besides, feel a lot better.

All crops are reported to be
looking much better since the
rains of last week, and with
more rain in the near future a
fair crop of feed will be made,
with the cotton crop possibly as
good as last year or better.

The best way in the world for
one to keep himself in a bad
humor and lower himself in the
eyes and minds of the commu-
nity is to just keep on talking
about some little incident in
days gone by that may have at
that time brought about ill feel-
ing among a community or citi-
zens. It's really hateful to con-
tinue to dig up and keep alive
such matters and generally it
brings unhappiness and makes
unpopular the person so indulg-
ing.

Did you read the page adver-
tisement in the Mail last week,
bought and paid for by ten deal-
ers in automobile tires in this
city? It was a clear, clean cut,
sensible business proposition. It
was just cold facts. And should
be a help and benefit to all
users of automobile tires. It
proved also that in the town
there are at least ten live-wire
dealers in this particular line
who were willing to join their
competitors in placing before
the buying public cold business
facts, and they would risk their

ability and skill to secure busi-
ness in the open along with their
competitors. In other words, if
they can help to bring business
to Merkel they would take a
chance at getting their share.
That kind of spirit will help to
bring more business to any
town and infact help to make it
a real good trading point for
the surrounding community.

HEBRON GOSSIP

By Mayflower

The farmers are still hopefull-
ly looking for rain and there are
several good looking clouds as
this is being written.

The revival which started at
the Hebron Baptist church last
Friday is progressing wonder-
fully well and there have been
a few conversions and additions
to the church already. Bro. J. J.
Gentry of Lueders is assisting
Bros. O. B. Tatum and Horace
Tatum in conducting the ser-
vices.

Mrs. Bayless and daughters
spent Wednesday with Mrs.
Hartline and daughter, Ruby.

Miss Bessie Lou Pannell spent
the day with Miss Alma Davis
Tuesday.

Bro. John Gentry and son and
Bro. O. B. Tatum and wife and
son, Horace, took supper with
Mr. and Mrs. John Davis Tues-
day night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell
visited Mr. and Mrs. Garner
Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lillie Davis spent the
day with Miss Pearl Skidmore
Sunday.

Mr. William Pannell and Robert
Davis left Thursday for San
Antonio with the National Guard
Unit of Merkel.

Miss Lillie Davis spent Wed-
nesday with Miss Evelyn Pan-
nell.

Miss Jewel Skidmore of Union
Ridge is visiting with relatives
at Seymour.

Every one come to the revival
and bring your friends. The
meeting begins at 8 o'clock.

NOODLE NEWS

Rev. Warlick of Abilene began
a meeting at the Christian
Church Saturday night. Begin-
ning tonight (Monday) services
will be held under the tabernacle
Z. E. Womack and family
have returned from a several
days stay in Dallas county.

W. B. Howard went over to
Hamlin Monday.

Several from this place were
in Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. T. E. Goode and Miss
Dula Harrison went to Abilene
Monday morning.

Miss Altha Howard returned
to her home in Hamlin Monday
after a week's visit with her
brother W. B. Howard, and fam-
ily here.

Miss Linnie Harrison of the
Horn community spent Monday
with Miss Frances Goode.

Mrs. V. E. Spurgin had as her
guests Monday her father and
mother of Comper.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff and
sons, Cliff and Odell, were in
Anson Monday.

Mrs. G. C. Ely who has been
staying in Abilene with her lit-
tle girl who is under the care of
a physician there, was out home
Sunday afternoon. The little
girl is improving.

Z. E. Harrison of Horn spent
Monday in Noodle.

Mr. J. O. Joplin and children
were in Noodle Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. L. Crick
went to Merkel Monday morn-
ing.

Mesdames J. D. Beasley and
A. C. Stevenson were in Noodle
Saturday afternoon.

J. R. Williams, a former resi-
dent of this place, but now of
Comper, was in Noodle Satur-
day.

R. A. Reagan, U. B. Wheeler
and Jim Smith were in Merkel
Monday.

Mrs. J. S. Bird called on Mrs.
Herring Saturday afternoon.

Walter Rainwater of Sinclair,
was in Noodle Monday.

A number of the men of the

RIG OPENING SALE

Starts Saturday, August 8

At

Barnes Variety Store

To begin with we are offering
everything in the store at

10 PER CENT DISCOUNT

A complete, new stock to pick
from. Come look it over.

community were in Noodle Tues-
day morning.

Mrs. Z. Harrison and daugh-
ters of Horn spent Tuesday with
Mrs. T. E. Goode. "Bobs."

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To
the Sheriff or Any Constable of
Taylor County—Greeting.

You are hereby commanded to
summon Clarence Allison by
making publication of this Cita-
tion once in each week for four
consecutive weeks previous to
the return day hereof, in some
newspaper published in your
County, if there be a newspaper
published therein, but if not,
then in any newspaper published
in the nearest county where a
newspaper is published to appear
at the next regular term of the
District Court of Taylor County
Texas, to be holden at the Court
House thereof, in the city of
Abilene, on the 1st Monday in
September, A. D. 1925, the same
being the 7th day of September
A. D. 1925, then and there to
answer a petition filed in said
Court on the 3rd day of August,
A. D. 1925, in a suit numbered
on the docket of said Court No.
5866, Wherein Mrs. Blanche Al-
lison is Plaintiff, and Clarence
Allison is Defendant, said suit
being a suit for divorce on the
grounds of cruel treatment, said
petition alleging the marriage of
plaintiff and defendant and var-
ious acts of cruel treatment on
part of defendant and prays for
decree of divorce.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have
before said Court, at its afore-
said next regular term, this writ
with your return thereon, show-
ing how you have executed the
same.

WITNESS, J. K. Fuller, Clerk of
the District Court of Taylor
County.

Given under my Hand and the
Seal of said Court, at office in
Abilene, Texas, this 3rd day
of August A. D. 1925.

J. K. FULLER, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County.
By Belle Wellborn, Deputy. 7t4

Have just unloaded car of
choice Johnson Grass Hay. See
us for prices. J. M. GARRETT,
phone 155. 1t

Just compare Pangburns with
any other Ice Cream under the
sun and be convinced that it is
all we claim it to be and just a
little more. Grimes-Smith Drug
Company. 1t

Little Miss Emma Mae Bridg-
es of Stith spent last week end
with Miss Margaret Canon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller
and Miss Othel Branscum of
Duncan, Oklahoma, visited in
the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M.
Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Charley
Gregory Sunday.

Expecting a car of Cannell
Coal next week. See me and
give me your orders. Buy now
and save money. J. M. Garrett.

Miss Thelma Gooch of Ennis,
Texas, spent last week-end in
the home of her uncle, Judge
W. W. Wheeler and family.

Buy your pies, cakes and
dressed chickens from the ladies
of the Presbyterian Church Sat-
urday at West Company's store.

We are closing out our Ribbon
Stock at exactly 'HALF PRICE'
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Every day more folks are or-
dering Pangburns Ice Cream for
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LIVER TROUBLE

Louisiana Man Tells How He
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"It doesn't matter how strong
and healthy we think we are," says
Mr. W. S. Reynolds, of Arcadia,
La., "every once in a while, in
order to keep up and going, we
have to cleanse the system and take
a little something for the liver."
"My old standby is Black-
Draught. I have used it off and on
for 20 years."

"I get bilious and have a bad
taste in my mouth. My head feels
dull. I just don't feel like getting
around and doing my work. I
know it isn't laziness, but bilious-
ness, so I take a few doses of Black-
Draught and, when it acts, I get up
feeling like new, full of pep and
ready for any kind of work. I can
certainly recommend it."

Black-Draught liver medicine is
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an easy, natural way it helps
cleanse the system of poisonous
impurities and tends to leave the
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dition.
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BLACK-DRAUGHT
LIVER MEDICINE

Mr. C. H. Stanton of Waco
was here this week a guest in
the home of Mr. J. L. Banner.

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown visited
relatives in San Angelo last
week.

At night after the evening meal is the
"Wright hour". Then read aloud to
the family
**Harold Bell
Wright's**
latest and best story, "A Son of His
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evenly distributed heat. Meat, fish and game
all find their true Worth when cooked in their
natural juices on the electric range the shrink
less in cooking, and taste better because of the
flavor---enclosing searing effect of
cleanly electric heat in the broiler
and oven. A revelation awaits you
when you first use an electric range.

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Get your winter coal at Summer prices. Car Domino Coal on track. Buy now and save money. J. M. GARRETT, Phone 155. 1t

Miss Thelma Brown of Abilene was a week-end guest of Miss Lois Higgins.

Mr. A. E. Mayfield of Holdenville, Oklahoma, is here visiting his brother, Mr. J. W. Mayfield.

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CHANGE OF LIFE

Virginia Lady Improved After She Took Cardui.

"I had been going through the change of life and it seemed to me that everything got wrong," says Mrs. Deala Hawks, of Bristol, Va. "I suffered from shortness of breath and I could not go up the steps without stopping to rest several times. "When I would try to hoe in my garden I would soon give out. I could scarcely hoe two rows before my breath was coming in gasps. "My sister-in-law had taken Cardui and she thought it might do me good, so she told me to try it. I got a bottle (of Cardui) and began to take it by the directions and I began to improve after a few doses. My general condition was so much better after the first bottle that I got another, and another, until I had taken six. Now I am a well woman. "Cardui is a great medicine. Since I took it I feel like a new woman. I had had female trouble for years. I am glad to recommend to other women a medicine which has helped me." At all drug stores. C-35

CARDUI
The Woman's Tonic

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

J. R. DYE

At a stated meeting of Merkel Lodge, No. 710, A.F. & A.M. held on the 1st day of August, A. D. 1925, the following resolutions were adopted.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F. & A.M. We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of Brother J. R. Dye, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, on the 19th day of July, A. D. 1925, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in His infinite wisdom to remove from among us our Dear Brother J. R. Dye and to transplant him as a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Grand-Master of the Universe Presides; and whereas, Brother Dye was made a mason in this Lodge in the year A. D. 1901, and had held a continuous membership with us for 24 years, all of his masonic life, and to those who knew him best was but to love him better, always Faithful, Patient and loyal to every Duty and to his brethren; He will be missed forever by the Fraternity, whom it was his privilege to be a Faithful member; in His Death our lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the True Principles of our Order, and in his every-day-life was a living example of those Great Tenets Faith, Hope and Charity, having Immortality and Charity toward all mankind; ever ready to lend a helping hand to a brother or a friend to aid him in his efforts at reformation; and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father and leave in his hands the soul of our departed brother.

Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, and a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy be handed the Merkel Mail for publication, and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days.

Respectfully submitted. W. Wheeler, W. O. Boney, Joe Holmes, Committee. Attest I. L. Jackson, Secretary Pro Tem. Merkel Lodge No. 710 A.F. and A. M. 1t

DORA NEWS

Dora, Texas, Aug. 5.—Every one of this community is rejoicing over the good rains that have been given us.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frazier of Clearington have been the visitors of E. L. Frazier the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Elmore are visiting their grand-daughter of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gibbons are attending the meeting at Dora.

Mr. E. L. Frazier and son and Earl Gibbons motored to Dora Saturday.

Mrs. John Bardwell and daughter were the visitors of Mrs. Ernest Gibbons Friday.

The Dora men are repairing the Dora gin for the fall cotton gathering season.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frazier and Mary Ellen Frazier motored to Merkel Saturday.

Mr. Owen Patterson has been repairing Mr. Bill Farmer's car the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coats have been the visitors of Mr. Dolph Coats.

Brother Stutts was a visitor of E. L. Frazier Monday.

CARD OF THANKS

I take this method of thanking one and all who in any way assisted me in winning the diamond ring which was given away by the J.H.G. Medicine Co. Lillian Cole. 1tp

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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FOR SALE—Some close in farms well worth the money. I have 640 acres the best little stock farm in the country only 5 miles from a good town, plenty of good water, good grass, 200 acres good farming land, priced to sell, only \$12.50 per acre. Small cash payment and long time. I have a close in home of six rooms and sleeping porch well and mill, cistern, big barn, close to school, 110 foot front, the cheapest thing in Merkel, price \$2,500. E. D. COATS. 1t

FOR SALE—Good fresh milk cow. See Comer Haynes, in the French Pasture. 1tp

FOR SALE or Trade—160-acre farm in Gaines County. See Dan Reidenbach, Merkel, Texas, route three. 1tp

FOR SALE—I still have a few homes to sell and if you want to start your children at the beginning of school you had better make arrangements now. See me E. D. COATS. 1t

FOR SALE—Stationery for individuals. 200 sheets of paper and 100 envelopes to match with your name and address printed in blue ink, or monogram, on both paper and envelopes for \$2.00. Colors: white, pearl gray, royal blue, pink and yellow. It has individuality when it's printed. See samples at THE MERKEL MAIL OFFICE. 1t

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished house-keeping rooms. 2nd. door north of the Christian Church. Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw. 1t

FOR RENT—Nice furnished rooms. See Mrs. T. P. Pierce, 2nd house north of Woodrum Filling Station. 1tp

WANTED

CROP WANTED—Would buy crop and rent good farm. See or write C. W. Simpson, Merkel, Texas. 7t2

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Ollie Cogdill by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in the city of Abilene, on the 1st Monday in September A. D. 1925, the same being the 7th day of September A. D. 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of August A. D. 1925, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5867, wherein Sam Cogdill is Plaintiff, and Ollie Cogdill is Defendant, and said petition alleging said suit being a suit for divorce on the grounds of three years abandonment, said petition alleging the marriage of plaintiff and defendant and abandonment on part of defendant and prays for decree of divorce.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene this the 4th day of August A. D. 1925.

J. K. FULLER, Clerk. District Court Taylor County. By Belle Wellborn, Deputy. 7t4



Away From The Crowds

America is still undiscovered, still waiting to be discovered—by you! Away from the paved highways, deep in the hidden solitudes—are shady groves fragrant with the scent of flowers—sun-drenched valleys—lazy streams—or hurrying brooks as befit your mood. Waiting to please you with their untouched charms. Take your Ford and venture forth

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It is the car of the true adventurer; the car that no going—be it sand, dirt or rocky road—can halt; the car that will take you safely, certainly and happily to where nature hides her true loveliness.



Runabout - \$260 Tudor Sedan - \$580
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Please tell me how I can secure a Ford Car on easy payments:

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Dr. W. M. Gambill and family returned last week from an extended and very pleasant visit with friends and relatives in the northern states.

W. C. Matthews and family of route five, returned last week from a visit with friends and relatives in Dallas and Fort Worth.

Why buy an inferior quality of Ice Cream when you can get the best at the same price—Pangburns—sold only at Grimes-Smith Drug Co. 1t



We Must Work Together

EVERY thoughtful citizen of this community is interested in its development and progress. There's no question about that! We all want our children to enjoy better homes, better schools, better parks—more agreeable surroundings and greater comforts.

We all want our town to keep step with its neighbors, to take the lead in civic affairs. So there is only one sound plan for us to follow:

We must work together to increase the wealth of this community by doing everything we can to encourage local business.

When you and your family patronize our advertisers—the stores and banks of our town—and keep your money in circulation right here at home, there is no power on earth that can prevent our progress.

Read the Ads in this Paper and save yourself money by trading at home

SHILOH HAPPENINGS
By Mrs. C. W. Seago

Everybody is busy since the nice rains last week, and crops are looking good, but we need another good rain.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rutledge spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill James, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde enjoyed Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert James, who served delicious home-made ice cream.

Ye Scribe and family visited Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Howe near Hamlin Saturday night, attending church at Prairieview Saturday night and Sunday morning. There were 13 candidates for baptism. Rev. Campbell of Noodle doing the preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Howe, the writer and family enjoyed a nice dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fate Price. We surely enjoyed our visit in that community, for we met with many old time friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge visited Mr. and Mrs. Lovel Rutledge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson of Friona, Mr. H. R. Grayson of Lamesa, returned home last week after several days visit here with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson and C. W. Seago and family. Little Annazell Seago returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge visited Mr. and Mrs. Edd Riley Sunday.

Mr. M. F. Naron returned to his home last week near Hughes Springs, Texas, after a week's visit in the home of Mr. Henry Naron, E. H. Grayson and C. W. Seago.

Mrs. Dewey Compton of Cisco, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wommack, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Bud Brown visited Mrs. J. D. Wommack Tuesday evening.

Miss Edrie Tiner returned

Facts are Facts!

Would you believe it if we were to tell you that Statistics show that it costs 10 to 15 per cent more to do a "Credit Business" than to operate a "Cash Business." Why?? The Dry Goods Store that sells for "Cash" has

"NO BAD ACCOUNTS TO LOSE"

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from the sanitarium last week. She is doing nicely although she isn't able to be up much at the present.

Mr. Joe Greene of Lamesa is visiting his mother, Mrs. Phoebe Greene.

Mrs. Elwood Alford and children have been visiting her mother, Mrs. C. E. Cade.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams are the proud parents of a new girl.

Miss Bernice Brown and Mr. Eunice Simpson surprised their friends last week by slipping quietly away to Abilene where they were united in the bonds of holy wedlock. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson left the next day for California where they will visit for several weeks.

Sunday School next Sunday at 10:30. Everybody come.

A good many from here are attending the meeting at Hebron this week. Rev. J. J. Gentry, doing the preaching. They are having a fine meeting.

MULBERRY ITEMS
By Hazel Thomas

Every one was glad of the good rain we've had, which was needed very much.

Miss Frankie Lee Andrews has returned to her home at Snyder, Oklahoma, after an extended visit here with relatives.

L. M. Walsh and B. F. Thomas visited relatives at Slaton, Texas, last week.

Miss Eva Blair is visiting relatives and friends in our community this week.

B. F. Thomas has returned to his home at Okolona, Arkansas, after an extended visit with relatives here and at Merkel.

Mr. Dewey Thomas and Miss Eva Blair called on the former's mother, Mrs. C. E. Thomas, on Monday evening.

Several from our community are attending the Methodist meeting at Stith this week.

WARREN NEWS
By Rose Ellington

The farmers are all very busy plowing over after the nice rain that came last week.

Health of the community is very good at present.

Mr. Jim Copeland who got 3 ribs broken last Tuesday is able to be up at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Noil Jones of Anson are visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones.

Misses Helen McCormick and Stella Kelso were the guests of Misses Vela and Vera Jones Saturday night.

Mr. Bill Harvell spent Sunday with Messrs. Hall and Bob Hobbs.

We are very sorry to know that Buster McCoy, who has been sick for quite a while, had to return to the sanitarium at Abilene Monday to be operated on in a few days, after which we hope for a speedy recovery.

Miss Artie McCormick returned home Saturday after visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Shouse, at Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Newman and daughter Willie, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy and little son and daughter, entered the encampment at Anson last week-end.

Miss Rose Ellington spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Kelso.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Kelso.

Misses Vela and Vera Jones spent Sunday with Miss Stella Kelso.

Mr. Boyd Dobbs was the guest of Mr. Hall and Bob Hobbs for a while Monday afternoon.

Mrs. A. F. Criswell called on grandma and Ella Hobbs Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris spent Sunday with his parents in the Stith community.

Claud Ellington spent the day with Buster McCoy Sunday.

Mrs. G. E. Ellington spent the day with Mrs. Peterson Monday and grandma Hobbs and Ella Hobbs called on them in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin and family spent the afternoon with Mrs. May Peterson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson spent Monday afternoon with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones and family were visitors at Anson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Criswell called on Mrs. Criswell's aunt, Mrs. Dobbs, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy Wednesday.

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COMPERE ITEMS

Crops are looking fine after the good rains which fell last week.

The meeting at the Union Church closed Sunday night. Bro. Bryant returned to his home in Cisco the first of the week.

Mrs. Allred who has been sick the last three weeks has improved very much the last few days and is able to sit up now.

Mr. Tom Keener who has been visiting his uncle, Mr. G. W. Stout, the last month, returned to his home in Coppell last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marse Blankenship left last week for Oklahoma where they will visit a few days returning home about Wednesday.

Those visiting Mr. Allred Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin and little son Robert, Mrs. R. R. Spurgin, Bro. Bryant Mrs. Stout and daughter, and Mr. Raymond Stout, E. C. Tarvin, Ralph and C. J. Pace.

Mrs. McKinney and family spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Jim Burns and family of Stith.

Miss Maud Cook spent Thursday with Misses Alma and Lorenne Stout.

Miss Floy McKinney, Miss Spurgin and Miss Bernice Hanson spent Sunday with Miss Ina Mae Childers.

Mr. Carl Wade from the Plains is visiting his brother here, Mr. Jim Wade.

Some of the folks from Comper have been attending the meeting at Stith.

Miss Pearl Tarpley spent a few days last week with her uncle at Warren.

We will resume our Christian Endeavor at the Union Church Sunday evening. Everybody is invited to come and take part in the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spurgin attended Sunday School and preaching here Sunday.

The ball players played Mulberry in a game of base ball Saturday afternoon. The scores being 9 to 10 in favor of Mulberry.

Messrs. A. B. Patterson and family, Homer Patterson and wife, Herbert Patterson and family left first of the week on a trip to South Texas.

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