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### A Surprise Birthday Party

On Thursday of last week the members of the Rebekah Lodge went in a body to the home of Mrs. J. R. Barnett, the event being to honor Mrs. Barnett's birthday. The members enjoyed some good music and several games and contests. A color scheme of white, pink and green, the Rebekah colors, was carried out in the refreshments consisting of pink cream, white cake with pink icing, and a green "R" on each in individual square.

The following guests were present: Mesdames R. L. Bradshaw, Robins, Gambill, Hollingsworth, Polley, Collins, Lasater, Tucker, Misses Olive Garoutte, Stella King, Mesdames Richardson, Johnson, Hallie Simpson, Yandell, Miss May Collins, and out of town guests were Mrs. Fugat of Rockwall, Texas, Mrs. Lewis of Silver Valley, Texas, and the hostess. A Friend.

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### "WORST BOY," BUT NOT WHOLLY BAD

#### Judge Astonished at Remarkable Reformation.

A police court reporter sees a great deal of the wrong side of human nature. He could perhaps become a hopeless misanthrope if once in a while something did not happen that shows how much good there may be hidden even in the most unpromising human beings. William T. Ewens in "Thirty Years in Bow Street" tells of a case that came under his own eye that taught him not to condemn anyone as wholly bad. "He's the worst boy in the district," said the jailer, referring to a red-haired urchin in the dock. "He treats his mother shamefully."

"Oh, don't say that," pleaded the mother tearfully. "He's a dear, good boy to me, ain't you, Joe?" Joe grinned. He was an accomplished young liar, but he drew the line at aiding and abetting his mother when she told such a palpable untruth as that. The jailer had not slandered him when he described the way in which he treated his mother.

Fortunately perhaps for her, he was the only child she had. She lavished all her love on him, worked day and night in order that he might live in idleness and contented herself with scanty fare so that he might have good food and plenty of it. Even in the depth of winter she wore thin clothing in order to provide him with good boots and a warm overcoat. Every night he went to her for pocket money and got it. At least twice a week she had to give him enough to take him into the gallery of one of the cheap theaters, and while he was enjoying the play for sixpence or so, with perhaps fried fish and potato to follow, his poor old mother was probably crying herself to sleep. He rewarded all her kindness with base ingratitude, and sometimes with personal violence.

As years rolled on and the boy grew into a red-haired ruffian it was useless for his mother to plead for mercy on the ground that he was "a dear, good boy," and he was sent to prison on several occasions. His mother always met him at the prison gates, and he had what he described as "a high old beano" with the money she had saved during his retirement.

Then there came a sudden change—the most remarkable change the missionary then at Bow street had ever known or heard of—the poor old woman suddenly became blind. The son, instead of ill-using her because she was no longer able to minister to his wants, became a reformed character. He gave up his evil companions and worked hard in order that his mother might have all that she required. On Sunday night he astonished all who knew him by leaving the poor creature to church. He was virtually the only nurse she had during a painful illness, and just before she died in his arms, she was heard to say: "He's a dear, good boy to me, is my boy. I'll pay his fine, sir, if you'll let me."

And soon after the funeral Joe went to one of the colonies where he did well and reared a number of red-haired boys who never saw the inside of a police court.

#### Dog Was Cap Collector

It was a great mystery for a time, the disappearance of caps belonging to children at a Philadelphia public school. It threatened to be one that only a master mind could solve. Then one day the blacksmith across the way came to the office of the principal with four caps. Asked where he got them, he said: "Why, ma'am, my dog brought them to me—one at a time—this mornin'." And sure enough, as the blacksmith and the teacher stood there talking, along came the dog. He went into the cloak closet and in a jiffy was out again—a cap in his mouth. They followed him into the blacksmith shop, and there, in a corner hidden by anvils, was an assorted collection of caps.

#### Modern Girl's Champion

Basil King, the Canadian novelist, said as he boarded the Mauretania for a visit to Spain:

"It is true that I am going blind, but I see clearly that the world grows better. Some people condemn the modern girl with her audacious dress, but I see clearly that the modern girl is the same prudent and clear-minded creature that her mother was, plus greater strength and courage.

"Yes, she's prudent and clear-minded. A Montreal girl in boots and riding breeches said to me one afternoon over a cigarette and a cup of tea:

"Men are not bargain hunters—and the girl who cheapens herself soon finds it out."

#### Poor Doggie

A woman called police headquarters on the telephone recently and sobbed out a tale that her "dear little doggie" had been captured unleashed, as required by the health officials, and was languishing in the pound. She was informed the pound would not be open until 8:30 a. m. next day. "My gracious, she'll die in that awful place overnight, and besides she is on a diet," pleaded the woman. "That's all right; your doggie will be treated all right and kept on the diet," the woman was informed. "And will you bathe her before sending her back?" she queried. "Yes, before we send her back," was the reply.—Detroit News

### BAPTIST PASTOR MARRIES TWO COUPLES SUNDAY

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Daniels, Rev. Ira L. Parrack pronounced the words that bound in Holy Wedlock Mr. W. F. Rivers and Miss Myrtle Daniels, promptly at two o'clock on Sunday, August 30.

The bride is one of Merkel's most lovely and accomplished young ladies and has a host of friends with whom we join in extending to the happy couple congratulations and good wishes.

As to the fortunate groom, we are not acquainted with him, but learn that he is a most excellent young man of sterling character and good habits.

At four p.m. the same day, Rev. Parrack married Mr. Galion Cornell, of Paducah, and Miss Dora Orr, of Clovis, N. M.

### BAPTISTS TO HOLD FORT WORTH RALLY

Dallas, Sept. 3.—A state-wide gathering of Baptist men and women at the Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, September 14 and 15 has been arranged, it has been announced by Dr. F. S. Groner, general secretary of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The executive board of the convention will meet on Monday, September 14 at 2 o'clock and this meeting will be followed by a rally in the interest of the denominational work.

Rates have been granted by all the railroads of the state and it is expected that large numbers of people will attend the meeting from all sections of Texas, Dr. Groner said. An invitation has been extended to all pastors in the state to attend the board meeting and bring at least one layman. They have also been requested to remain the following day for the denominational rally.

A discussion of the future program of the Baptists and the apportionment of funds will be held at the board meeting in addition to other important business which will be brought before the board meeting. The meeting on the following day will be devoted to a discussion of the needs of Texas Baptists and the methods to be used in closing the 1925 program of the Baptists of this state.

Mrs. J. D. Boring, who has been here for some time visiting friends, and looking after her property interests, was called to her home at McKinney on account of a relative reported to be quite sick.

Miss Vennie Heizer returned this week from Canyon, where she attended the summer session of the West Texas State Teachers College. Miss Heizer will be a member of the Merkel Public School faculty this year.

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Mr. T. W. Collins, local building contractor, returned this week from Lewisville, Denton county, where he has been for the past four weeks building a nice six-room residence for a nephew. Mr. Collins states that crop conditions there are very short, most of the cotton being already gathered. He says many folks are planning to come to West Texas this fall to help gather the crops in this section.

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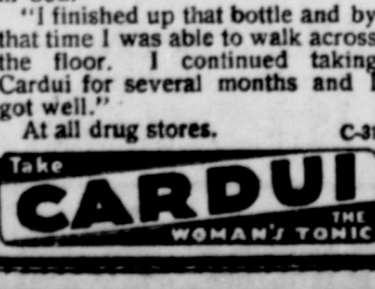
Price per quart **\$2.00**

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## WOMANLY AILS

**Kentucky Lady Got Well After Taking Cardui.**

"I got down in health—suffering from womanly troubles which caused me much pain and worry," says Mrs. Rhoda Canary, of R. F. D. 6, Owensboro, Ky. "My stepmother had taken Cardui when she was in my same condition, so I got to inquiring around among my friends about it and found several women who were taking it at that time. "They all told me how good it was, so I told my husband to get me a bottle to try. That night he came home with a bottle of Cardui. . . "I had a . . . which left me in a very serious condition. I had been in bed eight weeks and was unable to move in bed without help. "By the time I had taken half a bottle (of Cardui), my strength began to come back. I could sit up in bed. "I finished up that bottle and by that time I was able to walk across the floor. I continued taking Cardui for several months and I got well."



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We are testing Wednesday & Saturday now. Bring your cream and leave it any time. Honest test and weights. Also have just received the white Bermuda onion sets for fall planting. W. F. Hamblett Grocery. 1tp

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### FORMER MERKEL BOY WRITES TO THE MAIL

The following is a letter received from Mr. Tom Blair, son of Mrs. Blair of Merkel, who is now a Railway Mail clerk. Amarillo, Texas, Sept. 1. Editor Merkel Mail, Dear Sir:

How is everything in and around Merkel? Although I don't get to visit there as often as I would enjoy doing, the home town paper is sent me by my mother every week.

I have just finished your article in the last week's issue relating to advertising by home town merchants and mail order houses. I am in a position to know that they, the mail order stores, spare no expense to bring notice of the public to their wares.

I am in the Railway Mail Service and have been since April, 1924. A substitute clerk from the Fort Worth headquarters, going most every where in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and parts of Kansas at present, and for the past 7 weeks I have been employed on the Amarillo and Vaughn R.P.O. running on the main line Santa Fe from here to Vaughn, New Mexico. In the last 18 months I have traveled over 60,000 miles on 6 different rail roads. A substitute is paid \$1,850.00 per year and in addition is allowed \$3.00 per day expenses.

Amarillo is all agog over the fact that their ball team, which is now in Denver, Colorado, playing in the post tournament series, and has won both of its games so far. There are 8 clubs competing and they play until each team drops 2 games which eliminates them. The team with the best record wins. John McGraw of the Giants, Bucky Harris of Washington and Jake Atz of Fort Worth in the eyes of Amarillo are small time managers compared to what they think of their manager. But Abilene came here a few weeks ago

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## "Has It"

# "Be Fair"

Be fair to Merkel and your Fair. Bring something to enter for the premiums to be offered. If there is no premium offered on what you have to bring, bring it anyhow. Let's put Merkel and Merkel's Fair on the map this year. You can help if you will.

Then there are a few personal things we want to say in regard to some seasonable merchandise we wish to offer the buying public. We will mention just a few and we have the "rest" that we do not mention.

Wagons, Orsborne Row Binders (see it), Windmills (oh boy! the best), Pipe and Pumps, Wagon Sheets, Tents, Scale Beams, Maize Forks, Incubators, Wagon Bed Irons and rods, Ice Cream Freezers, at special prices. Well we have it, come and get it.

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and beat them 30 to 6, so there surely must be some rotten teams in the tournament.

Well here's hoping you the very best of success and long life for the Merkel Mail.

Respectfully yours,  
TOM R. BLAIR,  
810 Pierce St., Amarillo.

### RECEPTION FOR THE REV. IRA L. PARRACK

Thursday night, August 27, the Adult Department of the First Baptist Church gave a reception to brother Parrack and family in the basement of the church. A very impressive program was rendered after which the pastor was "pounded" graciously. Brother Parrack was pastor here some two years ago and in his reply to the welcome address of Judge Cummings said he was just returning home. He said he was happy to get back to Merkel and that he told the Postmaster at Gorman to forward his mail to Merkel forever. The church gave him a very warm welcome and many assurances were given of loyalty and an anxiety to follow his leadership.

During the program Mr. and Mrs. Will Haynes were surprised with a beautiful silver set from the Adult Department. Mr. Haynes has made a very efficient and enthusiastic superintendent of the Sunday School and the gift was made in appreciation of his services.

A very pleasant social hour was enjoyed while every one was served with refreshments. The occasion meant much to the work of the Sunday School and church. We want every member of the Sunday School and church to interest some one in the work of the Sunday School and church. Be a booster and help us make the services beneficial to all.

Expecting car of new Hulls Friday, September 4th. J. M. Garrett.

### FRAZIER-WALKER WEDDING SOLEMNIZED SUN.

A wedding of much interest was solemnized last Sunday evening when Miss Lorena Frazier became the bride of Mr. Henry Walker of Sweetwater, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frazier.

The reception rooms were beautiful with simple decorations of ferns and cut flowers. Promptly at seven o'clock Miss Willie Laura Webb, of Abilene, accompanied by Mrs. Earl Thornton at the piano, sang "I Love You Truly." Then to the strains of 'Mendelshons Wedding March' played by Mrs. Earl Thornton, the wedding party entered. The first to enter was Rev. Little of the Presbyterian church, who performed the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony.

The next to enter were Misses Lois Christopher and Mabel Toombs, followed by Miss Annie Bickley and Mr. Vernon Simpson.

Then came the bride and groom; the bride was lovely in a dress of white flat crepe with silk lace and white ostrich feather scarf, carrying a bouquet of white roses.

Following the ceremony an informal reception was held, and refreshments of cake and punch were served.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Walker left immediately for Sweetwater where they will make their future home.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frazier and will be missed by her many friends here, especially in church and social circles.

The groom, although a stranger to Merkel, is a relative of Rev. C. W. Foote, a former pastor of the Methodist Church at Merkel.

We wish for Mr. and Mrs. Walker much happiness.

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### DIVERSIFY

By Johnny Milton ...

(Editor's Note—The following poem was written by a farmer boy who resides near Merkel.)  
Listen to a farmer, and hear him say: "I'll grow better cotton a year from today."  
And if you want to hear him rant, just ask him how much feed he'll plant.  
"Cotton! Cotton," he will yell: "A money crop that I can sell!"  
"Five or ten acres of feed is all that I will need."  
He thinks he's right, and it may be so, but to buy more feed his money will go.  
Listen, Dear friend, what good will it do, to get money for cotton and buy feed the year thru?  
So let us plant cotton, and plant feed too, and NOT buy feed the whole year thru.

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<p><i>The Hamm Drug Company</i> Invites You to attend the Fair and visit our store while in Merkel. Make this store Your Headquarters —Free Souvenirs—</p>	<p>While visiting the Community Fair in Merkel Stop at the OASIS FILLING STATION —For— GAS - OILS - ACCESSORIES We Carry a Complete line of Federal Extra Service Tires. "SERVICE is our Motto. FREE ROAD SERVICE Phone 25 OASIS FILLING STATION Bill Haynes, Manager.</p>	<p><b>A SPECIAL INVITATION</b> We extend to every man, woman and child in Merkel Trade Territory, a special invitation to visit our store during Fair Week. We want you to see the pretty new things we have on display for your inspection, infact we want you to make our store your store. <b>—Bragg Dry Goods Company—</b></p>	<p>SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS Dear Old Golden Rule Days That's what the children of Merkel will be singing the next two weeks, and parents will be turning their attention to the preparation for school. We carry a complete line of School Supplies, and solicit your business on the basis of good service. When you think of School Supplies think of this Ad. Be Our Guests During the Community Fair THE MERKEL DRUG COMPANY</p>	<p>WEST COMPANY Merkel's Oldest and Largest Firm Bids You Welcome to the MERKEL COMMUNITY FAIR Make our store and our booth at the Fair Your Headquarters while in town Hardware, Groceries, Grain, Auto Supplies Windmills and Plumbing Supplies Farm Machinery, Farmall Tractors</p>
<p>GOOD, FRESH, CLEAN GROCERIES That is the kind of merchandise we handle. We also endeavor to give to our patrons along with the best in GROCERIES, the BEST and most ACCOMODATING SERVICE. If you are not now numbered among our large list of satisfied customers, come around and give us a trial. "Our Prices Are Always Right" We are for the Community Fair and bid you Welcome. BOB MARTIN GROCERY COMPANY</p>	<p>GET AN INCUBATOR Get an Incubator and raise some Good Chickens for the Fair next year. We have the JERSEY INCUBATOR They shell the Chicks—Look 'em over LIBERTY HARDWARE COMPANY "If It's Hardware, We Have it."</p>	<p>The Merkel Community Fair Will Be Held <b>September 18 and 19</b> <b>\$500.00 and more will be offered in Premiums.</b> Big Premiums will be offered for the Best Community Exhibits. Hansome Premiums will be awarded in the Poultry Exhibits. And for fancy and hand Embroidery Work premiums will also be offered. The Entertainment Committee is arranging for many interesting and amusing entertainment features. Make your arrangements to come to Merkel these two days. Friday afternoon will be Abilene Day, and more than 500 from that city are expected to visit our fair. Let's make the Fair interesting and entraining to them while our guests. Complete Premium List Published in this Space Next Week.</p>	<p>THE CROWN HARDWARE Welcomes the Coming of the Community Fair We have a booth in the Merchants' Exhibit Room. We invite our friends and the public to visit our Booth. After you have visited the Community Fair, we would be glad to have you call at the store, where you may further inspect our splendid stock of Hardware. We always appreciate your business and do our best to please and satisfy our customers. THE CROWN HARDWARE</p>	<p>MAGNOLIA FILLING STATION Welcomes all Community Fair visitors to Merkel on September 18th and 19th We strive to serve our patrons courteously and efficiently at all times, and will make special effort to serve all who visit us on these days with entire SATISFACTION Chas. H. Jones, Manager.</p>
<p>FRESH GROCERIES At All Times—Guaranteed to Please Try a Sack of our LIGHT CRUST FLOUR And while attending the Merkel Community Fair Make our Store Your Headquarters McDONALD &amp; COLLUM GROCERY</p>	<p>ED'S PLACE FOR GOOD EATS A Place where good, clean meals are served night and day, to Ladies and Gentlemen. Try Our Service ..... We appreciate all patronage extended us. .... E. L. TURNER, Proprietor</p>		<p>THE QUALITY BAKERY First Class BREAD, CAKES, PIES AND CANDY All Kinds of the Best, most Tasty and most Delicious Pastry Try our Goods and be convinced of their HIGH QUALITY We welcome every one to Merkel's Community Fair A. A. McGehee, Proprietor</p>	<p>WHITE HOUSE CAFE Will appreciate your patronage at any and all times. We assure you the best of eats, with courteous and fair treatment. We will be especially prepared to care for your Restaurant wants on the Community Fair days. J. F. HOLLOWAY, Proprietor</p>
<p>OUR COMMUNITY FAIR We are for it. Let's make it the best possible. We invite you to make our store your headquarters while attending the Community Fair. And incidentally we call your attention to our Mammoth line of New Fall Dry Goods. They are New, Up-to-date and of the best makes. And the price—well we are always right on that. MAX MELLINGER, DRY GOODS</p>	<p>A REAL WELCOME The Largest Public Servant in West Texas is for THE COMMUNITY FAIR Service through Growth, Progress and Efficiency Is Our Slogan. We are 100 per cent for Progressive Development. WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY</p>		<p>A. R. BOOTH, Staple and Fancy Groceries FRESH GROCERIES—We have them. If you are not numbered among our customers, give us a trial. "OUR MOTTO IS TO PLEASE" Try a Sack of LIGHT CRUST FLOUR We Welcome you to our Community Fair Make Our Store Your Store A. R. BOOTH, GROCERIES</p>	<p>CAN YOU AFFORD TO LOSE THE PROFITS THAT BUILDING WILL GIVE? If we could reduce building costs we would cut them fifty per cent. We can make more money when prices are low. But what indications is there that prices will be lower; none that we know of. It is our advice to build now what you need. THE MERKEL LUMBER COMPANY Dealers in Carey's Blue Ribbon Paints and Roofing, Wall Board, Builders Hardware &amp; Glass. Infact everything in the Builders Line. Sash, Doors, Screening goods, Lime, Cement and Sand—Gravel, Sheetrock and Valspar. Make this your headquarters when in town. Wm. P. Carey Company, Owners Phone 62 Established 1881</p>
<p>HAMILTON &amp; CASE, GROCERIES GROCERIES—That's our stock in trade. That's what we study about most. We must do that if we are to render our patrons the kind of Grocery Service they are entitled to. And our fast growing patronage is indicative of the kind of service we are putting out. However, we are always glad to cooperate with the people of our town and community; hence we are for the COMMUNITY FAIR. If you are not a customer now, give us your next order and then you will know how to appreciate our goods and our excellent service. HAMILTON &amp; CASE</p>	<p>When You Think of Building Material Think of <b>Burton-Lingo Company</b> Dealers in LUMBER, BUILDERS HARDWARE AND GLASS LOWE BROS. HIGH STANDARD PAINTS Phone 74 Corner Lamar &amp; North Front Sts.</p>		<p>—SCHOOL SUPPLIES— School Supplies— School Supplies We can Furnish Your Every Need in SCHOOL SUPPLIES School Supplies— School Supplies GRIMES-SMITH DRUG COMPANY ..... Phone 9 ..... Front Street .....</p>	<p>THE WOODRUM FILLING STATION Where REAL AUTO SERVICE is rendered those who patronize our Filling Station, is glad to contribute toward a Community Fair in Merkel. While attending this Community Fair, come to us for that Good Gulf Gasoline, Supreme Auto Oil, and Mobiloil. We thank you for any and all patronage GEORGE WOODRUM, Proprietor</p>

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COMPERE NOTES  
By Alma Stout  
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We are having plenty of rain now, although it is too late to help the crops much.

The revival meeting is going on this week at the Union church. There are several preachers holding the meeting so come and hear them.

Mr. and Mrs. Busbee and daughter, Minnie, from Merkel, visited their daughter, Mrs. B. C. Berry, Monday.

Mrs. R. R. Spurgin spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. G. W. Stout.

Mrs. Warren visited at Mrs. Will Spurgin's Sunday.

Mrs. John Hobbs and family spent Thursday with Mrs. Stout and family.

Mrs. Childress from Hamlin is visiting her son, Mr. Childress and family of this community.

Mr. Raymond stout spent Friday night with Mr. E. C. Tarvin. Mr. Charlie Allred was in Abilene Saturday.

The teacherage at Compere is just about finished.

Miss Alma Stout spent Thursday, Friday and Saturday with Miss Ollie Hobbs of Warren community.

Mr. Allred and family were in Anson Saturday.

Mr. Jasper Hobbs spent Thursday night with Mr. Raymond Stout.

Those visiting at Mrs. Allred's Tuesday were Misses Alma and Lorene Stout and Mrs. Winters and daughter from Abilene.

Miss Grace Wilson from McKinney is visiting relatives in this community.

Mr. E. C. Tarvin, Raymond Stout and Oscar Johnson attended the party at Mr. Hollis McCoy's Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher of Abilene visited their daughter, Mrs. Len Sublett last Sunday and also attended the Frazier-Walker wedding.

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WARREN NOTES  
By Vera Jones  
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We are all enjoying the nice showers which fell here Saturday and Sunday. We are expecting to go to picking cotton soon.

Mrs. Kinsey, who has been visiting friends at Warren community, returned to her home at Sylvester Saturday.

Miss Stella Kelsoe spent Saturday night with Miss Helen McCormick.

Miss Rose Ellington visited Miss Ollie Hobbs Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick visited her parents of Trent Sunday.

day.  
Miss Cartie Ellington spent Saturday with Miss Artie McCormick.

Misses Vela and Vera Jones and Helen McCormick visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Land are happy over the arrival of a daughter, born on the 21st of August.

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WARREN ITEMS  
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The farmers are all rejoicing over the fine rain which came Saturday and Sunday. The cotton is opening pretty fast and it will soon be cotton picking time.

Buster McCoy is getting along fine and is able to return home. We hope he will soon be up and about.

Mrs. John Hobbs and family were visitors at Colorado last week.

Miss Minnie Bass of Hawley is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur McCoy, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kelso spent Sunday with Mrs. Ellington and family.

Misses Stella Kelso, Ruth Chancey spent Saturday night with Misses Helen and Artie McCormick.

Misses Vela and Vera Jones spent Saturday night with Mrs. Ellis Harris.

Rose Ellington spent Saturday night with Miss Ollie Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family spent Sunday with grandma and Ella Hobbs.

Miss Onita Flench spent last week with his sister, Mrs. Emmett Patterson.

Miss Ella Hobbs spent Monday night with grandma Harvell.

Misses Helen and Artie McCormick, Vera Jones, Willie Newman and Mr. Therman McCoy visited Misses Rose and Cordie Ellington Sunday morning.

Mr. Jasper Hobbs spent Thursday night with Mr. Raymond Stout.

Mr. Peck Bridges was the guest of Messrs Hyme and Odis Jones last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brook Patterson spent Sunday with Mrs. Patterson's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker.

Miss Willie Ellington spent the week-end with home folks and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick visited her mother, Mrs. Shouse, of Trent, Sunday.

T. B. and Gaston Hobbs spent the day with Carl Canon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy and Minnie Bass were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Owens Tuesday.

Misses Nellie Peterson is

spending this week with Mrs. Howard Tarvin of Compere.

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

Claude Ellington spent last week with his sister, Mrs. Howard Tarvin.

Miss Alma Stout spent last week end with Miss Ollie Hobbs.

Mr. Robert Sumpter returned home Saturday from Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harvell and Noil and Bill Harvell were visitors in Monday last week.

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DORA ITEMS  
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All the farmers are rejoicing over the big rain that fell here Saturday afternoon.

Crops in this community are fine most of the cotton will make from a half a bale to three quarters of a bale to the acre. And also lots of feed stuff will be made.

Mr and Mrs. J. C. Elmore have returned from their month visit with their granddaughter, Mrs. Willis Evans of Sweetwater. They report a nice time.

Two of Mr. John Bardwell's nephews of Sweetwater are visiting him this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Blair are going to New Mexico on a week's visit next week.

Miss Nettie Bell, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. I. Blair has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Slayer have been visiting at Dora the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Moore have been at the bed side of her father, P. C. Stevens of Hylton, the past week. He is very low.

Miss Connie Stevens was the guest of Miss Frances Blair Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Odes Moore motored to Sweetwater Saturday.

Mr. E. L. Frazier motored to Merkel Saturday.

Mr. Ernest Gibson spent the afternoon with Mr. Matlock Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans of Sweetwater were the guests of Mr. E. L. Frazier and family Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gibson spent a few days in Abilene last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frazier have just returned from a trip to Mexico.

Mr. Earl Gibson was in Sweetwater on business Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bewell Moore were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Moore Wednesday.

Mrs. Will Robertson was the guest of Mrs. M. E. Moore one day last week.

Mr. Glenn Bardwell and family were the guests of his brother, John Bardwell and family Sunday.

Mrs. Ernest Gibson was the guest of Mrs. E. L. Frazier Monday evening.

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SALT BRANCH ITEMS  
By Wynona Patton  
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The cotton is beginning to open in this community.

We are glad to learn that Miss Fannie Thompson is again in our midst.

Miss Wynona Patton spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins of Merkel were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Higgins.

Miss Gladys Petty was the guest of Miss Eulia Henry Sunday.

Miss Faye McDonald has returned to Comanche county. She was accompanied by Mrs. T. H. Beene and Miss Grace Beene.

Mrs. S. O. Patton is very ill at this writing. We hope she will improve at once.

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regularly. I used Doan's Pills and they fixed up my kidneys and relieved me of the rheumatic pains."

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Rev. M. K. Little, of the Central Texas Conference, stopped off here last Sunday enroute home from a trip to the Mountains of New Mexico, for a short visit with his son, Rev. Chas. H. Little, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church. The Senior Mr. Little was formerly pastor here, and once served the Abilene District as Presiding Elder, and while here he preached two able and interesting sermons at the Grace Presbyterian Church.

W. S. Wilson and family of Lamesa, were here first of the week for a visit with old friends and relatives. Mr. Wilson reports some fine crops on the Plains, but says they are spotted there just as they are here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Toombs returned last week from an extended trip to North Arkansas, where they visited friends and relatives of Mrs. Toombs. They were accompanied on their trip by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cozart, of Hamlin, Mrs. Cozart and Mrs. Toombs being sisters. Mr. Toombs reports having enjoyed the trip very much. He says the climate in the ozarks during August was indeed great. And another thing, Roland says those Arkansas folks may not have so much money, but they certainly do feed a fellow fine.

Warren McSpadden, who for the past several years has been a student at the State University of Texas, stopped off here on his return from Boulder, Colorado, where he had been attending the summer session of the University of that state, for a visit with his mother, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden. He left Wednesday for Austin where he has a position on the faculty of the public school of that city.

Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the First Methodist Church, returned first of the week from Lamesa, near which place he has been conducting a two weeks meeting. Rev. Rea reports a very fine meeting, there being some 35 additions to the church. Brother Rea also reports a great deal of rain in that section while he was there. He will preach here Sunday at both the morning and evening services.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Edwards of Midland, spent Wednesday here, the guests of his sister, Mrs. G. M. Sharp.

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### FIRE CHIEF TO RESIGN; EFFECTIVE NEXT MEET

Mr. A. V. Dye, who for the past four years has been the splendid chief of the local fire department, informs this paper that at the next meeting of the local organization he will tender his resignation as chief. He feels that he has not time to properly attend to the duties of same.

### At The Methodist Church

The pastor is back from the meeting. We had a great meeting with many conversions. We are anxious to have you come to church Sunday as it is communion day. Be sure to be there.

Our Sunday School and all services have held a steady attendance during the summer months but this Sunday begins the fall work and our attendance should increase and will I am sure.

The prayer meeting was fine Wednesday night and a good omen of the spiritual atmosphere of the entire church.

We appreciate the services rendered last Sunday by the Leagues and also by the young ladies and young men in carrying on the mid week services while the pastor was away.

In just a few Sundays our Laymen will have charge of one of our services and we will have demonstrated another feature of our splendid church and her people. Let's all be in our places on next Sunday and pray the Lord for great things in His vineyard.

### Baptist Announcements

Sunday School 10 a.m. with places for all. Those who have studied the Bible for years and thereby have qualified themselves to teach, are needed as teachers. Those who have not studied the Bible thoroughly and systematically can find a place in a class of congenial friends and learn the way of the Lord more perfectly.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Morning subject "The Darkest Sin in Merkel." Evening subject "One Rumor that did Good."

Vacation time is gone and we are all back for our work in the other walks of life. Let us each find a place in the religious work of Merkel. Every one ought to be on the alert for opportunities to help boost the town, and nothing will do more to boost Merkel than for it to be said it is a religious town. Certainly every saved person ought to line up with one of the churches in town and help enlist the lost of our town. There is no neutral ground.

Jesus said "He that is not with me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad" Matt. 12:30.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

### Sunrise Breakfast

Mrs. Earl Thornton and Miss Lois Christopher gave a sunrise breakfast last Sunday morning, honoring Miss Lorena Frazier whose marriage to Mr. Henry Walker of Sweetwater took place Sunday evening.

A delicious breakfast was prepared and spread at Warren's Lake. After breakfast Miss Lois Christopher presented Miss Frazier with a weapon of defense, a rolling pin, upon which were written the names of the members of the wedding party.

Those present were: Misses Annie Bickley, Geneva Middleton, Lois and Christene Christopher, Lorena Frazier and Messrs Vernon Simpson, Harry McCandless, Henry Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thornton and Mrs. Len Sublett.

Mrs. S. G. Vaughan, of Los Angeles, California, who has been here since July, the guest of her sisters, Misses Garoutte, leaves this week for her home. Mrs. Vaughan was reared in Merkel and is always a welcome visitor among her many friends here.

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## SWAFFORD'S

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winter celebrated their birthdays on August 14, and had besides many friends and relatives, all their children present. Mr. Winter was 78 years old on the 4th and Mrs. Winter was 70 on the 24th, so they divided the time and had a joint celebration on the 14th. They are pioneers in this community, coming to Jones county in 1885. They have been married 55 years and Uncle Sam, as he is called by his many friends, fought Indians throughout this country when a lad in 1865, and today bears the sign of a severe wound inflicted by the Red Men. Yes, he helped to blaze the way, has helped to make this the fine country that it is today, and is one of our very best men.

Mrs. B. H. Howard and daughters, Misses Dell and Dete, of Crosbyton, were here first of the week, guests of the former's son, Dr. J. P. Howard.

W. W. Campbell and family returned last week from an extended trip to their old home in Louisiana, in which state they own some valuable property. Mr. Campbell reports the crops in that state short, and states further that the crops are now more than half gathered.

Mrs. E. L. Turner and children left first of the week for a visit with the former's parents at Bomarton.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippet and baby and little Miss Joy Meador, of San Angelo, came in first of the week for a visit with Mrs. Tippet's mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, as well as other relatives and friends.

Misses Olive and Dota Garoutte, with their sister, Mrs. S. G. Vaughan of Los Angeles, California, spent a delightful day Thursday with Mrs. Polley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. (Shorty) Holloway are the happy parents of a daughter, born on September first.

Miss Willie Laura Webb of Abilene was in Merkel last Sunday to attend the Frazier-Walker wedding.

Miss Lucy Patterson and Mr. Jim Powers were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frazier last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bishop of Lubbock were visitors last Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frazier and Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett.

Tom Stanford of San Francisco, California, came in this week for a visit with his father, Mr. W. F. Stanford and brothers, J. A., Earl, and Paul. It has been many years since he left Merkel and there have been many changes made since his departure, Mr. Stanford says.

Mr. A. J. Hartley was in the city Wednesday accompanied by his nephew, Mr. Lester Hartley, of Plainview.

Plenty of Bermuda Onion Sets Chrystal wax and Silver skin. McDonald & Collum. It

Miss Vannie Hamblet left first of the week for Water Valley Miss., where she will re-enter school. She will finish in the High School there this year.

Mrs. M. E. Simpson left this week for a visit with relatives in Abilene.

Mr. E. W. King of Tye Route One, has moved to Merkel where he may have the opportunities of sending his children to our fine school.

The many friends of Mrs. Earl Stanford, who last week underwent an operation in an Abilene Sanitarium, will be glad to learn that she withstood the operation nicely, and is now improving.

Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson returned first of the week from their stay of two weeks in Mineral Wells, where they enjoyed the benefits and pleasures to be derived from spending such a time in that splendid health resort. The Doctor returned feeling much improved in health, he says. Mrs. Johnson stopped in Abilene where she spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest M. Mims.

Miss Velma Holloway will leave on the 22nd for Abilene, where she will be a student at Abilene Christian College next year.

Jas. A. Patterson returned first of the week from a trip to Fort Worth, where he had been with a car of fat cattle. Mr. Patterson reports finding the market down.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald are happy this week to have with them for a visit all their children, who are, besides their son Bob, who resides in Merkel, Mrs. H. B. Leeton and children, of Eldorado, Arkansas; Mrs. Myrtle Foster, of Graham; and Mrs. Belle Kimbrough, of Fort Worth.

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### THE CLEAN TOWN

Cleanliness, it has been said, is next to Godliness. A dirty individual is neither clean spiritually nor mentally. Dirt makes for ruin physically, mentally, and morally. This is as true of a town as of an individual. The dirty town, the town full of rubbish, of untidy houses, of muddy streets, of unsanitary conditions, is non-progressive materially, morally and educationally. Neither moral nor material advancement flourish in dirty, unkempt dwellings or in unkempt towns.

If any town or city is ambitious for advancement, or if even a few of its men and women are ready to devote their time and energy to the betterment of the community, the surest way to achieve success is to clean up—make back yards and front yards clean, make streets clean and keep them clean, encourage the people to beautify their homes and their yards, stimulate a love for and a pride in their homes and in their town, repair the tumble-down yard fences, paint up, make things as clean outside as they are inside, and then that community will lik up mentally, morally and materially.

No community which does not clean up and paint up, which does not do its best to have clean streets and clean yards, has any right to look up and face the world.

It might be said a dirty town makes a dirty people; a dirty people makes moral and material dirt and decay. It is the duty of all men and women to make their homes and their home town just as clean and attractive and beautiful as possible. He who falls short in this respect falls short of his duty to God and man, it matters not what else he may do.

### WHY IS HAY FEVER?

An eastern newspaper suggests that men of medicine turn their attention to hay fever. There is no doubt that a remedy for this distressing and mysterious malady would prove a great blessing for a large number of persons throughout the world. We call it a mysterious malady because it is so. What is its cause and why must its victims suffer annually in spite of all they do to prevent its recurrence? Those upon whom it has laid its hold know almost to a day when they will be called upon to again endure its agonies.

Because hay fever is more prevalent in August than in any other month, it is popularly supposed that pollen from flowers is the cause. But why pollen from August's flowers and not from those blooming in other months of the year? To answer that the adherents of the pollen theory pick on the golden rod. But hay fever claims its victims in places where there is no golden rod and residents of large cities who never are within miles of that popular flower at any time often suffer the most severely. And if pollen is the cause of the disease why are not all who live in the country afflicted and all who live in the city immune?

The writer who suggested that physicians turn their attention to hay fever may or may not be a sufferer but in any event he puts up to them a puzzle worthy of their fullest consideration. That it is not ordi-

narily a fatal malady does not make the hay fever problem less important. The fact that it is seemingly such a simple and more or less harmless affliction makes it seem that the answer to the problem should be easy to discover. Seemingly of a similar nature to influenza, it is not so often fatal, but it causes a great amount of suffering each year.

The very mysteriousness of the disease should be a sufficient motive to cause some physician to determine to conquer it.

### IGNORANCE OF HIGHWAY LAWS NO EXCUSE NOW

After September 1, ignorance of the law will not bring relief and careless and negligent chauffeurs may get to face the judge on any of the following charges.

Driving with faulty headlights  
Driving with cutout on car.  
Driving while intoxicated.  
Speeding.  
Obstructing Highways.  
Depositing glass on public roads.

Wilful and negligent collision.  
Driving with faulty braking equipment.

Chauffering without license.  
Failing to stop after being a party to accident.

Driving without front and rear license plates.  
Racing on Highway.

Operation of auto without consent of the owner.  
Driving truck with overload.

Offering for sale a car with dealer's license, or persistently using car with dealer's license for pleasure.

Being in possession of car with obliterated engine number.  
Giving bill of sale in blank for sale of second hand car.—Ex.

Expecting car of new Hulls Friday, September 4th. J. M. Garrett.

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### A WORD FROM FORMER PASTOR ALBERTSON

Dear Merkel Folks:

We are happy in our work here at Haskell. We are very pleasantly situated. Mrs. Albertson and the children are well, but they very often speak of wanting to go back to Merkel. The Mail is like a letter from home.

We closed a meeting here last Sunday night in which we had 55 additions—44 for baptism. That makes 73 additions in the eight weeks we have been here. The pastor did the preaching and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Reynolds had charge of the music. The writer did the preaching in a ten-days meeting at Pinkerton, eight miles West of Haskell in which there were 32 additions—22 for baptism. We begin another meeting next Sunday afternoon at Midway.

Our entire family will always look back with a great deal of pleasure to the few months we spent in Merkel.

W. H. Albertson.

### STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP

Management, etc., required by the act of Congress of August 24, 1912.

Of The Merkel Mail, published once each week at Merkel, Texas for April 1, 1925.

State of Texas, County of Taylor ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Thos. Durham, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor, Owner, Publisher of the Merkel Mail and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, and business managers are: Publisher, Thos. Durham, Merkel, Texas. Editor, Thos. Durham, Merkel, Texas. Managing Editor, Thos. Durham, Merkel, Texas. Business Managers, Thos. Durham, Merkel, Texas.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: Walter Jackson, Fort Worth, Texas.

(Signed) Thos. Durham.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of August 1925.

N. D. Cobb,  
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

### Missionary Society Notes

On next Monday afternoon there will be the regular business meeting of the Missionary Society. Also a short program from the Voice. Time of the meeting is 4 o'clock. Following is the program.

1. Song. 2. Scripture lesson: Luke 5:1-11, Mrs. Graham.
3. Prayer. 4. Business.
5. Missionary News from bulletin.
6. Special topics: "Stewardship" (a) Stewardship of life, Mrs. R. I. Grimes. (b) The miracle of money, Mrs. George Brown.
7. A message from a member of a Wesley House mothers' Club, Mrs. Wood.

Mr. T. A. Beidleman and son, T. J., returned first of the week from a visit to their farm in Stonewall county. They report crops good in that county. As evidence that fine melons grow there Mr. Beidleman brought home several from his farm, some of them, according to his statement, measuring two and one half feet in length. While we are sure that he told the truth, we could better quote him if he had called us in to witness the eating of these melons.

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"By preserving the design of the Model T chassis, the company is safeguarding continued good service for owners of approximately 9,000,000 Ford cars and trucks now in use throughout the country as well as for new car purchasers.

### Senior B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: Cultivating the spirit of Service.  
Part 1, Flossy Campbell. Part 2, Yates Brown. Part 3, Edith Baker. Part 4, Lucille Guitar. Part 5, Stella Wilson. Part 6, Byers Petty. Part 7, Fred Giles.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Dodge car on good team and wagon. See me at once. T. W. Collins, Merkel. 1tp

FOR SALE—Grayson Tourist Camp, Store, Filling Station and farm of 90 acres. Located one mile west of Merkel on Bankhead Highway. Will give some terms. For particulars see Sam L. Grayson, owner. 4t4p

FOR SALE—By owner, 160 acres land 4½ miles of town on state highway, \$32.50 per acre, terms. G. D. Anderson, Friona, Texas. 28t4

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 SALE—A practically new wagon, with a two bale frame on it. A bargain if taken at once. See Clarence Howard, Anson, motor Route B. 1tp

WOOD for sale—Wood, more wood and better wood—patronize your home dealers. See R. B. Wells, Wood merchant. 1tp

FOR SALE—All livestock and real estate of the late W. T. Duncan. For particulars see Chester A. Duncan, Exer., Trent, Route No. two. 1tp

FOR SALE—Teams and tools, and farm of 320 acres, 230 in cultivation for rent. Three miles southwest of Merkel. Might also let party gather crop. Half cash balance on time. See B. M. Williams, Merkel, Texas. 1tp

WOOD—Cord Wood for sale. See J. I. Ford, Merkel, or W. A. Ford at Stith. 1tp

### FOR RENT

HOUSE For Rent. See C. L. or Roy Tucker. 1t

FOR RENT—Two-room furnished apartment, close in with water and bath. Would rent sleeping room. Inquire at City Furniture Co. 1t

FOR RENT—My residence, in part or the entire building of 9 rooms. See W. L. Diltz, Sr. 1t

FOR RENT—Three room house close in. See E. B. Barnes. 1t

### WANTED

WANTED—Sweet milk customers. We deliver; price 50c per gallon. Mrs. R. L. Proctor. 1t

### LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A diamond bar pin between the home of Mrs. E. N. Brown and the First Baptist Church, on Wednesday night. Finder please return to the home of Mrs. E. N. Brown. 1t

LOST—Hair Comb, green with red sets in it. Lost between my home and town. Please return to the Merkel Mail or to Dorris Durham. 1tpd

STRAYED—Registered Poland China Male Pig from my place. Pig is about eight weeks old. Will pay reward for return of same to Jim Mayfield. 1tp

### LOOK!

A Good Place to Eat  
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GEORGE'S CANDY KITCHEN  
The Home of Fine Hand-Made Candies  
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A beautiful assortment of Dresses, showing the newest things in colors and materials.

New hats for ladies and children. You will find just what you want in this department at prices that will surprise you.

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**Saturday Sept. 5th**

# Jones Dry Goods

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Those wanting homes close to school I have the following places for sale worth the money:

135 acres one and a half miles northwest, the Woodroof place. 87½ acres one mile northeast the Sheppard place.

154 acres adjoining the town on the West, the Vol Martin Place.

141 acres adjoining town on the southwest, the Wheeler place.

15 acres adjoining the town on the South, the McCandless

135 acres adjoining the town on the East, the Brown place.

I have plenty of homes in town to sell worth the money and some good farms farther out. Also some good ranch property. If you are in the market for anything along this line let me tell you what I have. Have some stuff to trade also. See me E. D. COATS. 1t

Expecting car of new Halls Friday, September 4th. J. M. Garrett. 1t

### NOTICE

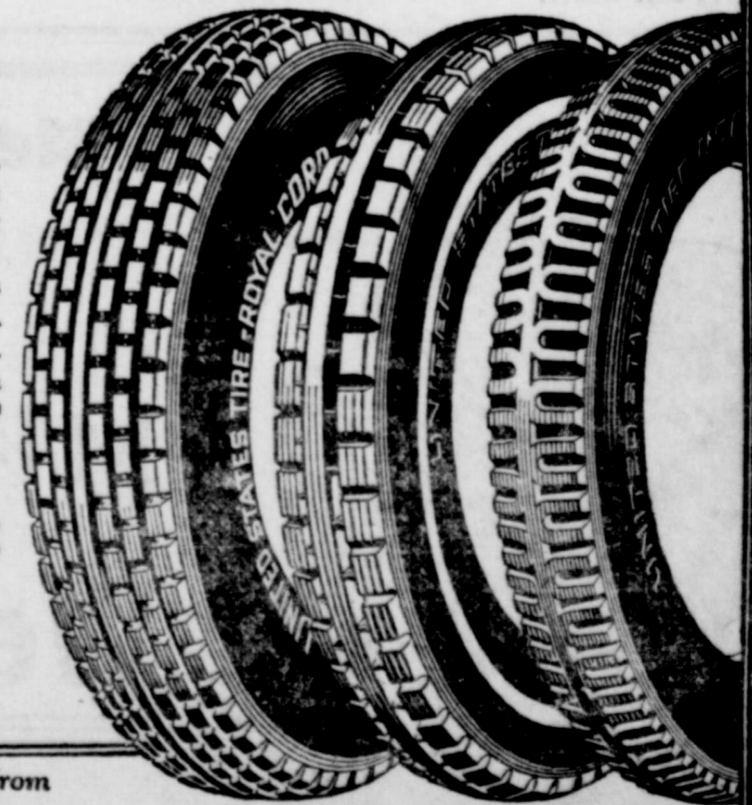
Edna Marie Jones, teacher of piano, will open a studio in Merkel Monday, September 7. Studio will be located convenient to school buildings. Especially interested in beginners as well as advanced students. Call 171 for appointments and enrollment. 1t

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Mrs. John Skaggs, residing near Lanes Prairie, Mo., on the Ozark Trail, says: "I have taken Black-Draught for a number of years, about fifteen, and it is about the only purgative medicine I ever take. It is the only kind that I've found that doesn't hurt me. "I take Black-Draught for indigestion, for colds and headaches. I take it for aching in my limbs and shoulders. It helps this trouble. I take it for sour stomach. "We think Black-Draught is splendid and never are without it in the house. "I suffered with gas on my stomach that affected my breathing, and Black-Draught helped this trouble. "For such common complaints, I think Black-Draught is the best medicine a person can use." For millions of others, Black-Draught is their favorite liver and stomach medicine. Obtainable everywhere. C-31a

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**EAST TEXAS PLANS BIG THINGS IN STATE FAIR AGRICULTURAL DISPLAY**

Exhibit Space Already Assigned to Thirty-One Counties—West Texas Leads in Early Applications.

Although East Texas counties are in larger number than ever before this early, and are admittedly planning big things in an exhibit way, West Texas still leads in the number of reservations already made for display space in the State Fair of Texas Agricultural Show, at Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

Up to August 29, space had been assigned to thirty-one counties, of which seventeen were located in West Texas and five in the eastern portion of the state.

It is expected that a number of Texas railroads will also make comprehensive displays, independent of the exhibits by the counties traversed by their lines. Inquiries have been received from the agricultural departments of several roads, according to Superintendent J. A. Moore of the State Fair Agricultural division.

Counties assigned exhibit space among the thirty-one referred to, include the following: Foard, Donley, Lynn, Lamb, Haskell, Hale, Hartley, Lubbock, Parmer, Crosby, Randall, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dallam, Floyd, Garza, Midland and Mitchell, in West Texas; Smith, Harrison, Gregg, Henderson, Anderson and Wood in East Texas; Collin, Hill and Eastland in North, Central and West-Central, and Colorado in Southern Texas. Early returns of contracts from Atascosa and Brazoria are expected, and Franklin county has already announced that it will have a big display, in connection with the visit to the State Fair of nearly a thousand of its boy and girl farm club members.

Entries for county exhibits will close Oct. 9 and all exhibits must be in place not later than 10 a. m., Saturday, Oct. 10. Forty-eight county premiums are offered this year, ranging from \$250 for first to \$50 each for the last thirty.

**VICTOR HERBERT'S LAST WALTZ TO BE STATE FAIR OFFERING.**

After the recent death of Victor Herbert, America's greatest composer, the manuscript of a waltz song entitled "Give Your Heart in June," was found among his effects. It is declared to be a beautiful thing, typical of the master musician, and has been made a part of the score of "Sky High," the big Shubert musical comedy offering to be given in the new Fair Park Auditorium, State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

**TEXAS STEER IS CHAMPION AT MISSOURI STATE FAIR**

A steer entered in the herd of C. M. Largent & Co., of Merkel, Texas, has been declared grand champion at the Missouri state fair, held at Sedalia, during the middle of August. The Largent herd will be seen in the State Fair of Texas live stock show, Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

**State Fair Auto Show.**  
More than thirty firms have already been assigned space in the 1925 State Fair automobile show at Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Coats and son, John D. accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hail, left first of the week for an outing and fishing trip to the Concho and San Saba rivers. They will also visit a farm at Eden belonging to Mr. Coats.

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**A Surprise Shower**

On Monday at 4 p.m. in the Woodman Hall, many co-workers and friends of Mrs. Mary Elliott who is leaving for Abilene, showered her with many gifts, addresses and wishes. Members of her Sunday school class, the Woodman Circle and Rebekah Lodges served light refreshments and registered the following names: Mesdames Cummings, Garrett, Polly, Bradshaw, Gambill, Robbins, Bullock, Miller, Brown, Stevens, Collins, Allen, Tom King, John King, and Misses Stella King, Olive Garoutte, Dota Garoutte and visitor, Mrs. S. G. Vaughan of Los Angeles, Calif.

**FOR SALE**—Entire crop, teams and farming tools. See S. O. Patton, 2 1/2 miles northeast of Merkel on route four. 4t2p

**Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program**

- "Information."  
1. Scripture Reading, by Iris Garrett.  
2. Our Daily Bible Readings, by Ima Parrack.  
3. The value of information, by Vera Richie.  
4. The sources of information, by Maybelle Ligon.  
5. Information and Missions, by Mary E. Ashby.  
6. Read Missionary Biography, by Maureen Davis.

Each member is urged to read their daily Bible readings, and also urged to attend the meeting next Sunday evening at 7:00 for the election of officers.

Mrs. Robert McBean and baby daughter, Bettie Bob, are here from Dallas for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown.

**Senior League Program**

Subject "Our Chapter a community friend."  
Leader, Ermalee Rea.  
Song: Prayer.  
Scripture Matt: 5:13-20; and I Thess. 1:8.  
Special music.  
Our responsibility, by leader.  
The needs, Adrian Rea.  
Talk by department Supts.  
Announcements; Benediction.

Mr. M. H. Tyler, of Rockwall county, was here this week looking after his farm a short distance east of town. While here he was a guest in the homes of his brothers-in-law, Messrs S. A. and E. D. Coats.

Carlton Dennis, Kenneth Watkins and Misses Lola Dennis and Johnnie Sears visited in Colorado last Sunday.

**Presbyterian Church**

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.  
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour. Senior Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p.m.  
Choir practice Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. There will be a meeting of the session Monday evening at the church at 7:45. All Elders and Deacons are urged to be present.

N. A. Dowell and family returned first of the week from a ten days trip to the White Mountains in New Mexico. On their return they came via El Paso, and visited the quaint old town of Juarez, Mexico. They report a very pleasant trip, only they encountered a great deal of heavy roads on account of the fact that it rained on them nearly every day they were away.

**BIG MUSICAL COMEDY HIT DIRECT FROM BROADWAY STATE FAIR OFFERING**

"Sky High," in New Fair Park Auditorium, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, Said to Have World's Greatest Chorus.

Declared by New York reviewers to have the greatest singing and dancing chorus ever seen on Broadway "Sky High," the magnificent Shubert musical comedy success, headed by the comedian Willie Howard and with the original company of 108, is to be offered in the new Fair Park Auditorium, at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25.

"It's going to cost \$100,000 to bring the attraction to the State Fair, but directors of the institution, convinced that Texas folk appreciate the best, and with the desire that the magnificent new theatre be dedicated with an attraction in keeping, contracted with the Shuberts for the entire "Sky High" production, just as it has been running all season on Broadway," says Secretary A. H. Stratton of the Fair Association.

"Robert Benchley, famous New York critic, has more than once declared that the name of the Shuberts attached to any such offering is a guarantee of its goodness.

"The State Fair contract calls for the full personnel of the "Sky High" company, as listed in the Broadway programs, to be sent to Dallas by special train, and, it will be produced at the State Fair under the personal direction of J. J. Shubert.

"Allan Dale, veteran theatrical critic of the New York American, coined a word for description when he first saw "Sky High" and it summed up, accurately, what he declared was one of the jolliest, speediest, brightest musical comedies New York had witnessed in many a day. He also declared that the Shuberts had assembled a collection of talented artists; an ensemble of furious, fiery dancers, against a background of enlivening, intoxicating music.

"Another reviewer said that Willie Howard, the comedian, was master of the revels, and that many a case of incipient and advanced hysteria was directly traceable to his merry quips. His song, "Let It Rain," is now heard at all cabarets and music halls in the East.

"Other principals in the notable cast include Vannessa, dancer of grace and gaiety; John Quinlan, golden-voiced tenor, who is endowed with a magnificent physique in addition; little Ann Mulburn, the 'personality girl'; Florenz Ames, eccentric comedian and many more.

"The Six Little Dippers, the Lanchester Lassies and the London Johnnies are components of the great chorus, which was the talk of the aterdom, and which go to make up what still another critic termed a 'really superb production.'

"Sky High" will be offered in the auditorium each evening during the State Fair, according to announcement, with matinees on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

**TRIANGLE RANCH GIRL IN STATE FAIR RODEO SHOW**

Bea Kirnan of the Triangle Ranch, located near Wichita Falls, is to be an entrant in the rodeo events at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, inclusive, the last eight days of the 1925 State Fair. Miss Kirnan is declared to be one of the most fearless "cowgirls" in the country. In addition she is a finished trick rider. She carries a string of six beautiful horses, including "King," her favorite.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. Emory McDonald spent Sunday with the ladies' parents at Westbrook.

Max Mellinger and family spent last Sunday with relatives at Big Spring.



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