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## SAYS MOODY TO SWEEP FERGUSON STRONGHOLD

Austin, Texas, May 27.—Over-flow crowds and rousing receptions given Dan Moody in his first week of campaigning in Central Texas, support the prediction of Moody supporters that the Attorney General will sweep Ferguson strongholds.

A dozen speeches were made during the week, Moody going out from Austin and returning daily so as to be at his office.

Sections which followed Ferguson into the American party, even, joined in the welcome for Moody.

Saturday night's meeting at San Antonio, when the new municipal auditorium was packed to capacity, proved that Moody will run strong in the cities as well as in the country and smaller places, where most of his campaigning has been done.

Sticking to his text of "Fergusonism," Moody through the week riddled the Fergusons' claims of a good term, exposing mercilessly the juggling of figures to make an apparent good showing.

Moody cited the records providing that the prison system which Ferguson boasted about, has gone \$167,000 deeper in debt under Fergusonism and now owes \$1,500,000. He cited the figures showing that the state was \$978,000 worse off financially at the end of the year than at the beginning of 1925, Ferguson's first year.

Fergusonism in the Highway Department was also flayed during the week, and Moody's administration pledged to a system of road maintenance by allotment of funds to counties, the counties having the work done or doing it under the supervision of Division Engineers.

Failure of the Fergusons to call a special session of the legislature to maintain the credit of the state by validation of bond issues was scored, and the blame placed upon the fear of Fergusonism to face possible legislative investigation.

## FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING AT BLAIR

By request of our most worthy secretary, Mrs. Earthman, I'm giving this notice of our singing convention. It will be at Blair on next Sunday, starting at 10 o'clock, so every one who sings be on hand. Hope each class will be well represented and all classes that have this year's books are asked to bring them along as we are planning for this to be the best session of the convention ever held. We have been having some real good singing lately, one at Salt Branch last Sunday and at Stith the Sunday before. Stith has the 1926 Vaughn book so all that have them be sure to look it over so you may be able to sing whatever number is called, and there are some real good songs in this book. Come along and let's make this the best day that has ever been at Blair. How about coming out, Mr. Editor? Get a glimpse of this pretty country, some fresh country vegetables, and listen to some real singing, as well as get a lot of good items for your most excellent paper. Fine, fine, come along, everybody.

T. H. SPEARS.

## HOMES WANTED FOR BOYS

Homes for the entertainment of the members of the John Tarlton Band, which will give free a sacred concert at the Baptist church in Merkel Sunday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

The band is making a tour of the state in the interest of this splendid state school. Its members are young men of the best homes over the state. They will render a fine program, and are being entertained royally everywhere. It is up to Merkel's citizens to do as much as other towns are doing in this line. Let's give them a royal welcome while in our city. If you can care for one or more of these young men call Mrs. A. R. Booth, president of the Parent-Teachers Association or the Merkel Mail and the number you can care for will be sent. They will arrive here Sunday afternoon and will expect supper, lodging for the night and breakfast.

Sweetwater wanted the band to come to that city for the night, but Merkel can entertain them very pleasantly.

## LUNCHEON CLUB MEETS NEXT TUESDAY EVENING

On next Tuesday evening at Ed's Cafe, the regular Luncheon Club meeting will be held. For some time the Club has not met on account of other things such as school closing, etc., getting in the way. However, it is very important that the meeting be held next Tuesday evening, as there are some matters of importance to come before the Club for consideration.

The Luncheon Club has done much for the best interest of Merkel, and every business man and citizen should make it a point to be present next Tuesday evening and help carry on the work of the organization.

## BANKS AND POST OFFICE TO CLOSE NEXT MONDAY

On next Monday, the same being a legal holiday, the banks and Post Office in this city will be closed throughout the day. Also the rural carriers will observe the day, so the public may be governed by this notice and make their arrangements to meet same.

## JOHN TARLTON CONCERT SUNDAY

The John Tarlton Agricultural College military band of Stephenville, Texas, on its fifth annual tour of the state will visit Merkel and render a Sacred concert at the Baptist Church Sunday, May 30th, at 8:15 o'clock.

The Band under the direction of Mr. D. G. Hunewell, has won many first prizes in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce contests. Their programs have been enjoyed by thousands over the Radio. Their previous tours have presented them in every section of the state and reports of their programs are highly complimentary.

Rev. S. B. Culpepper is Chairman of the Band and will make a short address regarding the present tour and about the College which is the home of this splendid musical organization.

While here the band will be the guest of the Luncheon Club and Parent Teachers Association. Chas. W. Froh, head of the Fine Arts Department, acting as advance agent, was here Thursday making arrangements.

Everyone is invited to hear this free concert. The band boys are to be our guests over night, and homes are expected to be provided for their entertainment and if you can take one or more of the boys as guests in your home, please notify Mrs. A. R. Booth, president of the Parent-Teachers Association, or the Merkel Mail.

## LOCAL OFFICERS ARREST MAN AND TAKE BOOZE

On last Sunday afternoon Deputy Sheriff W. H. Laney and City Marshal J. A. Woodard, arrested a man by the name of B. B. Judd, said to reside near Roscoe, and besides taking the man into custody the officers also confiscated a Ford car and about 40 quarts of bootleg whiskey.

The man was carried to Abilene and placed in jail.

For Sale—Good, home raised Maize at \$25.00 per ton. J. T. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case and son, Milton, spent last Sunday with friends and relatives at Winters.

## G. W. JOHNSON PASSED AWAY THURSDAY

Following only a brief illness of a few days, Mr. G. W. Johnson, for many years a city official and prominent citizen of Merkel, died at the family home in this city on Thursday morning about 5:30 o'clock. For a number of years Mr. Johnson had suffered from throat trouble, but for many months had been seemingly in better health to most of his friends, and the announcement of his death was indeed a sorrowful shock to the entire community.

G. W. Johnson was born December 24, 1850, in Rhea county, Tennessee, where he grew to manhood, and where he resided until the year 1904, when he came to Merkel, Texas. For many years before coming to Texas Mr. Johnson served faithfully and efficiently as an official in his home county. And after coming to Merkel, we are informed, he was honored with the election as first Mayor of the city, when the town was incorporated, and for the past fifteen or more years he has served without a break in the office of City Secretary.

On May 22, 1878, he was married to Miss Mary E. Leuty, who preceded him in death some years ago, and to which union there were born six children, five of whom survive him as follows: S. A. Johnson, Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson, all of Merkel, Frank R. Johnson, of Wichita Falls; and Mrs. B. F. Smith of Stanton. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Miss Fay and Floyd Smith of Stanton.

Deceased had been a member of the Masonic fraternity for more than 50 years, and was loved and esteemed by every one with whom he had become acquainted. He was honest and upright in his dealings with all mankind; he was moral and always stood on the side of every question that was for the uplift and betterment of the community and mankind.

Funeral services will be held today (Friday) at ten a. m. at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. W. R. McCarter, assisted by Elder Cypert and other pastors, with burial immediately after in Rose Hill Cemetery under auspices of the Masonic

## ROAD FUND HAS RESERVE

"We felt that we should meet the Stith pike out four miles north of Merkel at the county line with a good pike, so it was brought up at the Luncheon Club and decided on making an effort to meet it. The old road committee was retained for this, and they requested some more names be added, R. O. Anderson, J. T. Warren, Chas. Jones and James Patterson were made members of the committee.

Then the chairman, Dr. M. Armstrong, went over the names of different men and firms in town and placed the amount opposite each name that he believed the party or firm should pay. The committee was then called together and they went over the list and added other names as they would think of them, and we discussed the estimate made. We then raised some and lowered some. With this list we started out to collect. Banks, ginners, doctors and all paid what we asked, and all the merchants paid except three and nearly all the farmers along the road paid what we asked. David Hendricks "I want to go all the way to Stith on a pike and he gave \$100.00. Mr. J. S. Swann gave us \$25.00 cash and all the gravel we needed. Mr. Henry Hicks gave us all the gravel we could use from his pit. Tom Largent gave gravel, but it was not as good as the other pits so we did not use it.

We got W. H. Frazier to take charge of the work and Diltz, our good commissioner, went us 50-50 on the expense. When the bankers, professional men, business men and farmers and the Commissioner all pull together, you can expect things to be done.

We put 5,800 yards of gravel on this road, full measure, which for everything we paid \$3,587.41 And we have as maintenance fund (cash on hand) \$589.47, in the Stith road fund.

We don't know any other man who could have rendered us the extra good service in this that W. H. Frazier did; nor do we know of any other commissioner who could have rendered any better service than our P. A. Diltz.

We have in our Dora Hill Road fund \$185.32, with which to do some more maintenance on it.

The M. Armstrong Road fund has \$325.82 in it after handling the little tractor for eighteen months. If there are any outstanding debts we don't know it.

The bankers, professional men and merchants of Merkel have absolutely worked together for 2 years. With commissioner's help we have 20 miles good roads in Jones county. Have gotten a \$1,750 steel bridge 100 feet long across Bitter creek, put in by Commissioner Rainwater in Jones county, who surely has given a square deal. We do appreciate him. We have put in an approach to this bridge costing \$490.00, by the help of Noodle and Merkel people. Have spent \$661.00 on the Dora hill and \$3,587.41 on the Stith pike and put up over 200 miles of the best roads around our town of any town the size of Merkel in the past two years.

Have gotten many miles of roads broadened and have two good tractors and graders working all the time and men who know how and are willing to handle them.

Chairman of Committee. That the public may fully realize and know just what has been done in the matter of road improvement in this community, and just where and how the money subscribed has been spent we are glad to publish the above report as given by the chairman of the road committee as appointed by the Luncheon Club. The committee is composed of

## PRESBYTERIANS WILL MEET AT ABILENE CHURCH

The following churches of the Abilene Presbytery will unite in a Fifth Sunday service on next Sunday, May 30: Rochester, Stamford, Anson, Zion, Merkel, Abilene, Tye, Buffalo Gap, Avoca, and Tuscola.

Program. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., Superintendent E. L. Finley in charge.

Preaching service 11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. Chas. H. Little of Merkel.

Junior church service 11 a. m. Basket dinner in dining room of church 12:30 p. m.

Sunday school Supts and teachers conference 1:30 p. m.

Conference for men, 2 p. m.

Conference for women 2 p. m.

Conference for young people 2 p. m.

Song service for everybody at 2:30 p. m.

Preaching service 3 p. m., sermon by Rev. W. J. Johnson, of Tuscola.

Lunch in dining room 5:30. Christian Endeavor: Intermediate at 6 p. m.; Senior 7 p. m.

Preaching service 8 p. m., sermon by Rev. J. A. Shurtleff, of Rochester.

Sunday school will convene promptly at 9:30 in order to give time to those who go to Abilene for the 11 o'clock service. We urge all our members who can to go and spend the entire day. Let us start the day right by a record attendance at Sunday School. Chas. H. Little, pastor.

## MERKEL VOTERS FORM MOODY CLUB

Organization of a "Moody for Governor" club here was perfected Monday night by Ben L. Cox, chairman of the Moody campaign in Taylor county, and Judge W. R. Ely and Milburn S. Long. Mr. H. C. West of Merkel was named chairman of the Merkel precinct.

More than 200 people attended the rally which was held at the Cozy Theatre and showed a great deal of enthusiasm. Strong talks in favor of Moody's candidacy were made by the three Abilene men, each receiving a hearty response from those present.

A call to see how many Moody men and women there were present brought up almost every hand. The next morning a dozen lists were prepared and left at the banks, drug stores and other places of business, where many have already signed up as members. If you have not signed up as a member of the "Moody for Governor" Club, drop into some of the banks or stores where there is a list and enter your name.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent returned first of the week from Dallas where they had been with their son, Mr. W. J. Largent, who underwent a minor operation at a Dallas sanitarium. He is reported as doing nicely.

Dr. M. Armstrong, chairman; T. G. Bragg, W. H. Frazier, J. T. Warren, R. O. Anderson, Chas. H. Jones, and Jas. A. Patterson. Then we would not fail to mention the fact that our able and enterprising County Commissioner, Mr. P. A. Diltz, has been very active and energetic in the matter, always looking after the best interest of all the people who he is elected to serve.

## "Which to Believe"



## Statement of the Condition of the FARMERS STATE BANK

At the close of business April 12, 1926

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$292,296.91
Overdrafts	819.45
Banking House	12,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Other Real Estate	11,702.50
Stocks and Bonds	1,000.00
Assessment Gty. Fund	7,000.00
Int. Depositors Gty. Fund	8,422.66
Cash and Bills of Exchange	\$156,667.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$695,839.17</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits Net	29,615.78
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>516,223.39</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$695,839.17</b>

## FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL

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### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. S. Swann, President	Herbert Patterson,
R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.	
W. L. Diltz, Cashier	Dallas Scarbrough
	David Hendricks

### Calves Bring \$30.00

W. H. Laney and Sons report the sale of some spring calves to an Abilene butcher at \$30.00 per head.

We regret to learn that Miss Effie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson, who is a student in Simmons University, was operated upon at the Baptist Sanitarium last Friday for appendicitis. She is now getting along nicely, we learn.

### REVIVAL MEETING AT THE TABERNACLE, 28th.

On next Friday evening, May 28, at 8 o'clock, a full gospel revival meeting will begin at the Tabernacle in Merkel, to continue through the month of June. This meeting is inter-denominational, and will be conducted by Mesdames Hudson and Wold. Services at 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. 21t2p

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**Fact No. 4** Sanitation: Only Thor has a dirt trap. The heavy dirt which is flushed out of fabrics settles through the cylinder perforations into the dirt trap and does not re-circulate with the clean clothes. Thor does not wash on the bottom of a tub in the heavier, dirt-laden water.



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## LARRY MILLS RE-PLIES TO FERGUSON

In his opening speech at Sulphur Springs Saturday, Ex-Governor James E. Ferguson, in his belabored effort to show that the Ku Klux Klan is supporting the candidacy of Dan Moody, makes this statement: "In line with his activity Larry Mills, the campaign manager for Felix Robertson two years ago, is now quietly supporting Dan Moody for Governor. If the truth was known I am sure than Dan has requested him to visit the klan lodges and keep him posted on the political situation."

For the information of Ex-Governor Ferguson and of the people of Texas who may be interested I desire to say that as a private citizen I am giving whatever time I can spare to Mr. Moody's campaign. I do not enjoy an intimate personal acquaintance with Mr. Moody, but am supporting him because of the splendid record he has made in the public offices with which he has been intrusted, believing that he is the type and character of man that should be chosen to fill our highest executive office.

There is not a semblance of truth in the statement that Mr. Moody or anyone on his behalf has made any arrangements with me of any character. For Mr. Ferguson's information I desire to say that my membership in the Ku Klux Klan expired March 31, 1924, and that since that time I have not been a member of the klan in good standing. I was a member of Capital City Klan No. 81, Austin, Texas, at the same time that J. J. Timmins, whom Ferguson appointed State Fire Marshal, was a member, and at the same time that the Hon. Charles O. Austin, who is Ferguson's Banking Commissioner, and Mike Lively, who the Times Herald reports as having led the Ferguson delegation from Dallas County to Sulphur Springs Saturday, were members of Klan No. 66, Dallas, Texas.

Governor Ferguson in his speech Saturday dramatically recited how he fought the Ku Klux Klan in the senatorial race of 1922. That the people of Texas may know Jim Ferguson's real attitude toward the klan at that time I want to call their attention to the fact that during the campaign before the first primary that Ferguson said in every speech he made that if "a man has nothing bigger than his attitude on the klan question to recommend him for a seat in the United States Senate, then he is not big enough to be a deacon in a negro Baptist church."

I was an active supporter of Governor Pat M. Neff during that campaign, and was in Temple, Texas in Governor Neff's behalf. I visited Ex-Governor James E. Ferguson at his newspaper office and in conversation with me, talking over the political situation, Ferguson told me that "I can not figure out who I will be in the run-off with, Culberson or Mayfield," and further said: "If I am in the run-off with Culberson I will have to take sides with you dern kluxers, but if I am in the run-off with Mayfield I will have to give you hell." I am quoting this conversation to show that at that time Ferguson had no convictions with regard to the klan question, but was leaving himself in a position to take either side of the issue as political expediency might demand in the run-off primary.

LARRY MILLS, Dallas.

The above letter clipped from the Dallas News, was published in that paper Thursday morning, May 27, and is reproduced for the benefit of our readers who desire to keep posted as to the real facts concerning the Governor's race in this state—and that they may better understand some of the mis-statements of Mr. Ferguson.

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## RACING STARS AT ABILENE JULY 5TH.

Four nationally known automobile race drivers have been signed to appear in the annual races at the West Texas Fair track, July 5th. Mr. D. H. Jeffries, official "A.A.A." representative, has just returned from Los Angeles with contracts for Fred Leckler, driving a Miller Special; Jack Petticoord, driving a Dusenberg Straight Eight; Ten Simpson, driving a Shrysler Special and Frank S. Lockhart, driving a Miller Special. These drivers have been in some sensation: races recently on the Pacific Coast and Lockhart and Leckler are entered in the Decoration Day races at the Indianapolis Speedway, Leckler being the team mate of Earl Dvore. Frank Lockhart, "the boy wonder," will have considerable competition and will have to "wind 'em up" to repeat his winnings at the West Texas Fair last September, as any one of his competitors will be capable of taking the race. Lockhart's track record of 67 1-5 seconds made on the old flat track, will undoubtedly be considerably lowered on the improved track with high banked curves. Red Shafer, whose specialty is dirt tracks, will not race on July 5th at Abilene due to another engagement but in passing through Abilene recently on his way to the Indianapolis Speedway, Shafer inspected the improved track and pronounced it in his opinion to be the best and fastest dirt track in the country. Ted Simpson has been winning some fast races in his Chrysler Special, which was built under the personal supervision of Ralph DePalma. Simpson piloted his car at a speed of 111.8 miles per hour over a straightway mile in a recent test.

Mr. C. J. Jones, Secretary of the West Texas Fair, announces that the new track is in excellent condition and will be made dustless for the races with a liberal application of Calcium Chloride.

### Ships in 100 Steers

Mr. Homer Laney recently purchased from parties at Leray Texas, and had shipped to his pasture near here, 100 head of four-year old steers, which he will graze through the summer and then ship them to market.

Mrs. O. J. Shaffer and sons, Jim, Bob and Budde, of El Paso, arrived Wednesday for a visit with her sisters, Mrs. Jas. H. West of this place, and Mrs. W. B. Brown of Anson. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. G. A. Rister, who has been spending the winter in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell returned Wednesday from their trip to Canyon, where they attended the closing exercises of the Canyon High School. Their daughter, Miss Mary, who has been teaching in the school the past term, returned home with them.

Miss Madge Yoakum, music teacher in the public schools here this year, left Friday for her home in Cooper, Texas.

Roy Elliott and Spencer Bird, who have been attending school at the North Texas Junior Agricultural College, Arlington, returned home this week.

Miss Francis McMurray of Colorado, Texas, a teacher in the Merkel schools this year, stopped for a while with friends here Wednesday while enroute to Dallas.

Miss Shelby Mitcham, a teacher in the Warren school this year, left early in the week for her home in Murchison, Texas.

Miss Maurine Hearn, who was a teacher in the Merkel schools this year, returned to her home at Roscoe Saturday.

## Statement of the Condition of THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK At the close of business Apr. 12, 1926

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$204,204.01
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	14,678.97
Overdrafts	1,103.74
Bonds and Warrants (School)	20,989.76
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Other Resources	624.23
<b>Commercial Paper</b>	<b>82,500.00</b>
<b>U. S. Bonds</b>	<b>116,750.00</b>
<b>Cash &amp; Sight Exchange</b>	<b>121,231.78</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$571,794.99</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	11,872.02
Circulation	6,250.00
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>488,672.97</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$571,794.99</b>

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT:

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier

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## FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

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### Grocery Store Moved

We have moved our grocery stock from Front street to our new building, third door west of post office. Hamilton & Case. It

Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Market.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway and daughters left Wednesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Groene at Bastrop, Tex.

## PILES CURED

NO KNIFE NO PAIN NO DETENTION FROM WORK  
**Dr. E. E. COCKERELL**  
RECTAL AND SKIN SPECIALIST  
OF ABILENE, TEXAS

Will be at the Stephens Hotel in Merkel Monday,  
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Phone No. 359

Abilene, Texas

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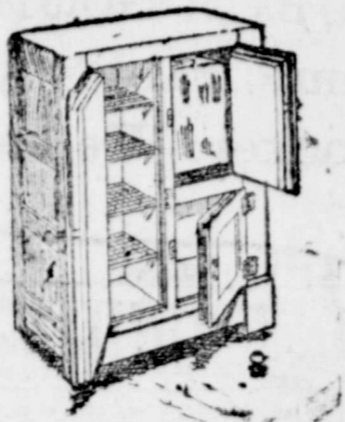
MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

# "Warm Weather"

Warm weather is here again so you had better begin to think about your Refrigerator.

Ice Cream Freezers, Thurmos Jars, Oil Stoves, Screen Doors, Water Coolers, Lawn Hose, Screen Wire, Fishing Tackel, Water Wings, Folding Cots, Ice Trays Milk Jars, Milk Coolers, Refrigerator canteens, Coleman Stoves and Lanterns, Hay Ties, Hoes, Sweeps, Rakes, Garden Plows, Lawn Mowers, Cultivators and Planter Blades



Well if we haven't mentioned what you want, if it is sold at a Hardware store we have it or will get it for you if it is made. A few more Implements and binders left.

# Liberty Hardware Co.

"IF IT'S HARDWARE, WE HAVE IT"

## HAMILTON & CASE GROCERY NOW IN NEW HOME

The Hamilton & Case Grocery Company, which firm has for the past several years been located on Front street, has this week been moved to the new brick building recently erected by the progressive proprietors of this firm, where they will be glad to have their friends and customers call on them. This new store, which has just been completed by Mr. T. W. Collins, local contractor, is one of the best store buildings in the city, and will give this firm a very fine location and clean, sanitary place in which to do business. Read their announcement in this paper.

## BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let's greet our superintendent with a full house as he returns from his trip to Alabama. It would be fine if we could greet him with some perfect departments. We had three perfect classes last Sunday, why not help make your class perfect Sunday. You can help by meeting the six requirements, and lending a helping hand to some one that might need a little encouragement.

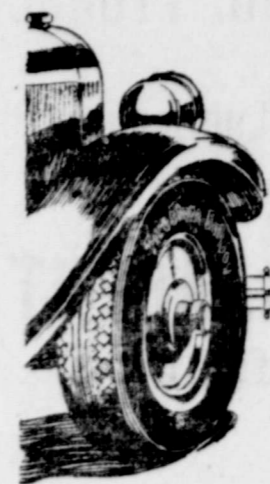
Preaching by the pastor at 7:30 and the closing exercises of the B.Y.P.U. will be the opening part of the evening worship. Come on time and plan to stay through the whole evening service.

Monday night will be the regular time for our monthly meeting of all officers and teachers, and it is hoped that we may have a good attendance. At least one of the Adult classes will have their class meeting at this time, why not others. During the department meetings the classes could have their meetings and then all come together for a general meeting.

Ladies meeting Tuesday 4 p.m. Prayermeeting Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. If Jesus should return to earth

## RIDING

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Sunday would He be pleased with you? But if He does not come He sees you just the same, so let us, like Paul, "Make it our aim to be well pleasing unto Him." Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Mrs. John W. Cox, of Haskell, was here this week, the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, and many friends.

## METHODIST CHURCH

All the regular services at the Methodist church Sunday.

Beginning with the Sunday school at 9:45, we hope that each

service may be well attended. If any of our people have been waiting for nice warm weather in which to attend Sunday school and church, they will find the kind we are having now exactly suited. We invite them to attend our services Sunday.

Worship at 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. The subject at the morning hour will be "The Wedding Garment." Also Special music.

A special feature at the evening hour, "A Song Service by the Choir." Every one will enjoy this service.

The public is invited to all of our services. W. R. McCarter.

## MUSIC

During the summer at my home after May 31st, I will teach a limited number of pupils in music, theory, harmony and musical history. Special attention given to beginners. 30 years experience, references if desired. Mrs. Will D. Williams, route 2, 8 miles north of Merkel on the east road. 21t2

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# HAY!

Have new Wheat Hay clear and free from Johnson Grass, NOW

Will have new Johnson Grass Hay in next few days.

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## Missionary Society Notes

On next Monday afternoon the Womans Missionary Society will have a social and business meeting combined. The meeting will open at 2:30 with the business hour first. This will be the regular monthly business meeting usually held on the first Monday and will include the report of officers, paying of dues and pledges and any other form of business necessary. A social hour will immediately follow the business meeting. A nice program and something good to eat are being arranged by committees. All the ladies of the church, whether they are members of the society or not, are invited to attend this meeting. Publicity Superintendent.

Mr. L. A. Watts left this week for the Plains country where he will spend some time looking after his farm interest there.

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

For May 30, 1926. Subject: "Medical Missions." Leader, Mrs. Warren Smith. Introduction by Leader. Part 1, Hardness of heathen hearts, by Lewis Giles. Part 2, How Heathenism wastes life, by Fannie Belle Boaz. Part 3, Cpecific value of Medical Missions, Evelyn Hamm. Part 4, How Peter Parker won favor, by Byers Petty. Part 5, Modern Medical Missions, by Floyd Dowell. Part 6, Medical Missions maintained by American Christians, by Autry Porter. Part 7, Southern Baptist Medical Missions, by Edith Baker.

## Celebrated Fourth Birthday

On last Monday afternoon little Stewart Allen Grimes, Jr., celebrated his fourth birthday by entertaining a few of his little friends at his home with mamma Burns.

After many games were played and prizes were awarded to the winner, Billie Woodrum, the lighting of birthday candles was enjoyed by the little folks. Ice cream and cake was served to the following: Billie and Bobbie Woodrum, A. C. and Bubba Sears, Robert Grimes, Jr., George Ira Huss and the little host.

## Intermediate League Program

Subject: "Are we observing Sunday in a Christian way?" Luke 6:6-10. Leader: W. A. Whatley. Prayer: Song. Reading, Missie Dye. How to make a strong league. Louise Booth. League Benediction.

Dib Compton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tyrie Compton, who for the past year and a half has been in California, and who last September lost his right hand in an accident while operating a dredging machine, returned home Friday.



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This paper is for the Hon. Dan Moody, candidate for Governor, at the coming July Primary. We believe he is honest, capable and in every way qualified to make one of the best Governors the state has had for twenty years. We believe he is a Christian gentleman and stands for the things that go to make this state and nation a better and finer place in which to live. You may differ with us; you have that right and we do not fall out with you. In fact, if you believe otherwise, and so express yourself, we have the greatest respect for you and your convictions. It's a poor man that has not the courage to back his convictions and back them with his ballot when and wherever the opportunity presents itself.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Grimes Monday, May 23, a daughter. The young lady has been christened Madie Burkes Grimes. We join friends in extending congratulations to the happy couple.

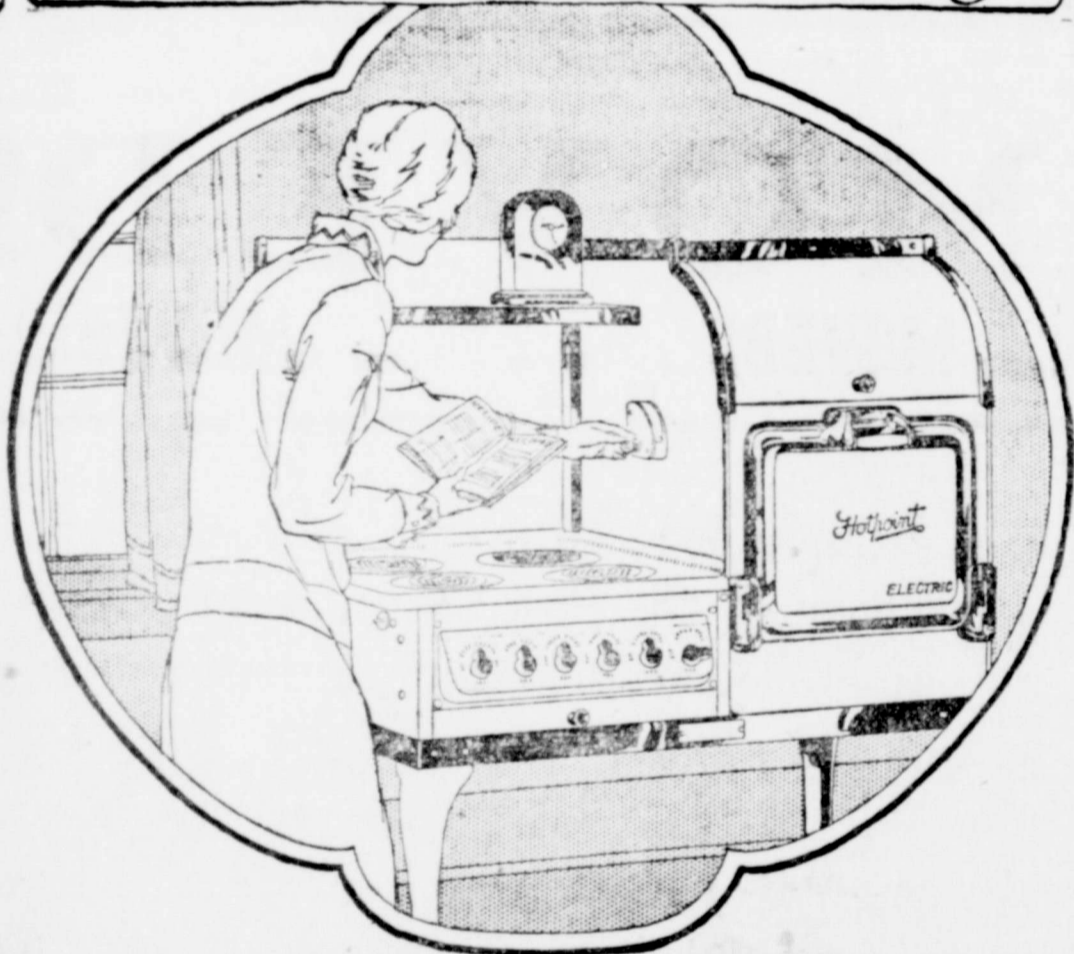
As the coming primary election day in this state approaches, the more heated and bitter will the controversy become. Every man and woman has the constitutional right to his or her own private opinion. They have the right to espouse the cause of any candidate or measure, and no person has the right to hinder or molest them in that privilege. Therefore, if you take unto yourself the right to think and vote as you please, you should yield to your neighbor, friend or stranger that same privilege. Good men and good women are going to vote for all candidates.

Some sorry, low characters may also vote for each candidate. Then let us be careful and conservative in our remarks concerning the candidacies of all. After the election is over and the smoke of the battle has cleared away, we must continue to live and associate with those about us, so let's be careful about the wild statements we make which might calculate to hurt the feelings of our friends and neighbors.

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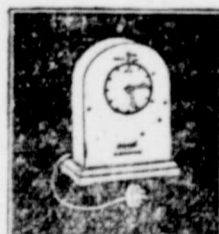
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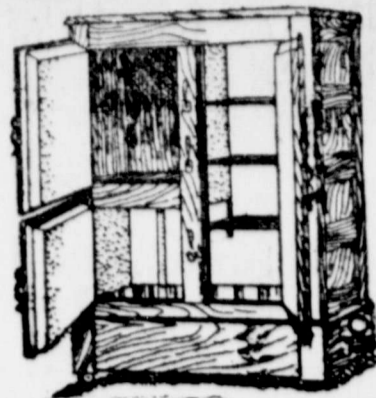
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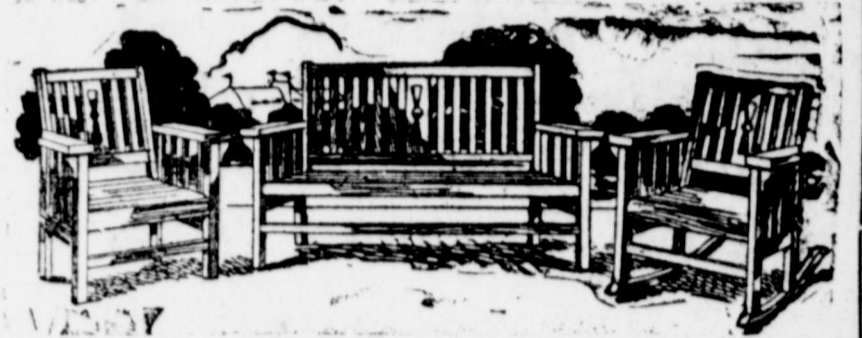
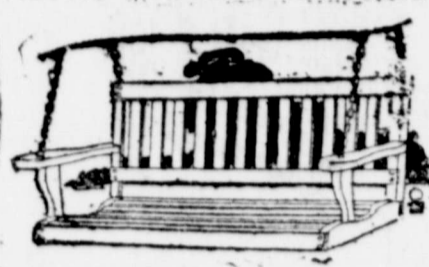
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Ma offers to resign. If she gets one vote less than Dan Moody, she says she is willing to quit. If she does not lead him by 25,000, he is to quit.

This is an unusual blessing which the people of Texas have in store for them. It offers us an opportunity to rid Texas of Fergusonism in July instead of January. That's five months—and five months less of Fergusonism is nothing to be sneezed at.

We congratulate Mrs. Ferguson upon her willingness to get out of the way and cut short the unfortunate situation in which the State has been placed. If she has done no service for the State while in office, she can at least say that her last act—that of resigning—will make up for a great many shortcomings.—The San Angelo Standard.

### HEBRON NEWS

Every one is enjoying the pretty weather, especially the farmers. They are almost thru planting their crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson gave an entertainment Friday night. It was enjoyed by both the old and young. Every one reported a nice time.

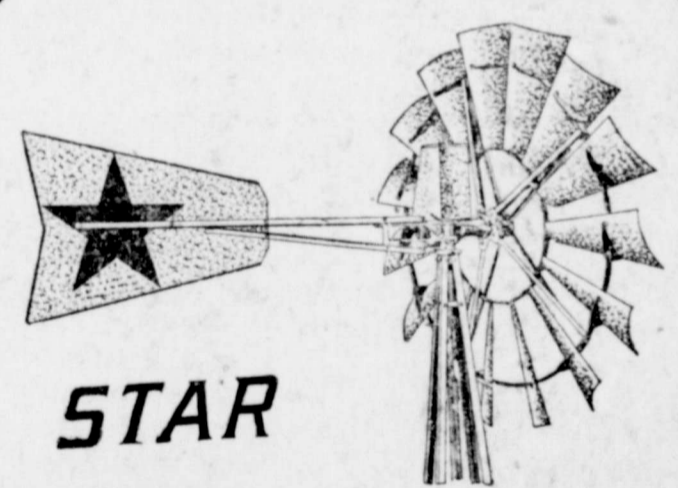
Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are visiting their son, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Duckett and

children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Carey. attended preaching at Merkel Sunday night.

Miss Winnie Bayless spent Sunday night with Miss Blanche Carey. Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Market.

Miss Alma Davis was on the sick list last week. Several from this community Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.



**STAR**

## Running-in-oil

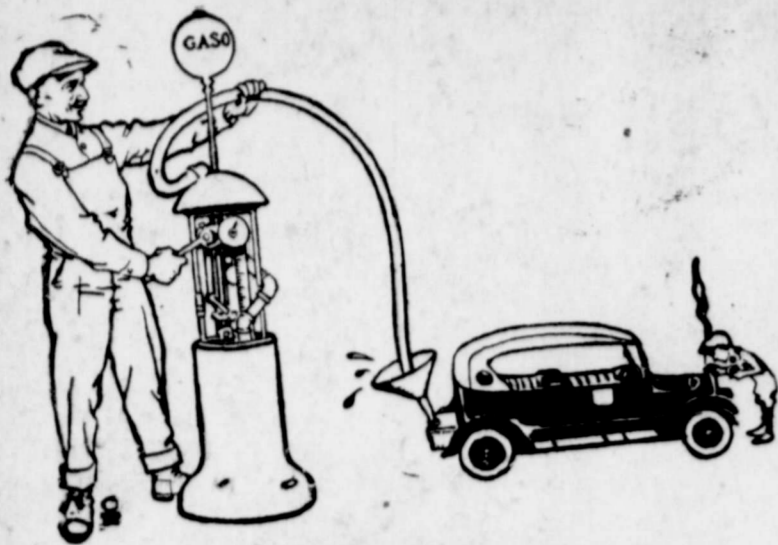
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MANAGER

### WARREN NEWS By Rose Ellington

The farmers are all about through planting and some have begun to chop cotton.

Health of this community is good at present.

The party at Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin's Saturday night was attended by a large crowd and all reported a nice time.

Miss Willie Newman is visiting her brother, Mr. Hollis McCoy this week.

The Warren school closed last Wednesday night with a program.

Miss Shelby Mitchan left last Thursday for her home.

Those visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Ellington's Sunday were Mrs. N. E. Horn, Mr. J. T. Griffin of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Zim of Abilene, Miss Bertie Dickson of Salt Branch and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hutcheson of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson spent Sunday with his parents of Merkel.

Miss Artie McCormick spent Sunday with Miss Lottie Gressett.

Messrs. Oddie and Hine Jones, Robert and Zebbie Sumpter, Therman McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy.

Mrs. N. E. Horn spent several days this week with her niece, Mrs. Ellington.

Miss Lena Mae Wilson spent last Wednesday night with Miss Ollie Hobbs.

Misses Helen and Artie McCormick, Rose and Cordie Ellington, Lottie Gressett, Alzine Sumpter, Willie Newman, Mrs. Velma McCoy and Mrs. Annie Harris visited Misses Vela and Vera Jones Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lucas spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin.

### STITH NEWS

The farmers are very busy working in their crops.

Some sickness in the community at this writing. Mrs. Reding's mother has been very sick the last few days.

Mr. Truman Jones has been very sick this week, but hope to be able to get up Sunday.

We had a large crowd at the Methodist church last Sunday. All enjoyed a good sermon by the pastor.

Bro. Brown's wife is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale West from Cross Roads came to church at Stith last Sunday and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hudson.

Mr. Eli Case and son drove out to his farm Sunday afternoon.

Grandma and grandpa Church from Merkel were out at Stith church Sunday, and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Clark Church, their son.

Jesse Lee Hudson is in the chicken business this year. He has two hundred or more.

Miss Vesta Hudson took dinner with Miss Margie Bradley Sunday.

Mr. Will Hudson and family spent the afternoon with C. A. Hudson and family last Sunday.

### CARD OF THANKS

We the ladies of the Womans Missionary Society, of Noodle, take this method of thanking our good merchant, J. W. Cox, for the ice and soda water he so generously furnished us for our social on last Monday evening. We each thank you and wish you lasting success. Committee. 1tp

The Misses Clark, popular teachers of Abilene High School, lunched with the Misses Garoutte Saturday, and, accompanied by Miss Dota Garoutte, returned to Abilene Sunday where they joined the family party for the nine o'clock marriage of Elva Claire Miller to Mr. Truman Stuard, and heard the Commencement sermon of Abilene High School.

**Grocery Store Moved**  
We have moved our grocery stock from Front street to our new building, third door west of post office. Hamilton & Case. It

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### SALT BRANCH ITEMS

The farmers of this community are all very busy with their farm work.

We are very proud to know that Mr. Ottis Jaynes is again able to be up.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hayes were delighted to have relatives of Corsicana visit them Sunday.

Salt Branch singing class went to Stith Sunday afternoon.

We are very sorry to know that Mrs. W. E. Petty, and two sons, Byers and Austin, have been ill with the mumps.

Mr. Dock Reeves was the guest of Mr. Luther and Joe Higgins Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Hicks of Sweetwater were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen last week.

We were proud to have Mr.

Walker and family of Tye back at Salt Branch Sunday night.

Salt Branch B.Y.P.U. is invited to render a program at the Baptist church of Tye Sunday evening at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Rister and family were visitors at Compere Sunday afternoon.

On Thursday night of last week a play was given by the students of Salt Branch school and Friday, May 14, school closed. The students are now looking forward to cotton chopping time, and most of them are dreading the time to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Robertson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett Sunday.

Miss Helen Compton was a visitor at Salt Branch Sunday.

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## Magnolia Filling Station

# Senior Class of 1926 Has Forty Members

These cuts, used in "The Badger," first volume of the High School annual, are used by courtesy of the staff.



Above, reading down: Lola Dennis, Weldon Wells, Grace Beene, Andrew Jones.



Above, top to bottom: Pearl Skidmore, Joe Ashby, Lila Bird, Jessie Golightly.



Above, top to bottom: Flossie Campbell, Lee Criswell, Sybil Smith, Hallie Pike.



Above, top to bottom: Stell Ledger, Lewis Giles, Jimmie Reece West, Dean Murray.



Above, top to bottom: Juanita Beene, T. J. Beidleman, Anna Lou Russell, Lena Mae Wilson.



Above, reading down: Eva Mae Johnson, Lernon Chaney, Sallie Brown, Vernon Chaney.



Above, top to bottom: Mary Hutcheson, Clarence Walden, Lillian Rider, R. T. Womack.



Above, top to bottom: Irene Golightly, A. J. Tucker, Emma Toombs, Godie Richie.



Above, top to bottom: Dolly Toombs, Luther Pence, Doris Russell, Mary Derstine.



Above, top to bottom: Ollie Hobbs, Ernest Spurgin, Edith Baker, Mary Alice Johnson.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

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## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE**—One '22 Dodge touring car in good condition. Also have some good used Fords priced right. Mack Cox, Merkel, Texas. 7t4

**FOR SALE**—Tomato Plants at 10 cents per dozen. Mrs. E. C. Perry, 6 blocks south of Burton-Lingo Co. 1t

**FOR SALE**—Baled Wheat in All condition. See Joe Holmes at ice. 1tp

**ARRAGED** Rock Cockerels for sale. If you can use some nice young cockerels we have a few. Now is your chance to get some dependable cockerels if you want to build up your flock to a heavy winter laying stock. \$1.00 each, satisfaction guaranteed. J. H. Madderra, route 5, Merkel. 1t

**FOR SALE**—Good, home raised Maize at \$25.00 per ton. J. T. Warren. 1t

**HOTEL FOR SALE**—On account of my health I am offering for sale my hotel building and equipment just as it stands, or would lease it to suitable person. Mrs. J. S. Blair. 28t4p

**FOR SALE**—Good piano, at a bargain. Mrs. J. M. Meeks, phone 229, or address P. O. box number 406. 1tp

## FOR RENT

**FOR RENT**—The first of June, 4 brick building at Blair, Texas, on Sante Fe railroad, suitable for

garage, dry goods and grocery. Deleo light equipment, shelves, counters, scales and fixtures all go with buildings. Also 4-room residence for rent. A.W. Hunter, Merkel, Route 5. 21t2p

**STRAYED or Stolen**—2 red, white-faced yearling heifers, both marked and branded, from my pasture three miles south of Trent. Will pay \$5.00 reward for the return of these cattle. S. A. Derstine. 21t2p

Think of Coal—think of Diavallo Lump or Dawson Fancy Egg. Swafford, phone 44. 28t2

**WANTED**—To rent a piano for one month for use in the tabernacle. Phone 49. 1tp

**WANTED**—Man with family to do farm and ranch work. Sam Butman, Sr. 28t4

## FARM & RANCH LOANS

At 6, 6½ and 7 per cent interest payable once a year. Terms 5, 10, 20 or 33 years, the best contract ever offered the borrower. NO RED TAPE. See me if you want a loan. V. E. MUIR, Abilene, Texas. 1Jan27

## Notice to Parents

I have the Martin place leased and all parties are hereby notified not to trespass on this land. Positively no swimming will be allowed in the tanks and no hunting is allowed. S. G. RUSSELL. 21t2

The Merkel Mail office is under obligation to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton for a lovely bouquet of beautiful roses, which were grown and plucked from their own garden.

B. C. Gaither left Wednesday for Tuscola, where he will visit his daughter. Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither of San Angelo will meet him there for a visit also. Mr. Gaither expects to leave soon for a trip to Tennessee.

## Christian Endeavor Program

Leader, Missie Dye.  
Topic: "Lessons from God's Pioneers in all Ages."  
Scripture reading: Heb. 11:8-10, 17-22. Talk by leader.

Song.  
Debate: "Resolved that the greatest need for Christianity is not in the city but on the frontier."

Clippings and talks.  
Moses the pioneer, Christene Russell.

Fulton the pioneer, David Ferris.

Paul the pioneer, Mildred Smith.

Questions, song, mispah.

Mr. Bill Haynes, proprietor of the Oasis Filling Station, is expected to return this week from a two weeks business trip to Alabama.

H. H. Toombs and family left this week for an extended trip to points in South Texas.

Dr. Ephraim R. Barker, of Healdton, Oklahoma, was here this week for a visit with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker of the Salt Branch community. Mrs. Barker, we regret to learn, has been seriously ill for some time.

Miss Louise Kemp, who was a teacher at Comper, stopped for several days with friends in Merkel before returning to her home at Post, Texas.

Miss Baylor Durham, teacher of Mathematics in the High School here this year, left Saturday for her home in Hico.

Miss Mellie Gilbreath, Spanish teacher in the Merkel High School the past year, left Saturday morning for her home in Fort Worth.

Roy Adams returned home Friday evening, having spent several days at O'Donnell, Texas, in the interest of his farm there.

Miss Kathleen Sudderth, a member of the High School faculty for the past year, left Friday for her home at Leonard, Texas.

Misses Annis Bickley and Geneva Middleton, who taught a very successful school term at Moro, are home for the vacation period, their school having closed last Friday. These young ladies, who are very capable teachers, have been re-elected for another term at Moro, with a nice raise in their salaries.

Miss Lorena Dry, who has been connected with the Ennis High School the past term, returned to her home here first of the week. She was accompanied by Miss Thelma Vivian, of Bishop, Texas, who also taught in the Ennis school, and who will spend the week with Miss Dry.

## THE WHY of SUPERSTITIONS

By H. IRVING KING

### TWO SPOONS IN A CUP

TWO spoons in a cup is a sign of a wedding. If, inadvertently, you put two spoons in your cup—or saucer—you will be married before the year is out. This widespread superstition is a remnant of the tree-worship of our far-off ancestors. Among uncivilized tribes the world over tree-worship flourishes today; and today it exists among the civilized races in the form of current superstitions.

Spoons were evolved from the chips of wood which our ancestors used for what might be termed "spoon purposes." The very word "spoon" is from the Anglo-Saxon "spon"—pronounced "spon"—meaning a chip or splinter of wood. A spoon was part of a tree and several trees in the different mythologies were supposed to have a peculiar influence upon matters of love, marriage and birth.

Elworthy says: "This ancient faith is still shown in the common custom in many parts of Europe of placing a green bough on May day before the house of a sweetheart."

It was probably from the pine that our ancestors first fashioned their spoons and the pine was the tree-god particularly the patron of Virginia, Diana, the Greek Artemis, patroness of adolescent youth of both sexes, wore a chaplet of pine. Even if the material used was not always of the pine the chances were that it would be a tree-god of kindred significance. Naturally when the young tree-worshiper saw two chips in his dish where only one should be it was held as an omen of a coming marriage.

Though the material out of which spoons are made has changed, the word itself has not. Nor has the superstition; it has descended to us along with the word.

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## Federal Commissioner



Rear Admiral H. O. Stickney, retired, who has been appointed by Secretaries Hoover and Kellogg as Federal Commissioner to the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition commemorating the 150th anniversary of American Independence and which will be held in Philadelphia from June 1 to December 1. Admiral Stickney will be in full charge of the United States Government exhibit, which will be the largest of its type ever made.

## SCHOOL DAYS



## Senior League Program

Leader, Mrs. Frank Golloday.  
Song; Prayer.  
Scripture lesson, by leader.  
Saxophone solo, Eva Mae Johnson.

Talk, The Beatitudes, leader.  
The first two Beatitudes, by Lillie Pike.

The third and fourth Beatitudes, Mary Hutcheson.  
The fifth and sixth Beatitudes, Ruby Fae Golloday.

Mr. E. B. Cox, of Virginia, a cousin of Mr. J. L. Banner, stopped over here a few days first of the week with the latter, while on his way to visit California and other western states.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Judge:  
TOM K. EPLEN  
LEE R. YORK  
CARLOS D. SPECK

For County Attorney:  
FRANK E. SMITH

For District Clerk:  
BELLE WELLBORN

For County School Supt.:  
M. A. WILLIAMS

For Sheriff:  
H. T. O'BAR  
JOHN BOND

For County Clerk:  
W. E. BEASLEY  
W. P. BOUNDS

For Tax Collector:  
R. A. McCLAIN  
EARL HUGHES

For Tax Assessor:  
J. T. HOWARD  
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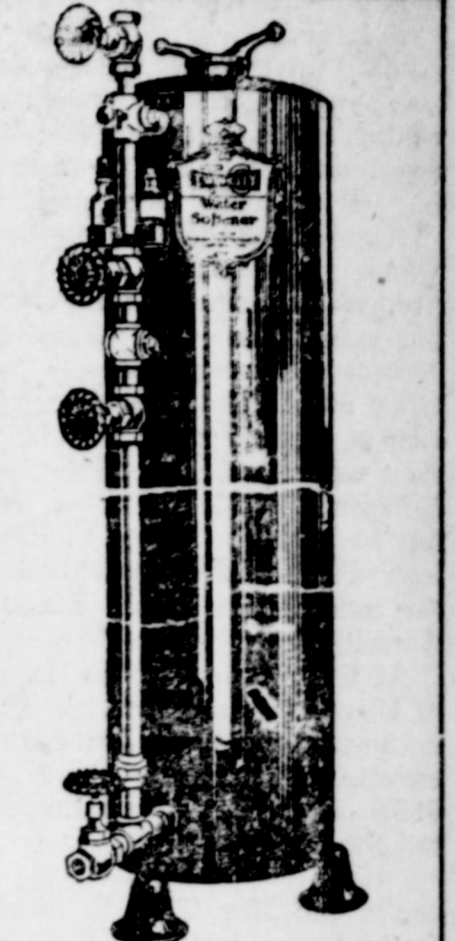
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Mr. O. R. Rodden, our popular and splendid photographer, is in Fort Worth this week attending the State Photographers' Association.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hamn and children left Thursday for a visit with relatives at Midland.



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**PHONE CO. TO SPEND BIG SUM IN TEXAS**

Appropriations totaling \$2,288,385 for construction and reconstruction of telephone property in Texas have been announced by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as a result of recent meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors held in St. Louis.

A large part of this sum will be used for the construction and repair of long distance lines, for central office equipment and underground cables, and for installing and removing telephones.

Aside from the last expense, which is the largest in the appropriation, some of the principal expenditures will be \$520,000 for new central office equipment at the Taylor central office at Houston; \$42,500 for a new central office building at Denison; \$37,200 for construction work on the Dallas El Paso long distance line; and \$19,600 for construction on the Texola-Amarillo long distance line.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer was authorized to pay on July 1, the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 on the Company's Preferred Stock.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford returned last week from an extended trip to points in East Texas. They visited their daughter, Miss Mildred, who is a student at the College of Industrial Arts, also friends and relatives at Forney, Texas. While away Mr. Swafford attended the meeting of Retail Coal Dealers Association in Dallas last week.

Mayor and Mrs. N. D. Cobb and daughter, Mrs. George Coker of Dallas and her little son, left last week for an extended trip to South Texas.

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**MARRIES ABILENE YOUNG LADY**

Mr. Geo. T. Moore, the courteous and affable young assistant postmaster in this city, quietly stole away from his many friends on last Sunday and drove over to the city of Abilene, where he was happily united in marriage to Miss Mattie Elliott, of that city.

Miss Elliott is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elliott, of 226 Sycamore street, Abilene, and is very popular among her many friends in that city.

Mr. Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore, of this city, and he too has a host of friends in and about the city, where he has grown to young manhood.

We join both the contracting parties' many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

Misses Elsie Sharp, Hattie Proctor and Julia Martin, for the past year teachers in the Childress public school, returned to their respective homes this week. They were accompanied by Miss Madge Pierce, also a teacher in the Childress schools, but for two years prior to this a member of the faculty of the Merkel High School. Miss Pierce will spend several days with Miss Martin before leaving for her home in Houston.

Call 61 to place a want ad in the Mail or give us a news item.

**AGED DORA CITIZEN PASSED AWAY THURSDAY**

Mr. R. D. Brandon, a pioneer and well known citizen of the Dora community, aged 81, passed away at his home in that community Thursday morning, May 27.

He is survived by nine children, as follows: Mrs. Frazier Demere, Mrs. S. L. Sanders; Mrs. Jim Ensminger, who live near here, and Will Brandon, of Santa Anna; J. D. Brandon, Kress; Jim Brandon, Henry Brandon, Mrs. Ida Grimes, Mrs. Ensminger, Arkansas.

Funeral services will be held today (Friday) at the Nolan cemetery.

Joe Owen, of Olney, Texas, but for several years a resident of Merkel, is this week visiting in the G. M. Sharp home.

Miss Velma Sterling, a teacher in the Merkel schools the past year, left early this week for her home at Lubbock, Texas.

Mrs. J. Willie Moore and daughter, Miss Delphine, accompanied by Mrs. Moore's father, Mr. Ransome J. Adcock, of Uvalde, Texas, returned home one day this week after several days visit with Mrs. Moore's daughter Miss Fannie Pearl Moore, of Groesbeck, Texas.

Miss Annie May Swann, who has been teaching school the past year in Snyder, Texas, returned home Tuesday.

**EVERY ONE INVITED TO THE C. E. CARNIVAL**

Every one is cordially invited to the carnival at the Presbyterian Church on the lawn tonight. There will be plenty of wholesome entertainment for all, and of course the eats will be the main attraction.

The young people of the Epworth Leagues and B.Y.P.U.'s are especially invited to come and enjoy a pleasant evening.

We are very thankful to Mr. Jas. Doan, Merkel, route five, for his subscription to the Mail.

**Methodist League Has Picnic**

The league enjoyed a picnic Monday afternoon at six o'clock. Members and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Brown and went in cars about five miles east of town. After arriving we played various games and then all enjoyed the lunch. We hope that Mrs. Brown will take us again.

Every one is invited to come to the Intermediate League Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mrs. Eileen Grimes, of Abilene, spent Wednesday in Merkel.

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**No Governorship For Mine**

My good old friend the Governor of Oklahoma was in to see me at the theatre the other night. I had just had humorous mention as a candidate for that position, as they wanted to revive the Populist Party with me as the Standard Bearer.

Well, the Governor showed me what had happened to a friend of his who had been defeated for Governor in our state, so he discouraged me. I won't accuse him of doing it purposely, but he did. His friend's campaign expenditures were as follows:

"I kissed 6,000 babies; helped 42 voters thrash wheat; shook hands with the entire State; smoked 3,000 sacks of 'Bull' Durham; cut 22 cords of wood; helped brand 8,000 calves; spayed 4,000 of them; was sprinkled 8 times in Methodist Churches; totally immersed in cold water in muddy creeks three times by the Baptist; went to confession in every Catholic Town; paid dues to 11 Synagogues; charter member of the Holy-Rollers; listened to 800 get-together Kiawanis, Lions, and Rotary speeches; bought sheet and pillow slip in every Ku Klux Klan in the State; and then I was defeated.

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*Will Rogers*

P.S. There will be another piece in this paper soon. Look for it.



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