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WHY HAVE LARGER SCHOOL DISTRICT

From the view point of the rural school it means a longer term for the intermediate grades with better prepared teachers, as a rule, and under the supervision of one central school whose work is recognized. It means a nine months school for the high school pupils of those districts without a transfer or having to pay any tuition. The school board of trustees is to be elected from the district at large and each rural district would then have a vote in the school affairs as a whole.

The cost of this arrangement would be no more in proportion to value received than the present arrangement, in the lower grades; and would be much less for high school subjects. How are you to know this? Here—it costs Merkel district about \$18,000 in round numbers to offer instruction to 400 (total enrollment) students in grammar grades. At that rate it costs \$45 per student for nine months. How much do you pay in the rural communities? Figure for yourself and you will see that it costs you about \$35 per student for six or seven months. I figured it for two or three communities. Your money counted in there is \$14.00 state appropriations, your county and state school tax and your bond, the interest on them, also your sinking fund and state aid. You can easily see that if you had an 8 or 9 months school it would cost you just as much as it does us. Then what would you have. You would have a good rural school, but not organized or recognized by the city schools of the state. You would spend the same money for a cheaper class article. If you were a part of the Merkel Independent District you would be getting more for your money and a higher class, state recognized article for your money. If you make a trade any time you want the same grade commodity for a cheaper price or a better grade article for the same price. You should have it. This is not a chance to get something for nothing—"them days is gone forever". We are simply putting before you the recent law designed for the benefit of the rural schools whereby they can, by a little, or I'll say at the minimum cost, obtain the same privileges as their trade center city school.

I have not mentioned the cost of the high school students. It costs the Merkel Schools \$60 in round numbers to offer instruction to one high school student. If your boy comes to our school and is a transfer, we get, or did this past year \$14.00 (next year it will be \$12) and we give him four months free tuition, then have to charge him \$25.00 for the balance of the nine months. This gives us \$39.00. If it costs us \$60 we lose \$21 on each transfer. If we have 30, as we did last year, that means a \$630.00 loss to Merkel School district. What will your tuition, etc. amount to under the new plan for the high school student? Nothing! We absorb them in our school system here. What does it save you? If your boy is 18 years of age before Sept. 1 of that year it will save you \$45.00; if he can be transferred it will save you \$25.00. It gives your boy or girl the opportunity to get work that is the equal in value to any school in the state. We are a standard, affiliated, class A high school. Our work is accepted by all the colleges and universities of the country. This is, then, an unusual opportunity for the farming citizenry of our Merkel district. In some of our neighboring

HOW TO ADDRESS THE BOYS AT PALACIOUS

We publish below the address of the National Guard boys who left this city Thursday for a two weeks encampment at Palacios. If you desire to write your son or one of the boys, the following on your envelope will insure him receiving it: First Bn. Hq. 131st F. A., National Guard Camp, Palacios, Texas.

F. P. HAMM BUILDING NEW GIN

Mr. F. P. Hamm, one of Merkel's pioneer and popular gin men, is building and equipping a modern and up-to-date new gin plant on the site where for many years he has been serving the farmers of this community.

He is not only putting up a new building, but will install five of the latest model 80-saw gin stands. In fact he expects to make his plant the last word in up-to-date ginning facilities.

He is also putting in a gin plant at Tuscola, Texas.

Judge W. W. Hamilton and family of Snyder were here to spend the fourth with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hamilton, and brother, Mr. Seth Hamilton, and family.

communities it would mean the dispensing with of one teacher and maintaining a standard two teacher rural school for the lower grades. This in itself would be a fine saving.

The people of the rural communities can take advantage of this opportunity and the only parties whose vote must be secured is the board of trustees of the Merkel Independent School District. The County Board has the authority to annex any that so desire, provided the Independent school district does not object to it.

You then ask the question Why is Jackson pushing this proposition? Simply this. I am interested in better schools, not only for the city but for the trade territory as well. Also, I knew that the majority of the farmers did not know it was legal to make such annexation. Also I see the need for this country for the future. Why should we spend our money in sending our girls away to college to learn to cook and sew? Why should our boys have to have a college education to learn to make a success of farming, or other vocational professions? We can have those things here at home much cheaper than we can get them any other place.

Some say our girls can learn to cook and sew at home in the kitchen, but how many do? They say this scientific stuff on the farm is all "bunk," but you know the value of terracing, seed selection, poultry culling, stock raising, diversification—these things practiced in the light of the knowledge of the climate and other factors will make your boy able to go ahead. This is useless argument for all of you know this.

There should be many more boys from the country in our schools each year. The school should be your school, and we are just now in this way extending you a welcome to come in with us.

We live not in the past or the present, but in the future. People always do things like themselves. Our responsibilities increase with our privileges. No man lives unto himself. We can go no farther than our heads. Think it over. Another article next week.

IRVIN L. JACKSON.

PARTY ARRIVES FOR BAPTIST REVIVAL

Dr. L. R. Scarborough and his helpers arrived Thursday morning from Canada and California where they have been engaged in evangelistic meetings. Prof. W. B. Moore, pianist, is head of the piano department in the school of sacred music in the Baptist Seminary and Prof. E. L. Carnett, soloist and choir leader, is a teacher of voice in the school of music, will have charge of the music at the revival at the Baptist church. These men are widely known as leaders in the evangelistic music. Their singing and playing will be a strong and attractive feature of this meeting. To hear Mr. Carnett sing and Mr. Moore play will make you want to hear them again. They will greatly desire a large choir and the pastor and evangelistic party join in an urgent invitation to all singers in any of the choirs of the churches in and around Merkel to take part in building a great soul winning musical program. All the people are urged to take part in the meeting. Come to bring and receive a spiritual blessing.

Dr. Scarborough, who was converted in Merkel nearly 40 years ago, was raised on a cow ranch in Jones county, is a westerner and loves western people. He will preach at the Baptist church at 10 to 11 each morning and at 8:30 each night until July 18th. Prayer meetings at 8 o'clock. The business men are agreeing to close their places of business for the day services next week. This is a fine and noble thing for them to do. It is appreciated greatly by the Baptist people. It is deeply desired by all concerned in this revival that all the people of Merkel and surrounding country join heartily to make this a glorious revival.

This evangelistic party has had a great season of evangelism in Canada and California. They came to Merkel desiring to help in a season of spiritual blessings to all the people.

BIG RAIN PREVENTS DAN'S VISIT HERE

Attorney General Dan Moody, who was making a swing over portions of West Texas this week in the interest of his candidacy for Governor, was scheduled to deliver an address in Merkel Wednesday evening at six o'clock, enroute from Sweetwater to Abilene, where he spoke at eight-thirty, but big rains which fell over portions of West Texas during the late afternoon and early night prevented him from speaking in Merkel at all.

At Sweetwater Mr. Moody was to have spoken on the Court House lawn, but rains drove the crowds to shelter and the young Attorney General was compelled to speak to two audiences, the crowd being too large to get into the big district court room.

After his two speeches at Sweetwater he made his way through heavy rains and mud and water to Abilene, where he arrived late, but found a large audience waiting for him.

The weather made it a bad day for Mr. Moody, but from the way the great crowds waited for him and braved the heavy rains to get a chance to hear him at every point, makes it appear certain as to the great victory he may expect from the voters in this section of the state.

Traveling men who make West Texas say that Moody will carry almost every county in the West by large majorities over all his opponents. In fact it seems that the people are determined to rid the state of the Ferguson form of government, and that they see in Attorney General Dan Moody the man, and the only man in the race, with a lead that will do the job.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Easterwood came up last week from their home at Taft, Texas, where Mr. Easterwood is cashier of the First State Bank of that city. Mr. Easterwood returned first of the week, leaving Mrs. Easterwood and baby for a more extended visit among friends and relatives.

TWO BIG DRY GOODS SALES START TODAY

We call the attention of our readers to the big dry goods sales which are advertised in this paper, and which begin today. These firms, besides having this paper print their big circulars announcing these two big events, are also using the columns of this paper to further impress upon the people of this community the facts concerning the many bargains they are offering during these nine days of clearance selling.

When home dry goods people put on sales you have a better opportunity of saving, because you may see and know the value of what you buy. Let's patronize our home institutions and keep our money at home and help build up our own home town.

NAZARENE REVIVAL MAKING PROGRESS

The revival at the tabernacle conducted by Evangelist W. E. Ellis and wife is increasing in interest and attendance. Old time power is manifested in each service. Souls are praying thru and finding God at our altars. Seven came down and knelt at the altar at one morning service. Rev. Ellis is pouring forth streams of red Bible truths to his hearers. Rev. Mr. Ellis has delivered some soul stirring messages.

On next Sunday night at 8:00 p.m. Rev. Ellis will deliver his famous sermon on "His Majesty the Devil." He has spent more than 10 years in the study of this one subject. You have never heard anything quite like it. Whatever you have missed in the past, don't miss hearing this soul stirring message.

He gives his hearers more Bible than any man I ever heard. A welcome awaits you at the tabernacle meeting.

R. B. Williamson, pastor.

'DEESTRICT SINGIN' SKEWL' PLAY IS WELL ATTENDED

The big home talent play, "The Deestrick Singin' Skewl," under the auspices of the Thursday Club, given at the Cozy Theatre on last Tuesday evening, was a splendid success from every standpoint.

The attendance was large, the play was unique and well carried out by every character taking part, and the ladies of the Thursday Club realized more than \$100.00 which will go toward a fund for putting a nice arch and gate at the entrance of the Rose Hill Cemetery. We commend them for their enterprising spirit and success of the occasion.

Local Furniture Dealer Goes To Eastern Markets

Mr. A. T. Sheppard, local manager for the Barrow Furniture Company, left last Saturday for the great Eastern Wholesale markets, where, with other managers for the ten retail stores of the Barrow Furniture Company, he will select the big fall stocks of furniture to be carried by this firm in the various stores. He will go to Chicago and Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swafford and two daughters left Tuesday morning for their home at Kansas City in their car, after a two weeks visit with Mrs. Swafford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, and other relatives and friends. Mr. Swafford is assistant manager in the land office of the Long Bell Lumber Company at Kansas City.

BASKET PICNIC FOR NEXT LUNCHEON

At the last meeting of the Merkel Luncheon Club it was the unanimous decision of those present that the next meeting be held at Shannon's Pool, and that same be a big basket picnic, attended by all the members and their families, with an interesting and elaborate program.

A committee on program and arrangements was appointed by the president composed of Messrs. Sie Hamm, S. D. Gamble, C. H. Jones and Mesdames W. L. Diltz, Jr., and S. D. Gamble, and the big event was to have taken place next Tuesday evening, the time for the regular meeting, but since the big revival meeting at the Baptist Church will be going on, the matter has been postponed until the week following the close of the meeting, details of which will be published in this paper later.

This next meeting at Shannon's promises to be one of the nicest and most sociable occasions held in this city for many months, hence we urge every member of the club to make arrangements to be present with their entire family.

TELLS OF MOODY'S EARLY SCHOOL DAYS

Dallas, Texas, July 8.—Declaring that Dan Moody, Attorney General and candidate for Governor, was always "the personification of industry, as well as the sole of honor and the slave of duty," Dr. W. N. Williams, former editor of the Christian Courier for many years, and for ten years at the head of the schools of Taylor, Texas, in a letter just made public, gives interesting sidelights upon Moody's early life. Writing to the Rev. W. F. Reynolds of Dallas, Dr. Williams stated: "In reply to your letter of June 19 asking me for a statement covering Dan Moody's record as a student in the public schools of Taylor, Texas, while I was superintendent thereof, I beg to say:

"As the head of the Taylor public schools for ten years I witnessed Dan's school work in the primary department, grammar school and high school, and wish to say that he was a model pupil in deportment and stood well as a student. And, in memory, I can see him running to school for fear of being tardy nearly every morning, because he had been kept busy to the last minute milking, delivering milk and driving the cows to the pasture. Indeed, when I remember how hard Dan worked before and after school and that he did not get to play as other children, I wonder how he made the good grades he did in school. But he was always the personification of industry, as well as the soul of honor and a slave to duty.

"And I may add that after knowing Dan Moody twenty-eight years I regard him as the finest type of virile young American Christian manhood the nation has produced. He is clean, capable, courageous and absolutely dependable. I hope to get back to Texas in time to vote for him."

Mrs. T. L. Grimes and baby daughter, Tommie Evelyn, and the former's brother, Mr. Chas. Jones, returned this week from a visit with relatives in Louisiana.



DR. L. R. SCARBOROUGH

Statement of the Condition of the FARMERS STATE BANK

At the close of business June 30, 1926

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$459,481.06
Overdrafts	936.35
Banking House	15,200.00
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Other Real Estate	11,282.51
Stocks and Bonds	1,500.00
Assessment Gty. Fund	5,955.92
Int. Depositors Gty. Fund	8,422.66
Cash and U. S. Bonds	124,771.66
Total	\$632,980.16

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits Net	29,000.00
Dividends Unpaid	2,500.00
Bills Payable	65,000.00
Deposits	486,480.16
Total	\$632,980.16

Every Dollar in our loans is loaned to Merkel Farmers and Business Men. We loan our money at home where it benefits the Community.

WE ARE NOT AFRAID TO BACK THE COUNTRY THAT IS BACK OF US

YOUR BUSINESS SOLICITED FARMERS STATE BANK MERKEL TEXAS

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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

Another Big Cake Sale

The ladies of the Thursday Club announce that on next Saturday they will have another cake sale which will be at the Merkel Motor Company.

On last Saturday they did not have enough cakes to supply the demand, but this time they expect to be better supplied, and in this connection they wish to say to any lady wishing to donate a cake it will be received with thanks. The funds received will go to the Cemetery Arch and Gate Fund.

Mr. Quinton L. Williams of Santa Paula, California, was here visiting his sister, Mrs. R. E. Cole, last week.

Mrs. Lizzie Atkins, of Telephone, Texas, is here for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

Marcelling, call 101J for appointments. Will also teach. Itp

SPEAKING PROGRAM OF CANDIDATES

Potosi, July 8, at 8:30 p.m.
Blair, July 9, picnic.
Lawn, July 10, 3:30 p.m.
Sambo (Wiley) July 13, 8:30.
Ovalo, July 14, 3:30 p.m.
Abilene, July 15, 8:30 p.m.
Buffalo Gap, July 16, picnic.
View, July 16, 8:30 p.m.
Merkel, July 17, 3:30 p.m.
Trent, July 17, 8:30 p.m.
Tuscola, July 19, 8:30 p.m.
Caps, July 20, 8:30 p.m.
Shep, July 22, 3:30 p.m.
Moro, July 22, 8:30 p.m.

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

Mrs. J. E. Hendricks and little grandson, Harold Reece, left Thursday morning for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. T. H. Tarbet, near Lamesa.

Try our new Hay; you'll want more of it. Swafford, phone 44.

FROM MT. PLEASANT

Mr. Massey and family, who moved to the Plains last fall spent the fourth visiting friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Dow Jones and family are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Logan, at Blair.

Mr. Harrison and family from White Church spent Sunday afternoon at their daughter's, Mrs. Dewey Rogers.

Mr. Grover Blair and family of Nubia, Mr. Dee Moore and family from Cross Roads and Mr. Castleberry and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Crow.

Mr. Charlie Moore from Dallas is visiting relatives in and around Merkel.

Messrs. Hurley Toombs, Doyle Pogue, Mack Angus and Charlie Moore were out in the Mt. Pleasant country Monday looking over the country.

Mt. Pleasant had their annual fourth of July picnic Saturday, the third, and it was fine. Lots of everything good to eat and good music. Among other things they took a straw vote on the governor's race and out of 37 voters there was 1 for Moody, 2 for Davidson and 34 for Governor M. A. Ferguson. There was some talk of organizing a cultivator jockey club, but had to defer that for want of time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Toombs and Mrs. Riney of Merkel were at the picnic at Mt. Pleasant last Saturday.

Mr. Fine Hogan gave the young folks a party Saturday night and all had a nice time.

A Reader.

WARREN NEWS
By Rose Ellington

The farmers are all glad to see the rain which came Wednesday and Wednesday night.

Health of this community is very good at present.

Miss Vela Jones spent Saturday night with Miss Willie Newman.

Misses Rose Ellington, Minnie Ethel Canon spent Sunday with Miss Ollie Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin spent Sunday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellington and daughter, Lorene, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Montgomery of the Horn community.

Misses Vela and Vera Jones Willie Newman, Cordie Ellington, and Willie Mae Light spent Friday night with Misses Helen and Artie McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Therman McCoy visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellington Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelso and little daughter, Margaret, grandma and Ella Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Therman McCoy and Jasper Hobb spent Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy visited on the Plains last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Canon spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs.

Mrs. Hollis McCoy's niece of Arlington is visiting her and also a friend from New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy visited his mother, Mrs. Barbara McCoy, Monday.

Miss Artie McCormick spent Saturday night with Miss Ruth Chancey.

SALT BRANCH PICNIC

A number of Salt Branch folks enjoyed a picnic on Warren's lake last Monday. Lemonade and ice tea were served. Dinner was spread on the ground and served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Higgins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson and family, Mr. Patton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Robertson and son, Mr. E. H. Thompson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. Bernard Hays and Mr. John Jones. Swimming was the sport of the afternoon.

MERITED TRIBUTE
Guess to Whom?

(By S. A. Fishburn, Dallas)

Of all the men in all the world Deserving everything

That goes to make for happiness, Of him I'd rather sing

Who does the most, but gets the least

For boosting of his town, For pushing others on and up

While they oft push him down,

Who slaves and slaves both day and night

For everybody's good While everybody uses him—

By no means as they should; But ride him as an old free horse

Till he gets tired and sore And his good legs, all spavined up,

Refuses to serve him more.

So, reader, you no doubt divine, By what you now have heard

Who this man is and what he does—

This meek and lowly "bird". If you don't know and cannot guess—

But if you try you can— That's right, you recognize the cuss—

The country paper man.

NAZERINE REVIVAL
MAKING PROGRESS

Rev. R. B. Williamson, pastor of the local Nazerine church, assisted by Evangelists W. E. Ellis and wife, of Wellington, Texas, began in this city recently a revival meeting which is being held at the tabernacle, and report the meeting getting under way in a very interesting and pleasing manner, and hope with the cooperation and assistance of all Christian people to make it a great and lasting good in this entire community.

There will be two sermons each day, morning and evening, and everybody is cordially invited to attend each and every service.

Rev. Ellis and wife make a strong gospel team, preaching the plain truths of the Holy Bible as they interpret them. Splendid crowds are already in attendance, and as the meeting continues it is expected that both the attendance and interest will increase.

WARREN NOTES
By Vera Jones

The health of the community is good at present.

Those who visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burks and son of Sylvester, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones, Misses Helen McCormick, Lottie Gressett, Messrs. Vernon Hudson, Robert Sumpter and Ottis Jaynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Kelso visited Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tarpley Sunday.

Miss Artie McCormick spent Sunday with Miss Ruth Chancey.

Miss Vela Jones spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Willie Numan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gressett visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Criswell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Evers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Higgins of Salt Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jaynes Spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris.

Miss Rose Ellington visited her sister, Mrs. Kelso of Stith Friday night.

All who attended the slumber party at Miss Helen McCormick Friday night reported a fine time.

Messrs. Boyd Dobbs, Wilmer and Wilbur Criswell and R. V. Jones visited Mr. Hollis McCoy Saturday night.

Miss Cartie Ellington spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister, Miss Therman McCoy.

Miss Helen McCormick spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Vera Jones.

Statement of the Condition of THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
At the close of business June 30, 1926

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$261,937.29
Overdrafts	161.00
Warrants (Merkel Ind. School)	26,989.02
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Other Resources	338.56
Cash, Sight Exchange and U. S. Bonds	192,609.32
Total	\$491,797.69

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	10,539.98
Circulation	5,950.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscunts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	410,307.71
Total	\$491,797.69

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT
BOOTH WARREN, Cashier



THE OLD RELIABLE
FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK
MERKEL TEXAS
'SINCE 1904'

Misses Sally and Inice Brown returned home last Friday from Cisco, where they enjoyed a very pleasant visit with their sister, Mrs. Robert McBean.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anderson and children were down from Sweetwater first of the week for a visit with home folks and friends.

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

Mrs. J. D. Boring of McKinney was here several days last week looking after her property interests and visiting her many friends. While here she was a guest of Miss Amanda Curtis.

Be sure to ask for our Blue Trading Stamps. We redeem them. Bob Martin Grocery Company. It

Mrs. R. R. Buford and children left this week for Chicago for a visit with relatives.

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, July 5 from 12 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Phone No. 359 Abilene, Texas

REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

After a Fire==
you'll find no satisfaction in figuring up the amount of insurance you should have had. But there is a lot of satisfaction in knowing that your property as it stands today is fully covered by dependable fire insurance.

Our fire insurance policies are dependable.
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Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

When Buying a **Washing Machine**
Consider These Facts

Fact No. 10 The responsibility and reputation of the company that sells it.



West Texas Utilities Co.

Two Cylinder Washer

Choicest Merchandise at Astounding Price Reductions

JULY CLEARING SALE



This Clearance Sale was planned to cover the sudden needs of late Summer days. Innumerable items are required to suit the change of temperature and season and to fill this demand, we have arranged this sale which means unusual economies to you.

We are offering you a selection of merchandise at wonderful clearance prices. Piece goods--especially the kind that will come in to excellent advantage for school sewing--are marked down to the lowest figure. **READ THIS CIRCULAR! LOOK AT THE PRICES!** Notions, hosiery, millinery, undergarments--and all the other accessories you can use at this time of the year are waiting for your selection at big reductions.

Come in early and get in on these wonderful bargains! You will find many values that cannot be duplicated later at this price.

MEN'S NOXALL
OVERALLS
JULY SALE PRICE
98c

JONES DRY GOODS
SPECIAL
A FULL WEIGHT 220
DINUM OVERALL
JULY SALE PRICE
\$1¹⁹

Sale Starts Friday, July 9--Closes Sat. July 17

500 YARDS 32-IN.
DRESS GINGHAM
JULY Sale PRICE
10c

**Men's and
Boys' Caps**
Going at Bargain
Prices



**Men's Dress
Pants**

1000 YARDS 32-in.
RED SEAL
GINGHAM
JULY Sale PRICE
19c

81x90 BLEACHED
SEAMLESS
SHEETS
JULY Sale PRICE
98c

- \$3.50 CAPS go at \$2.89
- 3.00 CAPS go at 2.45
- 2.50 CAPS go at 1.98
- 2.25 CAPS go at 1.89
- 2.00 CAPS go at 1.39
- 1.50 CAPS go at 1.25
- 1.25 CAPS go at 98c

- \$7.50 Pants go at \$6.48
- 7.00 Pants go at 5.95
- 6.75 Pants go at 5.45
- 6.00 Pants go at 4.98
- 5.50 Pants go at 4.45
- 5.00 Pants go at 4.45
- 4.50 Pants go at 3.95
- 4.00 Pants go at 3.48

500 YARDS
Yard Wide
CRETONS
WORTH 25c
JULY Sale PRICE
19c

800 YARDS 27-IN.
RED SEAL
GINGHAM
JULY Sale PRICE
13¹/₂

**MENS' DRESS
HATS**

- \$5.00 HATS go at \$4.45
- 4.50 HATS go at 3.95
- 4.00 HATS go at 3.48

Our entire stock of

Ladies Dresses

to be closed out in
this sale at almost
Half Price

**Big
BARGAINS IN
Men's Dress
SHIRTS**

- \$3.50 Shirts at \$2.75
- 3.00 Shirts go at 2.45
- 2.50 Shirts go at 1.98
- 2.25 Shirts go at 1.75
- 2.00 Shirts go at 1.69
- 1.75 Shirts go at 1.45
- 1.50 Shirts go at 1.29
- 1.25 Shirts go at 99c

1000 YARDS
Yard Wide
PERCALE
JULY Sale PRICE
15c

ONE LOT OF
LADIES HATS
Values Up to \$7.50
JULY Sale PRICE
95c

WIDE SHEETING
LUNA 94 UN-
BLEACHED
JULY Sale PRICE
29c

**All Straw Sailors
At Half Price**

MENS ATHLETIC
UNION SUITS
JULY Sale PRICE
45c

YARD WIDE
BLEACHED
DOMESTIC
No Starch
JULY Sale PRICE
12¹/₂c

JONES DRY GOODS

MERKEL, TEXAS

Look What's Happening in Merkel

FRIDAY JULY 9th at 9:30

BOX HOLDER

Route _____

Bragg Dry Goods Company

STARTS THEIR BIG REAL JULY

Store Closed

Our store Closed Thursday to mark the prices away down.

CLEARANCE SALE

Store Closed

We will be closed Thursday so we can arrange the store for your convenience.

GINGHAMS
5 Yards for 25c

Saturday morning on opening of our doors at 8:30 we are going to sell 700 yds of good quality Gingham at 5c per yard. Limit 5 yds. to each customer. Be on time and you'll get a new Gingham Dress for

25c!

One lot men's Dress Shirts values up to \$2.50 going for **98c Ea**

One lot men's all leather work shoes priced to sell, only **\$1.85**

One lot men's Shoes and Oxfords of black or tan, values to \$6 for **\$3.95**

Ladies \$5.00 shoes in Pumps and straps, in black patent, browns or blonds - - - **\$2.95**

One lot men's Union Suits - - - - **49c**

Men's Carleton guaranteed blue shirts, special **89c**

Men's 240 Blue Denim Overalls, special - **98c**

Men's Curlee Suits are going at a real saving like these

\$30.00 Values **\$21.75**
35.00 Values **26.75**
37.50 Values **28.45**

All other suits reduced in proportion to these and "Men they all have two pairs of pants."

Our entire stock men's Packard Shoes go at prices that are right **\$6.95 and \$7.95**

One lot men's Genuine English Broadcloth shirts going while they last for - - **\$1.39**



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But we do always sell for a good deal less than other merchants, and you will find one of the best assorted stocks of high grade clothing, Shoes, Hats, Hosiery, Underwear, Dry Goods and notions for men, women and children, offered at such ridiculous low prices that you will be utterly surprised. We were lucky to be on the job and bought the pick of real merchandise at low prices, and every dollar's worth of this merchandise and all the new merchandise, that's arriving each day will be put on sale at prices that will save for you.

Attention

The word "SALE" has been abused—but here is going to be one that's different—We are going forth in this one like we have never gone before in all our history in Merkel and give to an army of friends and customers more than just an ordinary sale. We are going to give a real Bargain Carnival for 8 days only—so don't wait too long and be sorry. Come the first day.

OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT

We have a real Shoe Department, not the largest in West Texas, but we have one of the best assorted of them all. In this department we can fit the largest of men, the lady who wants the newest, and the little tiny baby who needs something cute and serviceable, in fact folks we have "fits" in our shoes. You will always find our price is low whether on Sale or not, but during this sale we intend to sell shoes fast and furious, come in and see for yourself!

Reason for this Sale

It is the time of the year when most merchants must start making room for their big stocks of Fall Merchandise, and we have an extra large stock bought which will start arriving in Merkel about August 1st, therefore we must clean the deck of all summer goods and odds and ends, and on Friday, July 9th at 9:30 a. m. we launch an event that hundreds of people await and recognize as the greatest money saving opportunity of the year. Little or no thought is given to profit. Our one purpose is to make a quick and absolutely clearaway of all seasonal merchandise, so we have made the most drastic reduction of the year on spring and summer goods to accomplish this purpose in record time.

We know what it takes to sell goods quickly. It takes prices, and prices and quality is what we depend on to make this event eclipse all previous efforts. Plain facts. Folks, make a list of what you need and be on hand early Friday morning.

IMPULSED BY FORCE OF CIRCUMSTANCE WE PLACE THIS OPPORTUNITY BEFORE YOU

It is a real Clearance Sale in all that the name implies. Not a "Hurrah Sale" held merely for the purpose of having a sale. Twice yearly we clean our stocks and thousands of people anticipate this great merchandising event and plan their buying so that they save money not only on present needs, but on future needs as well. All over the store wide-awake buyers will find opportunities to sweep savings of dimes and dollars into their pocket books. Wherever we find waifs or strays or possible overstocks we price-mark them in a way that should lead you to think that we sometimes do business as a pastime.

We've got room to make, and consequently a less to take. So here goes. It's one grand, clean sweep of profits—and a total disregard for former prices. What we've got to do is reduce stock, no matter how much we have to reduce prices.

30 MINUTE SPECIALS FOR EACH DAY

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.—One lot of Childrens \$1.25 Gingham Dresses 69c Each

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.—We have about 500 yards of regular 25c Cretons in many beautiful patterns, on sale 30 minutes. 13c Yd

MONDAY, JULY 12, 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.—A beautiful selection of Dress Voiles that are on sale at 59c, but we are going to sell 3 yards for 25c, limit 3 yards to each customer.

TUESDAY, JULY 13th, 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.—We are going to sell Gingham for 1c per yard. This is the way you do it—buy 2 yards at regular sale price and we sell you another yard for 1c, limit 6 yards to customer.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14th, 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.—We have one big lot of real silk hose that we're going to sell for 39c Pair

THURSDAY, JULY 15th, 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.—We have 10 dozen large 30-in Bath Towels on sale for 15c each. Buy one for 15c and get another for 1c, limit two towels to each customer.

FRIDAY, JULY 16th, 1:30 to 2 p.m.—We are going to sell 27-inch Red Seal Gingham at 7c yard, limit 5 yards to customer.

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 10 to 10:30 a.m.—We are going to sell the best grade 9-1 Bleached Sheeting for 25c yard, limit 5 yards to customer.

Unlike Other Sales In Every Respect

Come see our methods of turning merchandise into cash. New ideas crowding out old. Prices so low, value so great, that it would be difficult to tell them in cold type; with out seeming to exaggerate. We are coming boldly to the front with prices so low that no man or woman in justice to themselves or family can pass these items by. Never before in the history of our business have we ever thrown open to the people a sale of such magnitude. But there is a reason. We must clear the decks and make room for a large Fall Stock. This sale is unlike any you have ever attended.

Attention Ladies!

We realize the futility of an attempt to put in words a description of our stock of Ready-to-wear and Millinery and shall desist from laying unnecessary stress upon you by attempting to itemize these values. We want everybody who wants to be well dressed and who have the slightest intention to economize to visit our store during this sale. These are potent arguments to use to bring you to our store, aren't they? But we can't be too emphatic. Come here expecting to find Real Bargains and you won't be disappointed.

\$100 Reward

We will give to any charitable institution in Taylor County this sum if any person will show or prove that we or anyone connected with this store; have marked the former selling price up—then back down to the former everyday selling price to make it look like an attractive price. This sale is strictly clean and legitimate—where honest methods and prices reign supreme.

\$75.00 FREE Friday Morning

On opening of our doors Friday morning at 9:30 we are going to give the first 100 or more people who enter our doors a real surprise package. Some will have shoes, hats, hose, dress pattens, \$1.00 and \$2.00 bills and lots of other wonderful prizes you don't have to spend a cent for. Just be here and get in on this shower of gifts—none to children. Telephone your friends and tell your neighbors to all be here. More fun than a barrel of monkeys.

Clark's O. N. T. sewing thread, 7 spools for **25c**

All package stamped embroidery goods going at **One-half price**

Our entire stock of bathing suits are reduced - **1/2**

Best grade 9-4 bleached sheeting free from starch **35c**

36 inch, 25c Percales specially priced - **16c**

32 inch Red Seal Gingham a 35c value for - **24c**

One lot childrens sox values up to 50c pair for - **9c**

One lot ladies summer hats special while they last **\$1.00**

All Ready-to-wear reduced rock bottom prices,

One lot ladies pretty Rayon dresses formerly sold up to \$6.95 - **\$3.95**

Ladies Silk Pongee dresses values to \$7.50 for **\$4.95**

One lot Ladies Jersey Teds and Muslin Night Gowns regular \$1.95 values for **98c each**

We have two special groups of ladies cool summer house dresses going in this sale for the low prices of **59c and 98c each**

THIS SALE WILL ONLY LAST EIGHT DAYS FROM JULY 9th UNTIL JULY 17th
WE DO NOT GIVE GOLD BOND STAMPS DURING THIS SALE

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Lynch Davidson says: Dan has made a fine Attorney General, and should have stayed with his job and I would have supported him. Most Davidson men say that. Yes, he has made a fine Attorney General, and he will make a mighty fine Governor for this the biggest and best state in the union. A Vote for Lynch is a half vote for the expert canner of preserves and her husband (proxy Jim) who is noted for his ability at bringing in an abundance of "wood and water".

"The Mail is one of the very best country newspapers I have ever seen," says C. M. Largent, of the firm of C. M. Largent & Sons, breeders of the finest of Hereford cattle. Mr. Largent says further, "I don't see how you do it in so small a town." To this we say "We could not do as well were it not for the fact that we live in the best town of its size, and among the best people on earth."

The people of Merkel are proud to have among them for the next two weeks at least, Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Scarborough, of Fort Worth. They were both practically reared in this part of the West, the former in Jones county and the latter in Taylor county. Mrs. Scarborough is the daughter of the late C. P. Warren, one of the real pioneers of the West, and is a sister of our fellow townsman and most excellent citizen, Mr. J. T. Warren. Dr. Scarborough, who is president of the Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, with his evangelistic party, has just returned from a trip to Canada and California, where he held some very successful revival meetings. He is not only one of the most able and great Evangelists of the state, but of the nation, and this paper predicts one of the greatest revivals within the history of our city under his leadership.

Farm Bureau Meeting

The Farm Bureau will have a district meeting at Merkel Saturday, the 10th, at the tabernacle from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Several directors and field men from adjoining counties will be present. All are invited, especially members of the Bureau.

J. C. Mason, Director.

LOCAL COUPLE IS MARRIED IN ABILENE

On Tuesday afternoon of this week Judge P. B. Ford, in his usual happy manner, pronounced the words that made man and wife Mr. Robert Elmer Adcock and Miss Vera Belle Simpson, both popular and splendid young people of this city.

Mr. Adcock is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock of this city, has been reared here, is now in the employ of the Hammi Drug Company, and is recognized by all who know him as being honest, industrious and an upright young man.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. C. W. Simpson, is one of the most popular and charming young ladies of the younger set of the city.

This paper joins many friends of both parties in extending to them congratulations and good wishes for a long and happy married life.

Entertains Thursday Club

Mrs. Sam Swann delightfully entertained the Thursday Club on the beautiful and comfortable lawn at the home of Mrs. Booth Warren from 5:30 to 8.

Guests found places at four tables where "42" was enjoyed for an hour or more in the cooling breeze.

The hostess was assisted by Mesdames Warren and Grimes in serving a dainty refreshment to Mesdames R. O. Anderson, W. L. Diltz, Jr., R. I. Grimes, Robert Hicks, James West, Dee Grimes, Chas. Jones, W. J. Largent, Earl Lassiter, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland, L. B. Scott, and guests, Mrs. Luther Swafford of Kansas City, Mrs. R. O. Lindsay, Ashdown, Ark., Miss Lela Putnam of Albany, Mrs. C. M. Largent and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Miss Lillian Watts is Hostess at Morning Party

On Wednesday Miss Lillian Watts entertained with a morning party complimenting Miss Bertha Foster Slusher of St. Louis and Mrs. Bowers of Clarksville, Texas.

At an early hour the party drove out to Shannon's for a swim. A portable victrola furnished music throughout the morning. A delicious breakfast of cantaloupe, cheese banana sandwiches, potato chips and iced coffee was served from tables laid with dainty breakfast cloths. Those enjoying the occasion with Miss Slusher and Mrs. Bowers were Misses Mary Eula Sears, Ruby Hamm, Lola Dennis, Christine Collins, Tena Hamm, Johnnie Sears, Edna Watts and the hostess.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. Preaching by pastor at 11:00 a.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour. Senior Christian Endeavor at 7:30 o'clock p.m. Choir practice Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.

There will be no evening service Sunday on account of the revival meetings.

The young people's encampment for the Abilene Presbytery will convene at Buffalo Gap July 14 to 21. We urge the cooperation of every member of the church in helping to make this a great occasion for our church and young people. We expect to have a great day on Sunday, July 18. An effort will be made to provide transportation for all who can make the trip and a committee will be appointed next Sunday for that purpose.

We trust there will be a record attendance at both the Sunday school and preaching service Sunday. Will you be in your place? Come and bring a friend.

We extend a cordial welcome to the public to worship with us. Chas. H. Little.

Church of Christ Revival At Noodle

The Noodle Church of Christ began its revival meeting Thursday evening, to continue over three Lord's days, if interest demands it.

Elder W. C. Warlick, of Abilene, will do the preaching, and will discuss many timely and important subjects during his series of sermons, such as "The Condition of the Dead", "The Covenant of Jacob and Esau," the "Broken Chain," "A Prayer Meeting in Hell" and many other subjects. A welcome is extended to one and all.

Blair Church Thanks

The Blair Baptist church committee wants to thank the people who donated to the home mission cause, which totaled \$6.00. Bro. McGee of Abilene made the opening address. Bro. Nusom of Abilene made an eloquent talk on missions. The program was a success and a large crowd was present. We want to thank each character for his loyalty and each parent for his cooperation. Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnes Entertain Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnes of the Mt. Pleasant community enjoyed having the pleasure recently of entertaining their three sons and their families, Mrs. Barnes' three brothers and their families, as follows: R. M. Martin and family of Cleburne, B. L. Martin and family of Rotan, Z. R. Martin and family of Rotan, and cousins Mr. and Mrs. Bell, of Big Spring. All enjoyed very much the two days of splendid hospitality so generously extended by Mr. and Mrs. Barnes.

Trent Ladies Entertain

Mrs. Homer Scott and Mrs. C. H. Ledger were joint hostesses to an "old ladies party" last Saturday afternoon in honor of their mothers, Mrs. Peterson of Lamesa, Texas, and Mrs. Ramsey of Lampasas, respectively.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent talking of bygone days and humming old tunes which provoked much laughter. Delicious home-made ice cream and cake were served to Mesdames Dingle, Smith, Stevenson, Shouse, Reid, Churchill, Boyd, Winn, Eason of Roby, and Irwin of Fort Worth, and the honorees and hostesses.

Every one left declaring they had spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

Missionary Society Notes

There will be no meeting of the Womens Missionary Society on next Monday afternoon, but on the following Monday, which will be July 19, there will be the regular meeting at four o'clock.

CLOSE OUT PRICES

In order to clean house of all odd pieces before receiving our new stock which is being selected in the great wholesale centers of the East this week by our own buyers, we are offering the following pieces at real close out prices

This Hoosier Cabinet has been used, but is in A-1 condition. In fact you can hardly tell it from a new one.



This Cabinet sold when new for \$75

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One 9x12 fringed velvet rug, slightly soiled.

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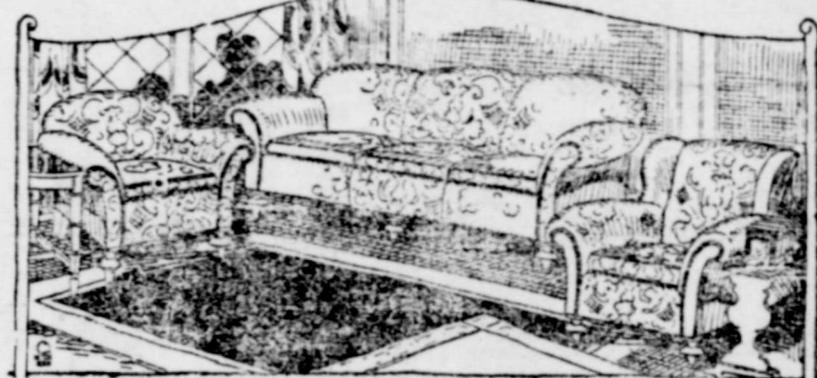
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One 7-piece living room suit upholstered in good grade velour. This is a very massive suit and is a good buy at \$225

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We have mentioned only a few of the many close out pieces that we have. Come look through them, we may have just what you want at money saving prices

Barrow Furniture Company

Party Honoring Hubbard Visitor

Last Thursday morning from nine until eleven o'clock, Mrs. O. R. Dye entertained with a party honoring her niece from Hubbard, Miss Hazel Murphy.

Bunko was the feature of the morning, much amusement and excitement being created as the games progressed. A plate which consisted of sandwiches, olives, mints, ice cream and cake was served to Misses Lillian Rider, Mary Hutcheson, Mona Margaret Jones, Lola Dennis, Alma and Opal Patterson, Mary Alice Johnson, Ruby Fae Golladay, Thelma Copeland, Iris Garrett, Fannie Belle Boaz, Flora Frances Anderson, Onita Hollis, Helen Booth and the honoree, Hazel Murphy.

Mrs. Alex Marsh and children of Spurr were here this week for a visit with the former's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Parrack, as well as her brother, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, and family.

HEAT

is what you expect when you burn coal. It's time to think of your winter supply.

SWAFFORD
PHONE 44

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Putnam of El Paso in company with Miss Lela Putnam of Albany, Camp Cooper Ranch, while enroute to Midland last week were guests in the J. N. Teaff home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter and children, Joe Earl and Rosemary, spent the fourth in Hamlin guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard.



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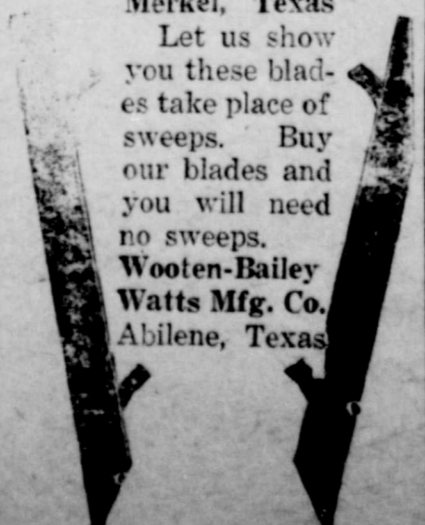
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RABIES OR HYDROPHOBIA

Dogs Can Now Be Vaccinated To Prevent this Terrible Disease
Science has now developed a

method of protecting dogs against rabies by means of a single injection of vaccine. This method was originally worked out by a British army surgeon who successfully vaccinated dogs against rabies at an army post in India. Later two Japanese scientists modified this vaccine and used it most effectively during a frightful epidemic of rabies in Japan. In two provinces, 31,000 dogs were vaccinated and only one dog so vaccinated died of rabies.

In the United States this form of vaccination is so favorably considered that many communities have adopted ordinances to enforce vaccination for the prevention of rabies.

The deadly virus of rabies is contained in the saliva of rabid dogs. For this reason the bite of a mad dog is so much to be feared. The disease does not develop spontaneously, as many people believe, but is only transmitted from one dog to another (or to other animals and men) by means of a bite or from the infected saliva which may gain entrance into wounds or cuts in various parts of the body. You can therefore see quite clearly that the way to prevent rabies is to make it impossible for dogs to develop the disease.

Once rabies has developed, there is no known cure, and even if dogs are given vaccine treatment soon after they are bitten there is no assurance that they will not have the disease. On the other hand, if dogs are vaccinated before they are bitten, and sufficient time is allowed for immunity to develop, they rarely contract the disease. It is therefore far better to immunize dogs against rabies than to attempt to treat them after they are bitten.

Various methods have been resorted to in order to prevent the spread of rabies, such as quarantining suspected dogs or muzzling all dogs that are permitted to run at large, but these methods have proved more or less ineffective. Muzzling ordinances have always been unpopular, both from the standpoint of the owner and the dog, which prevents having his jaws bound up in a muzzle, especially when he wants to eat or drink. Furthermore, it is often the muzzled dog that is bitten, because it cannot defend itself against attack. Muzzling is therefore no protection against the actual development of rabies.

Fortunately your dog can now be successfully protected against rabies by vaccination, thus avoiding the necessity for muzzling or close confinement. The method consists of the injection of a single dose of Rabies Vaccine, a preparation which costs so little as to be within the reach of all. Vaccination will ordinarily protect an animal for about one year. It is a most humane procedure as it causes very little if any pain and affords protection against a most dreadful disease. It is hoped that dog-lovers will take the precaution of protecting their pets, not only for their own sake, but to aid in safeguarding the community at large against rabies. If all dogs were vaccinated it might be possible to stamp out the disease entirely.

The value of the single injection method of vaccinating dogs has been sufficiently demonstrated in this country and abroad to prove its effectiveness. Carefully conducted laboratory tests have been made, which with reports from veterinarians and public health officials show that the single injection method of vaccination is of distinct value as a means of preventing the spread of rabies under either ordinary or extraordinary conditions.

If you wish to have your dogs protected see J. C. COMEGYS. The operation is not a complicated one. A reasonable fee will be charged.

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FOR SALE—Good McCormick row binder, P. A. Diltz. 1t

FOR SALE—Some good wheat Hay at 50c per bale. Also a practically new refrigerator at \$12.50 and second-hand windows and doors at your own price. A. V. Dye. 1tpd

STRAY—Have black yearling Jersey bull in my lot. Owner please come and get him. C. M. Largent. 1t

Information wanted—a friend of this paper wants to know what days in August will cause Johnson grass to die when same is cut off or dug up. If you know this information please so inform this paper. 1t

WANTED—Some stock for pasture on the E. N. Brown place just east of town. Plenty of fresh water. See Patterson & Shannon. 1tp

OBITUARY

Death has again visited the Shiloh community and took from the home Dora, wife of Clarence Armstrong. Her remains were laid to rest in the Rose Hill cemetery at Merkel. She proved herself a true Christian and a faithful member of the Baptist church. However, we will miss her laughing eyes and smiling face, and we are made to wonder why she was taken from us. But some day in the sweet bye and bye we will understand why these dark shadows have come. To her dear husband, father, sisters and other loved ones we do not attempt to speak words of comfort for human words are too weak for such deep sorrow. Our Heavenly Father alone can heal their broken hearts. Jesus has taken a beautiful bud out of the garden of love and borne it away to that city above to live throughout eternity where trials and troubles never come.

She is gone but not forgotten; asleep, but not dead, for Jesus is the resurrection and life to them that believe. A Friend.

Christian Endeavor Program

Leader, Norma Shannon.
Topic: "What does Jesus teach about humility?"
Scripture reading: "Matt. 18: 1-14. Talk by leader. Song. Topics for talks: Pride has a fall, David Ferris. Things to be proud of, Christine Russell. Prayer. Clippings. Christian Endeavor and ambition, Missie Dye. Christ's Yoke, Andrew Dowell. Debate: "Resolved that putting the interests of others first is compatible with success." Song; questions; offering. Song; mispah.

Mr. Buck Cook returned first of the week from Austin on his return he was accompanied by Mrs. Ida Ballanfant, a cousin of Mrs. J. M. Cook from Dallas, who will make an extended visit with them.

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On last Sunday, July 4, a family reunion was held at the C. M. Largent home north of town, all of the children being present. They are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swafford and two children of Kansas City, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent and little son, and C. M. Largent, Jr. Mr. Largent stated that they planned to make the reunion an annual affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case and son Milton spent last Sunday with relatives in Dublin.

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum and little granddaughter, Miss Missie Dye, are spending the week in Abilene with the former's son.

H. L. Cook of Matador, Texas, visited home folks this week.

Miss Gladys Watts is spending the week with friends in Colorado.

Mrs. C. H. Thomas of San Antonio returned Monday to her home after a brief visit with her father, Mr. J. E. Hendrix.

Mr. and Mrs. David W. Ferris drove over to Ballinger last Sunday for a visit with relatives. Mr. Ferris returned Tuesday, leaving Mrs. Ferris for a more extended visit.

P. E. Rape and family were over first of the week from Nolan for a visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard of Dallas were here first of the week for a visit among friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier and son, Ross Jr., went to Dallas this week, where the latter was under the care of an eye specialist.

Mrs. A. R. Booth returned last week from a pleasant visit with relatives in Arkansas. Miss Mary Cleo, who accompanied her mother, remained in that state for a more extended visit.

Mrs. Max Mellinger and children returned first of the week from an extended and pleasant visit with friends and relatives at Houston, San Antonio, Lockhart and Kennedy, Texas. On their return they were accompanied by Mr. H. Friedman, a business man of Lockhart, who will visit with his sister, Mrs. Mellinger for some ten days. Mr. Friedman states that this is his first visit to this part of the West, and that he is well pleased with the country and its splendid citizenship.

Mrs. J. W. Dowdy of Trent took the train here one day this week for a visit with old friends and relatives at Greenville.

Misses Mary and Ima Parrack returned last week from Brownwood where they had visited with friends for some time.

Miss Fairy Orr is the guest of Miss Effie Grayson this week.

Mr. Buster Owen of Wellington visited his aunt, Mrs. J. N. Teaff, Wednesday.

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and baby visited relatives in Temple and Troy during the fourth.

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REVISED SCHEDULE FOR TAYLOR COUNTY AMATEUR LEAGUE

	At Noodle	At Mt. Pleasant	At View	At Trent
NOODLE	WATCH THE	June 19 July 5 July 24	June 26 Aug. 28	July 31 Aug. 21
MT. PLEASANT	Aug 14. Sept. 4	MAIL FOR	July 10	June 12 July 17 Aug 7
VIEW	June 12 July 17 Aug. 7	July 31 Aug. 21	RESULTS OF	July 5 Sept. 4
TRENT	July 10	June 26 Aug. 23	June 19 July 24 Aug 14	THESE GAMES

The official scorers are requested to send a copy of their score card to the statisticians by mail or otherwise so a box score can be made for publication.

TEN WINNERS IN AUTO RACE ON FIRESTONES

Firestone Full-Size Gum-Dipped Balloon tires again made a remarkable showing in the Indianapolis Speedway Classic on Decoration Day, when all ten winners participating "in the money" rode on these dependable tires.

This is the second time balloon tires were used in the great Speedway event, the first being last year when Peter DePaolo on Firestone Full-Size Gum-Dipped Balloons made a new world's record at an average speed of 101.13 miles per hour.

Smaller motors of 19 cubic in displacement, compared to 122 cubic inches in 1925, combined with rainy weather and a slippery track, slowed up the time of the 1926 winner, Frank Lockhart, who won this year's race at 95.88 miles per hour.

This year's grueling battle of tires was called at the end of 402 miles because of the downpour of rain. Lockhart, who captured the grand prize, drove the full distance without a single tire change and was all set to go the entire 500 miles on the same set of tires.

It is a noteworthy fact, too, that the 1926 Indianapolis race was the ninth of the Hoosier Speedway in which Firestone Gum-Dipped Tires carried the winner to victory.

The terrific battle of tires brings out the effectiveness of Gum-Dipping, the exclusive process employed by the Firestone Company, which builds extra strength and endurance into the cord fabric by impregnating and saturating every fiber of every cord with rubber.

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The performance of Firestone tires at Indianapolis this year certainly was remarkable when the terrific speed at which the cars traveled over the 15-year-old rough brick track is taken into consideration.

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Mr. H. L. Propst left this week for the Plains, where he will look after the operation of a big threshing outfit, owned by himself and Mr. Ferrier, which they operate in the wheat fields for the next few weeks. He will be accompanied by Mr. Ed. Gant.

COMPERE NEWS
By Alma Stout

Health in this community is not very good.

Mr. and Mrs. Childers were called to the bedside of their daughter, Mrs. Odessa Childers, who took sick suddenly Saturday night.

Mr. Roman Palmer and Mr. Boyd Tarpley are still on the sick list.

A large crowd attended preaching by Rev. Gibbs Sunday at the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Tarvin, Mrs. Alta Howard and children and Mrs. Nora Lanier visited at Mrs. Stout's a while Tuesday afternoon.

Those visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin's Sunday were Mr. Sam Tarvin and wife and daughter from Truscott, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Howard and children, Mr. G. W. Scott and family and Mrs. Winters and children from Abilene.

Some from here attended the races in Abilene Monday.

Miss Opal Rister spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Lenora and Ruth Wilburn.

Mrs. Winters and children from Abilene were visitors in this community Sunday.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family, accompanied some of the Warren people on a fishing trip to the river Friday.

Mrs. Nora Lanier and baby have been spending the past two weeks with Mrs. Lanier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin.

Some of the folks from here have been attending the revival meeting at Hope this week.

A large crowd enjoyed the party at Mrs. Olo Spurgin's Saturday night.

We are very grateful to Mr. J. J. Pribble, route three, who renewed his subscription to the Mail, saying that he could not well get along without the home town paper. We appreciate his kind words and encouragement.

Methodist Pastor on Vacation Trip to California

Rev. W. R. McCarter, accompanied by his wife, left first of the week for a vacation trip to California and will be absent for about three weeks. They will visit their daughter and two sons who reside in that state.

We join their many friends in wishing for them a very pleasant trip with a safe return to their work in this city.

Sailors Lived Up to Chivalry of the Sea

The stubby little captain of the Antiope lined up his men when the President Roosevelt's boats were tossing alongside and set them in the order of the worth of each life. The married men were at the head of the line. They were to be taken off first. The men with largest families were the select ones of the married men's class. If only one boatload could be taken these fathers would be the only ones to be saved.

Trailing off toward the end of the line were the bachelors. They would be the last to go. If all could not be saved these unattached units would be left to perish. In perishing they would be regretted, but they would not be taking away the support of others.

This is a refinement of the code of the sea. "Women and children first" is not heard on a tramp freighter, for there are no women and children. But the spirit prevails. No women and children to save, but women and children to think of when men are to be saved.

All the men of the Antiope were saved, thanks to the heroic persistence of the men of the President Roosevelt. But when the bachelors lagged behind under the watchful eye of the stubby little captain they did not know they were going to be saved. And they gave words of good cheer to the married men going over the side.

This is, in its way, as fine as the stories of the great lost liners, whose men went down that the women and children might not die. A tramp crew is a rough outfit, but it has its ideals. And nowhere is the ideal of manhood more sacred than among the men who sail the seas. No rough labor or cruel hardship can kill it. There is never a coward among those who go in ships.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Hawk Preys on Snails

A hawk that hunts snails is the unusual Florida bird discussed in the Auk, publication of the American Ornithologists' union, by Donald J. Nicholson, of Orlando, who has made a detailed study of its nesting habits. The name of the bird is the Everglades kite, and it is found over a large part of the state of Florida. It likes to hover low over its marshy hunting ground, or perch on a post or stump, watching for its creeping prey. Once it spies a snail it swoops down upon it and deftly picks it off the plant on which it is feeding. It is able to extract the snail without breaking the shell, sometimes even performing this feat on the wing. More usually, however, it bears its prey back to its roosting place, which may frequently be recognized by the large number of empty snail shells scattered about it.

Basis of Jitney as Name

One more reason why "jitney" as a term is applicable to the automobile is discovered in an analysis which is made public by C. A. Vane, general manager of the National Automobile Dealers' association, which shows that only 5 cents of the American wage and income dollar of 1925 was spent for motor vehicles. This in comparison to 6 cents which went for pleasure resorts. The analysis of the American dollar is based on federal figures from a study of retail distributions made by government departments.

Magic Word Did It

Credulity is one of the most engaging attributes of childhood. During an illusionist's performance at a certain theater, two boys were discussing the mystery. "What do you think makes the lady stay up in the air without anything holding her?" one youngster asked. "Oh, that's easy," the other replied. "The man just says a magic word and that's all there is to it. You could do it, too, if you knew the magic word."

Wedding Cakes Smaller

Remember when the most important factor of a wedding next to the bride was the wedding cake standing three feet high, with frosted pyramids? Well, they have all but disappeared, according to a Boston caterer, who says it is several years since he sold a wedding cake weighing more than 30 pounds or costing more than \$30. Most people are satisfied with a wedding cake that costs about \$15, though 15 years ago some were sold at as much as \$3,500.

Harmonizing Clocks

It is said that during his retirement at the monastery of St. Justus in Spain Charles V indulged his mechanical tastes by making wooden clocks. He tried to make two clocks which would tick together and run in absolute unison, but he finally gave up the attempt as impossible, observing that if he could not make two clocks run together how foolish it was for him to try to bind a number of men to the same sentiments.—Exchange.

Microscope Detectives

While Sherlock Holmes has been depicted as an inveterate user of the microscope or common magnifying glass, his work of the kind was as nothing to that now being done in New York in the use of magnifying instruments in the detection of crime. Particles of dust and lint almost too fine to be noticed with the naked eye have been linked with scenes of crime, after being taken from the persons of suspects.—Washington Star.



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Mrs. N. E. McGuire and her Miss Ruba Patton returned Miss Blanche Rose Walker of little daughter of Abilene were Sunday evening from Stanton Abilene, who recently returned the week-end guests of Mr. and where she had been visiting relatives. Mrs. S. L. Grayson near Merkel. Miss Blanche Rose Walker from China, is here visiting in the J. S. Swann home.

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