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TRAINING CAMP JUGGESTED FOR **FOOTBALL SQUAD**

Days' Preliminary Practice.

A ten days' football training camp for the High school squad was suggested by Booth Warren at the Lions luncheon Tuesday and the furtherance of the idea was left with the committee on school activities of which L. B. Scott is chairman. Other members of this committee are Supt. Rog- human bones. er A. Burgess and Matt Dillingham.

of Russell Irwin of Oplin, Callahan Lowry and Lloyd Perry also visited ner Sublett, Mrs. T. V. Touchstone, county, newly elected coach for M. H. S., who stated that he would re- but the bones had been carried away. move to Merkel about the 15th of presumably by curiosity seekers and

for the boys was endorsed by a Lions the officers and hidden in a more seroar in which every member joined cure place, while it is reported that heartily.

of the attendance committee, stated bones were found, that an attendance contest was being planned and that the details would to be clinging to one of the jaw bones. be announced at the next meeting.

to have been toastmaster for the day with a view of determining whether but who was away on vacation, H. H. it is a skelton of an Indian, a Mexi-Jenkins, tail twister of the club, act- can or a white man, ed as master of ceremonies, the program carried out, however, having Qualifying Score to been arranged by Mr. Gamble.

After the meeting had been called to order by President E. Yates Brown, club singing was led by Dr. L. C. by Rev. J. T. King.

this talented trio.

The speaker for the day, John L. score. Camp, formerly principal of the High When all qualifying scores have and Dr. H. P. Hulsey, one of the comschool and athletic coach here and been filed, the flights will be posted mitteemen presided as master of istered as pioneers were 25-year badnow an attorney of Abilene, selected and match play will begin. made by Congressman Garner of Tex- in the coming tournament and some leader in all civic activities was cal- ed by the Abilene high school band, as to the legal aspect and advisabil- especially attractive trophies are be- led into service in this case. Other the Magnolia band of Olden in Eastity of making an additional four ing offered. states out of the Lone Star dominion. He traced the early motions for annexation during the time between independent republic, revealing that along nicely. the joint resolution of annexation Mrs. Homer Loyless of Sylvester, ded that new states of convenient ing satisfactorily. size, not to exceed four additional un-(Continued on Page 8.)

HUMAN SKELETON IS FOUND IN ROCKY LEDGE NEAR HERE

The bones of a human skelton were found recently by a group of boys, who were clambering over rocks on New Coach Expected August 15 the side of a mountain on the Butand Movement Started by man ranch, about 20 miles southwest Lions Club to Arrange Ten of Merkel. The boys had seen a buzzard's nest which appeared to be at the entrance to a cave and following their search they came upon the human bones, which were under a sheltering rock ledge.

On Sanday City Marshal Dickenson and Deputy Sheriff W. H. Laney progresses. made a visit to the scene where the skelton was found. No clues were discovered as to the idenity of the person, but it was evident that they were

Later in the week, Dr. H. P. Hul-The suggestion followed a visit here, sey, Sam and Will Butman, Cleveland Johnson and Selina Teaff, Mrs. Verthe rocky ledge on the mountain side souvenir hunters. In reality, parts The movement for a training camp of the skeleton had been removed by the head is in the possession of par-W. O. Boney, reporting as chairman ties working near the site where the

A bit of mummified flesh was said

An Abilene specialist has been ask-In place of S. D. Gamble, who was ed to come over and examine the bones

Zehnpfennig, with Mrs. Brown at fore 6 p. m. next Friday, August 1, their claims, being introduced in turn, history of the organization. the piano. The invocation was given in the golf tournament which is being according to a schedule worked out T. A. Bledsoe of Abilene, who took he fell back dead. arranged by the Merkel Golf club. among themselves.

the parliamentary discussion of on display in the window of the Mer-same time presenting his own claims the question, coat or coatless, which?, kel Drug company, there being cight to the assembled voters. the toastmaster collected several fines in all: prizes for the winner and runfrom members without satisfactory ner-up in three flights, for long dis-

Sanitarium Notes.

After a tonsil operation early in the 1836 and 1845 when Texas was an week, Mrs. W. H. Eyssen is getting

passed by congress and confirmed by who submitted to a major operation the Texas republic, actually provi- Tuesday afternoon, is reported re-t-

Hall Bailey, who underwent an apits, might be formed by consent of pendix operation Tuesday afternoon, and Wiley E. Caffey. is also doing nicely.

Mrs. Austin Fitts has returned

from her visit to Fort Worth and

"Boy" is all smiles again, notwith-

been putting him through removing

the traces of the "Bachelor Establish-

had the time of their lives.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 29, 1910.)

ers. The City in Clover was visited | Sunday evening.

by a wind of cyclonic nature but with

the exception of a few out houses be-

ing turned over no damage was done.

Abilene received a month's supply of

J. C. Baker will be the B. Y. P. U.

leader next Sunday afternoon. Miss

Ethel Roberts will read a paper on

"Real Oiring." Misses Clara and

Murtice Saffles will render a duet.

After a select reading from the "Vision

of Sir Launfal" by Miss Alpha Gar-

rett a song will be furnished by the

choir and J. T. Howard will deliver

W. H. Derstine, our genial post-

Misses Mary Lee Hicks, Ruth Mer-

ritt, Murtice Saffles, Irene Swann,

Clementine Barker and Mildred and

Lillian Pollard of Dallas spent the

day Wednesday with Mary and Dovye

Teaff, Refreshments were served in

Lester Ellis is spending his vaca-

master, has been quite sick but is

resting as we go to press.

water into Lytle Lake but much more

is needed.

a talk.

the afternoon.

Monday afternoon Merkel country | Provine, Olly Sharp and Otti Cog-

FULL LIST OF CANDIDATES IN CONTESTED RACES GIVEN STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

be the Lions hall. W. O. Boney, precinct chairman, has completed all arrangements for the convenience of the counting to take place as the voting ulated.

The polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 7 p. m., as usual.

Those who will assist Chairman Boney are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann. Mr. and Mrs. Holland Teaff, Misses Lucy Tracy, Vennie Heizer, Pauline and Messrs. Earl Lassiter, C. D. Hutchins, Byron Curb, Herbert Patterson and W. W. Haynes.

ELECTION RETURNS. Announcement is authorized by H.

state primary election Saturday will Drug store, that election returns will be announced, beginning just as soon as the polls close, by loud speaker, recovered from the water of the ship voters and will have a corps of fif- giving the results of state, district channel near Lynchburg. teen assistants, thereby permitting the and county races, just as they are tab-

wil be roped off and a large crowd can be accommodated.

The list of candidates in all races alley at Olney. with opposition is attached herewith

NIGHT IS STAGED

Contestants for District, County and Precinct Offices Heard from Same Platform.

Collins and Mrs. Sidney Foy, with match play have been posted at the minutes, with the exception of the of the organization to serve for the 76, was killed by a cane, having been Mrs. Brown as accompanist, were re- Merkel Drug company. Chief provis- two contestants for legislature, W. E. third year, and Fred Jones of Tus- struck over the head and falling morceived with spontaneous acclaim and ion as to qualifying score is that it Martin and R. M. Wagstaff, whose cola was re-elected secretary-treasur- tally injured. Another inmate of the an encore was graciously given by must be played in a foursome and be time was extended to 20 minutes and er. James Hurt of Ovalo was named poor farm, who fled to the woods Three picked him for fourth, three for certified by three other players. who enlivened the meeting with pep- first vice-president and Sam H. How- nearby, is being sought. Following merriment occasioned Trophies for the winners are now pery attacks on each other, at the ard of Abilene was elected to the new- An airplane crash at Adrian

At the suggestion of the candidates, time and the place for the speaking and a much larger group qualified ceremonies. The Lions club is a non- ges and old settlers badges. as his topic the recent suggestion Much interest is being manifested political organization but as the Music for the reunion was provi-Walker with Herbert Patterson, as in the afternoon. a non-member of the club assisting.

troduced and each presented his case Potosi, whose selection was "The n a brief and pointed way:

-Emmett H. Robinson and W. J. Cunningham.

For county attorney-Gray Browne Traveler." For sheriff-H. T. O'Bar, C. R.

H. F. Long. For county superintendent-C. L.

Blankenship and M. A. Williams. For county Judge-Tom K. Eplen, contestants. was visited by several good local show- gin were pleasure visitors in Abilene unopposed, but who thanked the vot-

ged a continuation of his best efforts. songs. Precinct candidates, who were pres-

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standing the fact that "Hatten" has Morris Sheppard Leaves for Texas

entertained by Miss Homer Dupree Tuesday for his home in Texas.

Friday afternoon. The girls went out ful eyes of Mrs. Counts and Mrs. re-nomination in Saturday's primary, Maude Maxwell, went swimming and he said: "I submit my candidacy to the people and I shall cheerfully abide Boy Scouts Enjoy the result."

In honor of her friend, Miss Ergeal "I am leaving for Texas at my first Brown, of Cleburne, Miss Fannie Bur- opportunity since final adjournment roughs entertained on Friday night. of the senate Monday," he said. "It Messrs. Luther Grimes, William Ber- voters of Texas.

ate has ever known."

The polling place in Merkel for the H. Jenkins, proprietor of the City

In order to provide sufficient space for those interested in hearing the election results, provision has been made to announce the returns in the space in the rear of the City Drug Arthur Giese of near Kimbrough. store fronting on the alley. The latter

for the convenience of voters:

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450 OLD SETTLERS ATTEND REUNION

More Than Forty Members 50-Year Club Register at Tenth Annual Meeting.

Merkel's political speaking and all- Settlers, held at Buffalo Gap last dealer. Be Filed August 1st candidates' night at the tabernacle Friday, more than 450 registered and Monday night when district, county it is estimated that 5,000 were pres-Qualifying scores must be filed be- and precinct candidates presented ent, one of the largest crowds in the having nearly reached the top of the by two for fifth place and by one for

up residence in Taylor county 50 Popular songs by Miss Christine Rules for qualifying rounds and Each candidate was limited to five years ago, was retained as president ly created office of second vice-presi-

members of the committee were W. land county and a group of old-time O. Boney, chairman, and Rev. R. A. fiddlers, who lined up for a contest

First cash prize in the fiddlers' The following candidates were in-contest went to C. E. Somerall of Eight of January;" second to George For district attorney, 104th district Robbins of Bradshaw, playing "Sally Good'n," and third to B. F. Johnson of Ovalo, whose tune was "Arkansas

Other contestants were J. H. Dethridge of Merkel, Jim Harris of Lawn, Waldrop, Burl Wheeler and N. L. H. M. Sanders of Bradshaw and Floyd Pinkerton of Goldsboro.

For tax assessor-Mrs. Florence Two juvenile fiddlers, Lewis Har-Vance, represented by her husband, ris, ten-year-old Lawn youth, and John H. Vance, J. T. Howard and Earl Dethridge, seven, of Merkel, entered as non-contestants and played some tunes. The England brothers of Winters also participated as non-

Joyce Humphries, three-year-old ers for their loyal support and pled- Taylor county miss, entertained with

As the only living member of Taylor county's first official family, elected in 1878, when the county, formerly attached to Eastland county for judicial purposes, was organized, M. C. Lambeth, veteran Abilene justice of the peace, who came to the Washington, July 24 .- United county in 1875, was introduced. He The Jenny Wren club was royally States Senator Morris Sheppard left was county clerk. The only other pioneer registering at the reunion and Declaring insufficient time remain- holding an earlier record is W. H. to Counts' tank and under the watch- ed for him to make a campaign for Salyers of Buffalo Gap, who signed (Continued on Page Four)

Week-End Outing

From Friday until Monday, eight Vocal and instrumental music was has been necessary to close up a large Boy Scouts enjoyed on outing on the enjoyed and delicious punch was ser- number of imperative official matters. Llano and San Saba rivers under the ved to Misses Ergeal Brown, Clara I regret that sufficient time does not chaperonage of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. and Margie Saffles, Alice Rensler, remain for me to make a personal Buford and Mrs. and Mrs. Herbert Winnie Warren, Annie Gerand, Elma campaign and render personal ac- Patterson, the latter a scoutmaster. Sheppard, Irene Wood, Lyska Pitzer, counting of my stewardship to the Those participating in the pleasures of camp life, swimming and boating, ry, Lester Magness, Billy McLauren, "I want the people of Texas to were Mordell Shouse, Jack Patterson, Robert Hicks, Ben Merritt, Low Bar- know I have given as much atten- Howard Carson, Warden Boswell, nett, Barney Garrett, John Sherman, tion as I possibly could to my can- Elon Harrell, Richman Buford, Truett Merle Alsobrook, Taylor Jennings, didacy in face of one of the busiest Patterson and George Hicks. Lee Virgil Touchstone, Bernard Crane and most exacting periods the sen- Owen Buford accompanied his par-

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

J. B. Autrey, 16, was drowned in Fosdick lake near Fort Worth when Composite Forecast by Ten Pola raft capsized and threw him into deep water.

The body of a man, believed identified as Frank M. Colesant, 33, was

Billie Hope Stoker, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stoker, of the died after drinking kerosene.

county, also the first in Central Tex- Miriam A. Ferguson in the run-off as, was brought in Wednesday by primary election on Aug. 23, accord-

The body of a baby girl, fully de- nesday's daily papers. veloped but which had lived only a short time after birth, doctors believed, was found abandoned in an

pole, Floyd Holmes Short, Jr., age 6, State Agricultural Commissioner of Waco, fell into the Bosque river George B. Terrell; J. D. Hall, former from a boat at McLennan crossing secretary to Governor Moody and, being unable to swim, was drown- and budget expert of the state board

fashion features as prestolite head- used. He is fully as experienced polilights and bulb horn, which traveled tically as any of the others. His pickunder its own power at the rate of ing was also not in accord with how about 24 miles per hour from Archer he wants the candidates to run.

W. G. Cox, 55, of Orange died from third, fourth and sixth places. gas fumes in a water well, about 25 feet deep, which he was cleaning out, first place, by five for second place, well in an attempt to climb out when third place

poor farm at Austin, J. M. McMekin, seventh place and by one each for sec-

miles west of Amarillo, claimed the lives of the pilot, Clarence Thuett, third, fourth and sixth places. One More than 40 citizens who settled and his 15-year-old girl passenger, picked him for fifth place and one for a committee from the local Lions in Taylor county 50 or more years Marietta Hall, when the craft went seventh. tance drive and for low medalist club was appointed to arrange the ago wore badges of the 50-year-club into a nose dive at 250 feet and plunged to the ground.

district attorney's office warrants seventh and by one for fourth. have been issued charging embezzlement of funds of the Commercial Nat- place, by four for seventh and by one ional bank of Brady against four each for fourth and fifth places. persons in connection with a shortage said to be about \$92,000.

mule's neck wrapped around the wrist eted their names for those places. of Willie Collier, 23, at a ranch gate They are scored in the way in which 15 miles from Austin, the young man he first called them. was dragged 300 yards. The mule was shot by Tom Hughes, who saw the runaway and on whose ranch the accireached him.

STERLING PICKED IN RUN-OFF WITH "MA" FERGUSON

itical Observers at State Capitol Favors Houston Man and Ex-Governor as Choice.

Composite forecast made by 10 experienced observers at the Texas capitol of the order in which candidates Midway community near Hillsboro, for the democratic nomination for governor will finish next Saturday puts The first bale of cotton in Travis Ross Sterling and former Governor ing to a dispatch from Austin in Wed-

> Those who made the composite forecast are:

Three members of the state board of control, each appointed by a dif-Mrs. George W. Alexander, widow ferent governor; State Railroad Comof the Dallam county sheriff slain in missioner Lon A. Smith; State School a gun fight with the Dillinger broth- Superintendent S. M. N. Marrs; Secers near Dalhart, has been appointed retary of State Jane Y. McCallum; sheriff by the county commissioners. former Adjt. Gen. T. D. Barton, who While trying to recover a fishing was a candidate for governor in 1924; of control, and one other high official A 1912 model Ford, with such old who refused to permit his name to be

At least 750 people were present at At the tenth annual reunion of Old City, is being shown by a Graham Sterling was picked by six for first place and by one each for second-

Mrs. Ferguson picked by two for

Small picked by four for third place, One of the inmates of the county by two for fourth place, by two for ond and fifth places.

Mayfield picked by one for first place and by one for second place. fifth and one each for sixth and sev-40 enth.

Love was picked by two for second, Young was picked by one for first

After filing of complaints by the fifth, by two for sixth, by two for Miller was picked by four for sixth

place, by two for third, by two for

One of the pickers said the choice is so close between Mayfield and Small When the end of a lariat around a to finish fourth or fifth that he brack-

Knute Rockne Sails.

New York .- Knute Rockne, famous dent occurred, but Collier was dead football coach, has sailed for abroad. with his neck broken when Hughes He was a passenger on the Cunard liner Samaria.

TOWN DOCTOR

The best book ever written has no value if not read. The finest automobile ever made is of no value if someone doesn't use it. The most beautiful flower and the most gorgeous rainbow may as well not be, if there is no one to see and appreciate them. A masterpiece of the world's greatest artist is of no consequence if it is hidden from view.

There is no value to experience if no advantage is taken of the lessons taught by that experience. Knowledge gained by years of study and experience is of no profit to others if others do not take advantage of the results of that study and experience.

There is no one man, nor any group of men, who knows everything. If any one person knew all there was to know about anything; if a group of men knew all there was to know about everything; then it would be time to do as so many communities now do-but that time has not arrived.

When a community reaches the point in its existence where it cannot be improved upon; when the people of a community come to the stage where they are, in their own estimation, the essence of perfection and what they do not know isn't worth knowing; when the organizations get it into their heads that what they do and the way they do it is the only way it can or should be done-just then the business of those people and of that community, individual and collective, starts going backward. Then other communities find it easier to take people, trade and industries away from them.

There is nothing more costly to any community than to be satisfied with things as they are. There is nothing much more detestable than an egotistical know-it-all. The bigger the man, the more eager, ready and willing is he to "take telling," and such men profit by the telling.

The second most costly attitude is failure to do something after being told. A man can often be excused on account of "lack of knowledge," but once telling eliminates that excuse.

There is no excuse for any community to "slip" or go backward. There is now more business than there ever was, but it is not going around begging some community to accept it. Any community can get business if the people of that community will quit "beefing" and go to (Continued on Page Two.)

tion in Troy. Carl Evans, Ira Armstrong, Joe and Ollie Sharp.

Lone Survivor of Last Man's Club Drinks Final Toast

quet table Monday, witnesses that search Foundation.

of drinking a toast to 33 civil war foundation. comrades who died before him and left him, with the honor he has found per cent below their 1929 level, while

of flowers. Before Lockwood's plate budget," the budget provides: was placed the bottle of old Burgundy wine which the club set aside at its But the wine like the honor has sour- and onions, to cost \$1.32. ed and a sip of it was all that Lockthe bottle was turned over to an his- dried apricots, costing 78 cents. torical society.

battle of Bull Run in which the com- milk and eggs, \$3.50. the reunions and at the last meeting gelatine and cheese, \$3.28. only Lockwood, Peter Hall and Charles Goff answered roll call.

But Hall and Goff died during the past year and only one of that group who marched to answer Lincoln's call for volunters in 1861 lived to come this year and so the club's destiny of dissolution has been reached.

Texas stands second among the states in rock asphalt production with a total of 320,931 tons valued at \$946,-003. It also produced 216,916 tons of . petroleum asphalt from its oil refin-

From agriciultural to an urban state is the result in the past decade of population migration townwards. Including only incorporated towns, Stuart McGregor, statistician for the Dallas News, calculates 55 per cent of Texas' population is now living in towns and cities.

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Chicago, July 24 .- A family of four may eat well this summer for \$13.72 Stillwater, Minn., July 24.-Thirty- a week, according to a summer food three vacant chairs, draped in black, budget based on current prices, made stood as silent sentinels around a ban- public recently by the American Re-

Charley Lockwood had carried out | "An average of \$13.72 a week the covenant of the Last Man's club. spent for food will provide the fam-Lockwood, 87 years old, is the last lily of four with all the nutritional man and the club's only law required elements necessary to physical well of him what he considered the hardest being and yield intriguing summer task of his life, the dramatic labor menus," asserts a bulletin from the

"Many staples are from 20 to 40 fresh fruits and vegetables offer Before each chair stood a bouquet chances to trim tidy sums off the food

Vegetables, including cabbage, potatoes, tomatoes, spinach, radishes, formation in 1885 for just this event. lima beans, peas, celery, aspargus

Fruits, including peaches, apples, wood asked to keep the pledge. Later pineapples, bananas, rhubarb and

Meats, including pork, bacon, vivors of Company B., first Minnesota \$2.77. Margerine, two pounds, 50 volunteer infantry, and this weird cents. Canned goods, including soups, banquet like those each year before tuna fish, figs, salmon and grapefruit, THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY. ticipation of the time when the pavewas on the anniversary of the first \$1.36, dairy items, including cream,

pany's losses were exceeded only by Staples, including bread, tea, cof-Gettysburg. Each year fewer attended fee, cocoa, flour, sugar, rice, cereal,

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THE TOWN DOCTOR Highway 1 In Dallas

(Continued from Page One) work-not a lot of misdirected effort based on "guess" and somebody's pet hobby, but based on 1930 business sense of what is right and what is wrong in Community Business.

There are people who know how to build Communities and the collective and individual business of communities-lots of them, but what they have learned is not worth a tinker waterfall to any community unless that community uses it.

This Town Doctor Article, one of a series of fifty-two, is printed by the Merkel Mail in cooperation with the Merkel Lions Club.

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THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY. If you are going on your vacation, let us do your laundry so as to have everything ready for the start. Or, if you have overlooked something, just families and business houses in Merke' for our customers. Thank you.

at the end of the week, you find that a prospect of exceedingly heavy phone 294J and we will call for and of 40-foot concrete paving is \$38,000, Lockwood and his fellows were sur- lamb chops, ham and beef, costing deliver promptly. We want all the engineers said.

> Mrs. Jay, Manager. Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

If you he re any visitors, Phone 29

County to Be 40 Feet

Austin, July 24 .- A 36-foot stretch of pavement of Highway 1 in Tarrant county, completed, state officials were looking forward to the 40-foot paving of a 15-mile stretch of the same route in Dallas county. The Tarrant county stretch has been marked for four lanes of travel and has greatly fazilitated travel.

The Dallas county project would require county aid.

Highway 1 is one of the most traveled roads in the state, having an average daily total of between 4,000 and 4,500 motor vehicles, figures at the highway department show. The minimum reguirement for a 40-foot highway is 4,000 vehicles per day.

Looking ahead to the traffic needs of the state, the highway department has ordered 120-foot right-ofways on all routes where there is travel. The average cost per mile

Several 20-foot state roads are being built with a 40-foot grade in anment will be widened.

Lavace is probably the largest shrimp market in the world. Last year it shipped out 2,500,000 pounds or Try a Classified Ad for Results chough to make 25,000,000 cocktails.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail of-

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-ran 71,351 miles on a Detroit taxicab, be-

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BANK HOLIDAY

Saturday, July 26th, 1930

State Primary **Election Day**

And each of you will have a solemn duty to perform on this day-the privilege to exercise the inalienable right of suffrage.

It behooves every patriotic citizen to go to the voting place and cast his or her ballot for the candidate of their choice. We, each of us, expect to exercise our best judgment and to vote for the candidate, in our opinion, best qualified for the duties of the particular office to which he or she aspires. Certainly no one should do more or less than this.

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Zion Chapel News

Jeff Chancey spent the week-end in Abilene with relatives.

Mrs. Ed Spurgin and son, Lawrence, were dinner guests of Mrs. M. L Estes of Merkel last Sunday.

Mrs. E. B. Wilborn, who has been ill at Grimes & Sadler's sanitarium for the past few weeks, was able to be Stutts will preach at both morning the world, following a life of undaunrought to the home of her parents. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, last Friwhere she is doing nicely.

Lila May Sapp of Sweetwater est of her sister, Mrs. Clyde Davis, this week.

Miss Eleta Foster of Noodle visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stouts and children, A. G. and Laverle, and Miss Lavern Bond visited relatives in Cross Plains Sunday.

Charlie Marshal of Coleman is visiting his brother, T. K. Marshal, this week. He also brought a truck load of fine watermelons to sell.

Mrs. Walker and children, Josie B. and Etsel, of Shreveport are visiting R. P. Horton and family.

Rev. and Mrs. Jim Blankenship and daughter, Winnie Fay, of Shawnee, Okla., visited their uncle, E. C. Tarvin, and family Sunday.

Frank Merritt has returned from Fort Worth where he has been visiting relatives

Miss Osburn of Graham is visiting her brother, Thurman Osborn, and

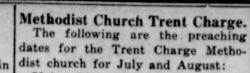
Miss Lila and Leon Adkins are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, of Noodle this week.

Mrs. Lillian Armstrong and children of Goodwin are visiting her sister, Mrs. L. V. Spurgin, this week.

The largest zinc refinery in Texas is at Amarillo, located there because of the availability of abundant and cheap natural gas.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 20.



Union Ridge, July 27, Rev. H. B. Coggins will preach at 11 a. m. and

Union Ridge, August 10, Rev. Jno. P. Hardsey will preach at 11 a. m. and evening hours.

Trent, August 10, Rev. J. E. Shubert will preach at 11 a. m.

Trent, August 10, Rev. J. P. Hardesty will preach at 8:30 p. m. Noodle, August 3, Rev. T. C. Willett will preach at 3 p. m.

Sunday School at each church every Sunday. We cordially invite and urge everyone who can and will to come to our services. Prayer meeting at Trent every Wednesday evening and at Union Ridge every Sunday evening.

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VOTE FOR **BURL WHEELER** SATURDAY FOR SHERIFF

IN MEMORIAM.

Wherefore God in His infinite love and mercy has seen fit to remove from major lague player to score 100 runs our midst our beloved sister in Christ, this season. Mrs. Virgie Miller, and we bow to the will of an all-wise Heavenly Fathmiss her from our midst, but will bow even century. Trent, August 3, Rev. R. E. L. for her influence will live on to bless in humble submission to God's will,

ted faith in her Lord and Saviour. Respectfully submitted by Hebron Baptist church, recommending a copy be spread on our church minutes, a copy to her family and to our paper for publication.

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FIRST PLANK IN PLATFORM

I favor a safer system of securing deposits in Banks, as these funds rep-resent the incomes of communities and dividuals, and in many instances heir life's savings.

Instead of Banks securing their deposits with their own assets, as they may now do, they should be required to invest the public funds in approved securities, and an additional ample bond to protect the private deposits.

The Bankers of Texas, wisely or wrwisely, have for a number of years accepted a plan to pay \$5,000.00 cash for outside dead Bank Robbers, and they declared at their state meeting at Fort Worth on May 14th that it has had a wholesome effect.

Within the last tew years more an two hundred Banks in Fexas ave "busted" from the inside and cousands of Fexas depositors and chool districts have lost millions of dollars, rendering many widows and orphans penniless

Why not pass a law offening a reand conviction of each inside Bink

Three years the Bankers \$5,000.00 reward has been in effect, and three outside Bank Robbers have been killed and paid for. Within the same period from the laster from the inside. Why discriminate between the "ins' and the outs?"

Reared on a tarm. I know from the toperience something of the agricultural interest of the state and of the ifficulties of those who toil.

laws should be enacted to



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Terrell Forecasts Short Cotton Crop Upon State Report

Austin, Texas, July 24 .- An outlook for as short a cotton crop, as last years's 3,800,000 bales was announced Tuesday by State Agricultural Commissioner George B. Terrell. The Texas crop usually is a little over a third of that for the whole country.

But a short crop, Commissioner Terrell says, seems to be the only hope for better prices this fall. Forty per cent of the cotton is very late, much of it is not blooming, not any of the late crop is assured and so it is impossible to estimate the outcome of the crop, he said.

Based on July 15 reports from 250 counties he estimates a six per cent reduction from last year's acreage, including the abandonment. This leaves 16,889,920 acres from which the crop will be gathered.

For an eastern district made up of 49 counties, he reports 92 per cent of last year's acreage and 78 per cent condition. For 22 counties in the northern district, the acreage is 94 per cent and condition 79 per cent; in 44 counties in the western district the acreage is 93 per cent and condition 76 per cent; in 44 central counties the acreage is 95 per cent and condition 81 per cent; in 37 southwestern counties, the acreage is 96 per cent and condition 82 per cent having the largest attendance, 273. and in 58 western counties, the acreage is 97 per cent and condition 78 per cent.

The total acreage is 94 per cent of last year and average condition is 79 per cent.

"Hot dry weather is reported in every district," said Commissioner Terrell "and cotton is failing for moisture. Only a few counties report any rain in July. Cotton is reported good in only a few counties. Insect thus helping us in making the services damage is very small though considerable boll weevil damage is reported in the southwest district.

"Domestic consumption and exports of cotton have decreased 1,-822,193 bales during the last 10 mon- that is fine, but we miss you and want ths, and may reach two million bales by the close of the cotton year, Aug. 1. over. Come, every member of the This is one of the causes of the low church, take your place and do your price of cotton. There may be other best in all the programs of the church. contributing causes."

Upset Truck Kills

Dallas, July 24 .- Herman W. Balka, clerk in the First National Bank here, was crushed to death against a telephone pole here Saturday by a truck which overturned after colliding with a sedan at a street intersection. Balka was leaning against the pole, waiting for traffic to slacken so he could cross the street: when the accident occurred.

Mrs. Martha Balka, mother of the accident victim, had just arrived from Topeka, Kan., for a visit with her son and he was believed to have been on his way home when struck by the truck.

Besides his mother, Balka is survived by his widow and a son, Herman Jr., and three sisters, Martha and Magdalena Balka and Mrs. Alfred Norsworthy, all of Topeka, and next week. The meeting over at Blair, a few days. two brothers, Otto Balka of Ballas, and William Balka, New York.

The district attorney was investigating the collision.

Candidates Speaking

(Continued from Page One.) cented, were Judge W. W. Wheeler, justice of the peace;

For commissioner, precinct No. 2 -P. A. Diltz, W. L. Blair, W. H. 3:14-21. Frazier, John Toombs and C. R. Tit-

For public weigher, precinct No. 5 -Sam Bankston, Dent Gibson, T. D. Reform," Thelma McAninch. Compton, Houston Robertson, Denzel Cox, I. N. Brown and A. D. Fulton.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Saturday, July 26, being State Primary Election Day, and a bank holiday, the following banks will remain closed all day. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

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REV. SIBLEY OF OKLAHOMA TO LEAD TWO WEEKS REVIVAL AT NAZARENE CHURCH, BE-

GINNING FRIDAY, JULY 25.

Our revival begins . this Friday night, July 25, at the church. Brother Sibley from Oklahoma, that great man of God, will do the preaching. We urge every Christian in the town and community that loves God and wants to see the lost saved to come and help in this battle. Let's pray that God will give us an old-time revival. Also pray that he will send us rain, which is so badly needed; so let's all pray to that |

Sunday School at 9:45. There were 47 present last Sunday. At the 11 o'clock service Brother Sibley did ford, the preaching and Sister Lula Williams brought the message at the

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

With 43 present and manifesting earnest interest in the purpose and achievements of the Men's Prayer service, the meeting last Sunday at the Nazarene church was considered among the best held. E. O. Carson was the leader. Next Sunday the service is to be held at the Methodist church, with Charlie Jones as leader. The subject will be the 12th chapter of Romans.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The total present at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 729, with the Baptists Some of the Epworth Leagueres were out of the city and the hence the Methodist report included only 242 present last Sunday. Attendance at the other Sunday Schools was: Church of Christ, 87; Presbyterian, 80, and Nazarene, 47.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

We are grateful to you for your coming to church last Lord's Day and as good as they were. Attendance is not quite as good as we would like but good for this season of the year. Some spend sometime visiting other places on account of meeting there and you at home when these meetings are

Bible study Sunday at 10, Communion at 11, Young People's study at 5 Sunday afternoon, Ladies Bible Man Against Pole class Tuesday afternoon at 4 and prayer service Wednesday evening at 8:30. Everybody invited to all these

In love, The Elders.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. It behooves every member of our churches to rally to their support by way of attendance during this depressed condition as well as at all times. Be at Sunday School on time. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15 Visitors always welcomed.

W. M. Elliott, Supt. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH. being conducted by the pastor, is going fine, with 12 conversions already and large numbers in attendance. It will close next Sunday night.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE. Leader, Ford Smith, Jr. Subject: "Two Currents-Catho

icism and Protestantism." Scripture: Col. 1:18-25;

Prayer.

"The Beginnings of the Protestant "Respective Differences."

Campbell. "Protestantism, A Social Gospel," Ethel Hamilton.

"Lessons to be Learned," Elvis Richardson. Business.

League benediction.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Greeting." Our Bible school meets ly and continue the practice of my at 9:45. W. J. Largent, Supt. We have profession. a class for every age and you are wel-With the compliments of our good come to the fine fellowship in our friend, Mrs. B. M. Black, the editor classes. The pastor will preach at both of The Mail was the recipient of a hours next Sunday. His subject at 11 bunch of luscious grapes, grown by a. m. will be "The Three Groups in Sheppard, Hodges, Sunday, July 20, this estimable lady in her yard here. the Church." Hear this sermon and 1930. The grapes are of the Virginia seed- find your group. At 8:15 his subject ling variety and they have about 20 will be "Four Questions Direct from Rutherford, Canyon, Tuesday, July God." B. Y. P. U. meets at 7:15. We 22, 1930.

CHURCHES 123456 12345123456234 | have a fine program. Come. Stran gers and visitors welcomed.

> INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "The Power of the Cross." ciple," Cullen Tittle.

3. "A Tinker Becomes a Preacher," Rogene Dye.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

2. "The Lost Sheep," by Ora Der-

Helen Lancaster. 7, "Poem: "The Ninety and Nine," by B. Y. P. U.

Booster Band to Give Concert Tonight 8:15

A band concert will be given at 8:15 tonight at the Linger Longer Miniature golf course by the Merkel Booster band under the direction of G. A. Hartman. The boys are returning from their vacations now and it s planned to have a concert probably each week for the remainder of

The program for tonight follows: March-"Under the Eagle.'

2. March-"Path of Honor." 3. March-"Little Traveler."

4. Overture--"Princess of India." 5. Serenade-"A Night in June." 6. Overture-"Gypsy Festival."

7. Lassus Trombone-a trombone

8. "Happy Days are Here Again." "Star Spangled Banner."

Dora Doings

Wanted-A Good Rain.

The Norton baseball team met the

Charlie B. Greggs was carried to Temple for an appendix operation Tuesday and we hope to hear that he is doing fine.

Clark and daughter, Cliff Perry and family and Mrs. Ruth Jones. All reported a very enjoyable day, al- swimming and golf. A spread of though John got his dinner stolen. It is a sicken and ice cream was seris rumored, however, that he got ved picnic style to Mr. and Mrs. Fosenough to eat.

here for a month. Jasper McCoy was in this community Tuesday, buying cattle.

All the services Sunday and all of J. B. English, and brother, Kirby, for hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Oden announce the arrival of a young son, Avon. Mother and babe reported doing nice-

They are pulling the casing this week. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A.

cattle last week. Mrs. Henry Mallon has returned Fair Park. Abilene, by Mr. and Mrs. home after a two weeks' visit with her Sherman J. Lane of that city. daughter, Mrs. Frank Bloxomi at Rising Star.

Jim Cook and family were at the games were enjoyed and a picnic Old Settlers reunion Friday for awhile lunch served at the park. in the afternoon.

Mrs. Ernest Ensminger.

To Correct a Rumor. Within the past few days, the rumor that I was contemplating leaving Merkel has come to my attention. My friends and clients know that this is not true, but to those who do not know me personally I wish to say I church and motored to the Boaz man, 1882; T. D. Compton, 1894; "The Church with a Friendly expect to remain in Merkel permanent-

Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig.

Record of Births. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Calvert C.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar B

ECHOLS-DURHAM.

Friends of Miss Tommye Durham were informed of her approaching marriage at a delightfully planned announcement party in the home of Miss Frances Anderson on Thursday of last week.

Tables were arranged for games of auction bridge and tallies were in 1. "The Dying Thief," Bussy Boaz. the form of miniature newspapers 2. "A Persecutor Becomes a Dis- bearing the "Latest News," that of the announcement of the marriage of Miss Tommye Durham of Merkel to Robert L. Echols of Albany on July 4. "Modern Examples of the Power 27. While guests were gasping over of the Gospel;" first, Jackie Slator; this bit of news Mrs. Sidney Foy besecond, H. C. Toombs; third, Sarah gan the familiar strains of "Here Sheppard; fourth, Waymond Rich- Comes the Bride" and the honoree entered all smiles to receive congrat-

High score went to Mrs. W. T. Sad-Subject: "Seeking and Finding the ler who graciously presented a beautiful set of dishes to the honoree. A 1. "The Lost Coin," by Dot Swaf- refreshing sandwich and ice course was served at tea time.

Invitations were extended to Misses Tommye and Doris Durham, Mrs. . "The Prophet Isaiah," by Preston Thomas Durham, Mrs. Sie Hamm, Misses Betty Ruff, Sweetie Fielder, 4. "John the Baptist," W. G. Dixon. Florence Reynolds, Juanita English, 5. "The Good Shepherd," Harold all of Albany, Misses Elizabeth Harkrider, Martha Bird, Louise Booth, 6. "The Shepherd Psalm," Mary Maurine Tipton, Lola Dennis, Johnnie Sears, Christine Collins, Iva history. He has represented Dallas Bragg, Evelyn Curb, Eleanor Moore county for the past eighteen years, of San Antonio, Mesdames Bob being nominated for his ninth term Gamble, Sidney Foy, Edward Mc- and standing among those who know ter, Bell Kimbrough, George Overton and Miss Frances Anderson.

HOUSE PARTY. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jenkins prov-Buford of Fort Worth. "C:-" M. Daniels of Abilene, Elizabeth Hark- town for four terms. rider, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Ne'l Durham, Doris Brown, Louise Booth, Verna T. Beasley and Mr. and Mrs. industry needed in that office" is one Jenkins.

DINNER GUESTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent complimented Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eyssen morning, Rev. J. T. King solemnized day evening. The table, handsomely and Miss Ruth E. Scarborough. Attenorchid tapers in tall candelabra at Hofr of Fort Worth as best man. each end. A delectable fried chicken Miss Evelyn Brooks of Abilene play-Divide club here Tuesday and the W. H. Eyssen, Mrs. Amy Sears, Mr. Miss Madge McCauley of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent.

VISITORS HONORED.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watts entertaind with a picnic supper and swimming Among those attending the Old Set- party at Shannon's pool Sunday eventlers reunion at Buffalo Gap last Sat- ing, honoring their guests, Mrs. urday were Mr. John Dudley and fam- Watts' brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. ily, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry, Mrs. J. E. Foster and daughters, Misses E. P. Perry and baby, Mrs. Sallie Anna and Jimmie of Linn Creek, Missouri.

A delightful evening was spent in ter, Misses Anna and Jimmie Foster, Miss Faye Bloxom Lewis of Lock- Linn Creek, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Sherney is visiting friends and relatives man J. Lane and Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Lane, Abilene; Foster, Earl and Melbalea Watts; Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Tipton and sons, L. S. Jr. and Wayne: Bennie Sanders, superintendent of Mr. and Mrs. Tedio L. Johnson and Balls High, is visiting his sister, Mrs. little son, Tedio Glynn, the host and

MERKEL GUESTS ENTERTAIN-

ED IN ABILENE. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Foster and daughters, Misses Anna and Jimmie, Our oil well turned out to be water. of Linn Creek, Mo., who are guests K. Stoker shipped out a carload of Watts of this city were favored with

> After a ride over the city to the various places of interest, outdoor

Those enjoying the occasion were: Miss Pearl Elliott of Merkel is Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Misses Anna here for a few days with her sister, and Jimmie Foster, Miss Melbalea Watts, Foster Watts and Mrs. L. A. Watts, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Lane,

ON FEAST.

DINGEWALL-SCARBOROUGH. In the parlors of the First Baptist hurch, Abilene, at 7:30 last Saturday

Newspaper Man Is Candidate Office State Treasurer



JOHN E. DAVIS.

John E. Davis of Mesquite widely known Texas editor and legislator, now a candidate for state treasurer, who has published the newspaper in his home town for the past thirty-one years, enjoys the distinction of having been elected to the legislature more times than any other person in Texas Mayfield W. T. Sadler, Claude by a majority of 14,186 over two op-Young, F. C. McFarland, S. D. ponents, which attests his character Crary, Jack Anderson, Myrtle Fos- him best. He has been chairman of the contingent expense fund of the house for ten years and is often referred to as the "watchdog of the contingent expense fund," because of his careful handling of the expense bills ed gracious chaperones to a group of of the house. Born fifty-five years ago, youn ladies camped on Beasley's Mr. Davis has spent the greater part ranch this week. Swimming and pop- of his life in Dallas county, where he ular outdoor sports made the days has been an active and useful citizen, pass all too quickly for Misses Marie serving in many capacities without pay, including that of mayor of his

The opinion recently expressed by Speaker W. S. Barron that "John Mary Collins, Willie Maye Schwartz, E. Davis has the honesty, ability, and that is shared by his friends in practically every community in Texas.

of San Antonio at dinner on Satur- the marriage of J. Collin Dingewall laid in maderia with Sterling silver, dants were Miss Emma Gene Hail of was centered with pink roses with Abilene as bridesmaid and John E. Representative, 116th district: menu was served to Mr. and Mrs. ed Lohengrin's wedding march and victory was ours, 12 to 2, in seven in- and Mrs. George Caple, Jce Largent gave "I Love You Truly" for the nuptial song. The ring ceremony was

> The bride is one of Abilene's most attractive young women, prominent in all social and religious affairs, while the groom is an employe of the

> state, a civil engineer by profession. Immediately following the ceremony, they left for a honeymoon trip to Fort Worth, Dallas and other points and will return in about ten days to make Abilene their home.

Old Settlers

(Continued from Page One) up as the only settler in 1874. Mrs. Beulah Carter of Winters and Mrs. Priscilla Griffith of Guion were also

in the county in 1875. Oldest men at the reunion were William Kelly of Abilene, who will be 92 years of age, August 31, and W. H. Tripp of Hamby, former Abilene carpenter, who had his ninetieth birthday, June 11.

Taylor county's first physician Dr. H. Lindsey, now of Hollis, Okla., was

among the visitors. Ben Adair of Portland, Oregon, and Eugene Nesmith of Long Beach, a party on Thursday afternoon at Calif., traveled the longest distances

to attend the reunion. Morning speakers were Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene and Hamilton Wright of Spartenberg.

Those from Merkel, who registered in the 50 year club were: Mrs. R. G. Anderson, 1880; J. F. Logan, 1879; Mrs. H. West, 1877; J. E. Costephens 1877, and Mrs. Gus McCormick, 1880. Names of other pioneers on the registry from Merkel and the year in which they came to Taylor county were: N. C. Burk, 1900; Mrs. L. E. SENIOR B. Y. P. U. WATERMEL- Lent. 1886; P. A. Diltz, 1900; John S. Atkins, 1901; Will F. Butman, Last Tuesday evening the members 1888; John D. Jones, 1892; J. J. Rusof the Senior B. Y. P. U. met at the sell, 1889; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butranch. Several games were played Fred Kelso, 1898; Ford Smith, 1888; then a great feast of watermelons, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chambless, 1888; ice cream and lemonade was enjoyed. B. C. Gaither, 1883; C. A. Higgins, About twenty-five members were 1889; J S. Anderson, 1889; R. G. Anpresent and the class officers expect to derson, 1891; L. A. Dudley, 1891; enting the Primitive Baptist church see all those that were present at the Mrs. G. F. Woods, 1893; J. S. Swann, will preach twice next Tuesday, at 11 picnic at B. Y. P. U. Sunday evening 1890; J. T. King, 1898; J. M. Prov- o'clock and at 8 o'clock, at the taberine, 1896; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, 1890, and Mrs. W. C. Lipand, 1898.

Primary Ticket

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STATE TICKET. Earl B. Mayfield, Austin. C. E. Walker, Grapevine. Frank Putman, Houston. Barry Miller, Dallas. Clint C. Small, Wellington. Mrs. Miriam Ferguson, Austin. James Young, Kaufman. Thomas B. Love, Dailas. C. C. Moody, Fort Worth. k. S. Sterling, Houston Paul Loven, New Braunfels. Lieutenant-Governor: J. D. Parnell, Wichita Falls. Edgar E. Witt, Waco. James Rogers, Houston. Virgil E. Arnold, Houston. H. L. Darwin, Faris. Sterling P. Strong, Dallas. J. F. Hair, San Antonio. United States Senate:

Morris Sheppard, Texarkana. C. A. Mitchner, Sherwood. Robert L. Henry, Houston. Railroad Commissioner: H. O. Johnson, Houston. Pat M. Neff, Waco. Nat Patton, Houston. W. Gregory Hatcher, Dallas. State Treasurer: Ed. A. Christian, San Antonio.

John E. Davis, Mesquite. Charley Lockhart, Austin. J. R. Ball, Fannin County. Walter C. Clark, Travis County. Attorney General: Robert Lee Bobbitt, Austin. James V. Allred, Wichita Falls. Cecil Storey, Vernon.

Ernest Becker, Dallas. Commissioner of General Land Office: J. H. Walker, Hill County. G. E. Johnson, Plainview. Jokkie W. Burks, Travis County. commissioner of Agriculture: A. H. King, Throckmorton.

J. E. McDonald, Waxahachie, Edwin Waller, San Marcos. Robert A. Freeman, Blum. H. L. Maddux, Alto. R. M. West, Grimes County. Chief Justice of Supreme Court: C. M. Cureton, Bosque County. Covey C. Thomas, Cotulla.

Comptroller: George H. Sheppard, Sweetwater. Arthur L. Mills, Waco. thief Justice Court of Criminal Ap-

peals: O. S. Lattimore, Austin. James C. Stephens, Benjamin. DISTRICT AND COUNTY. Congress, 17th district: V. Earl Earp.

Thomas L. Blanton. R. M. Wagstaff. W. E. Martin. District attorney, 104th:

W. J. Cunningham. Emmett H. Robinson. H. T. O'Bar. N. L. Seale. Burl Wheeler. C. R. Waldrop.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

S. J. R. No. 19 PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 4, 1930.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

3 of the Constitution of the State of vious to the return day hereof, in Texas be amended so as to hereafter some newspaper published in your

read as follows:

two years at such time as may be nearest county where a newspaper is provided by law and at other times published, to appear at the next regwhen convened by the Governor. When | ular term of the 42nd Judicial District convened in regular Session, the first Court of Taylor county, to be holden thirty days thereof shall be devoted at the court house thereof, in Abilene to the introduction of bills and resolu- on the first Monday in September tions, acting upon emergency appro- A. D. 1930, the same being the first priations, passing upon the confirma- day of September A. D. 1930, then tion of the recess appointees of the Governor and such emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor A. D. 1930, in a suit, numbered on the in special messages to the Legislature; docket of said court No. 8553-A, provided that during the succeeding wherein Lucile G. Williams, is plainof each House shall hold hearings to cause of action, being as follows: consider all bills and resolutions and other matters then pending; and such ried about Dec, 10, 1907, and separemergency matters as may be submit- ated about April 1, 1928. Plaintiff ted by the Governor; provided further sues for divorce on the ground of that during the following sixty days cruel treatment, all of which is fully the Legislature shall act upon such alleged in her petition now on file. bills and resolutions as may be then pending and upon such emergency matters as may be submitted by the writ with your return thereon, show-Governor in special messages to the Legislature; provided however, either House may otherwise determine its said court, at office in Abilene, Texas, order of business by an affirmative on this 17th day of July A. D. 1930. vote of four-fifths of its membership.

Sec. 2. That Section 24 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Members of the Legislature shall receive from the public Treasury a per diem of not exceeding \$10.00 per day for the first 120 days of each sion and after that not exceeding \$5.00 per day for the remainder of the

In addition to the per diem the members of each House shall be entitled | I have Mrs. Robins' Hemstitcher to mileage in going to and returning and will be glad to do your work. from the seat of government, which Phone 154. mileage shall not exceed \$2.50 for

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Demo ratic Primary in July.)

For District Attorney 42nd district: J. R. (Bob) BLACK, (Re-election.) EMMETT ROBINSON.

W. J. CUNNINGHAM, (Re-elec

For Sheriff: H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.) C. R. (Chas.) WALDROP. N. L. SEALE. BURL WHEELER.

For County Clerk: W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.) For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.) For Tax Collector:

EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.) For Tax Assessor:

J. T. HOWARD, (Re-election.) H. F. LONG. MRS. FLORENCE VANCE.

For District Clerk: BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-elec-

GRAY BROWNE. WILEY L. CAFFEY.

For County Superintendent: M. A. WILLIAMS, (Re-election.) C. L. BLANKENSHIP.

For State Representative, 116th dis-R. M. WAGSTAFF.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2: W. H. FRAZIER. P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.) W. L. BLAIR.

RUFE TITTLE. JOHN J. TOOMBS. For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

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every 25 miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct nicely furnished, adjoining bath; hot route of travel, from a table of disand cold water. Phone 171W. Mrs. C. tances prepared by the Comptroller to each county seat now or hereafter to be established; no member to be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of a regular or

> Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the electors of this state qualified to vote on constitutional amendments at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A.

(A correct copy.) JANE Y. McCALLUM, Secretary of State.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION. The State of Texas,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County-Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to sum-

mon J. R. Williams by making publication of this citation once in each Section 1. That Section 5 of Article week for four consecutive weeks precounty, if there be a newspaper pub-The Legislature shall meet every lished therein, but if not, then in the and there to answer a petition filed

thirty days of the regular session of tiff, and J. R. Williams, is defendant, the Legislature the various committees and a brief statement of plaintiff's Plaintiff and defendant were mar-

in said court on the 17th day of July

Herein fail not but have before said court, at its next regular term, this

ing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of

BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk, District Court Taylor County, Texas.

HOLIDAY NOTICE. Saturday, July 26, being State Primary Election Day, and a bank holiday, the following banks will remain closed all day. Customers will please take notice and make their ar-

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LONDON NAVAL TREATY RATIFIED BY SENATE

Washington, July 24 .- The London (crats and the farmer-labor member, treaty limiting all classes of ships in the American, British and Japanese navies was ratified Monday by the senate by a vote of 58 to 9.

The final roll came quickly after a dozen reservations were overwhelmed. The militant band of opponents under Senator Johnson, republican, California, saw the inevitable and yielded to the heat and the dominant major-

One reservation was adopted but it the signatory powers and with the London negotiations, Senator Norris formal ratification of the treaty by Great Britain and Japan the document will go into effect.

Two of those who helped frame the agreement at London early this year participated in the two weeks debate to send the documents to the legislaratification-Senators Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, and Reed, republican, Pennsylvania.

News of the ratification was quickly flashed to the White House but President Hoover who had called the limitation was placed on battleships, special session for consideration of the treaty withheld any statement.

With the treaty contest ended, the senate adjourned the special session sine die. It will reassemble in December along with the house for the three months short session. The next four months wil be the longest time congress has not been in session since President Hoover took office more than 16 months ago

Seven republicans and two democrats voted against the treaty while five others were paired against it, including one republican, three demo-

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The one reservation which was ac cepted by the senate was offered by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, which stipulated that in ratifying the treaty the senate withheld approval of any secret agreements or understandings which might exist in relation to the treaty.

This disposed of one of the big fighting points in the treaty controversy. After President Hoover had refused to give the senate all the paintroduced his resolution.

Mr. Hoover invited the senate to inspect the papers confidentially and assured the senate there were no secret understandings but when he refused and were present to see the formal tors Senator Norris, backed by a considerable group, insisted on the reservation of protection.

The heart of the treaty was regarded as the cruiser provision. Since the Washington conference of 1922 when Great Britain and Japan have far outdistanced the United States in construction of cruisers.

Under the treaty further construction in cruisers by these other two maritime nations is stopped while America builds up her fleet of cruisers to allowed limit of 18 eight inch

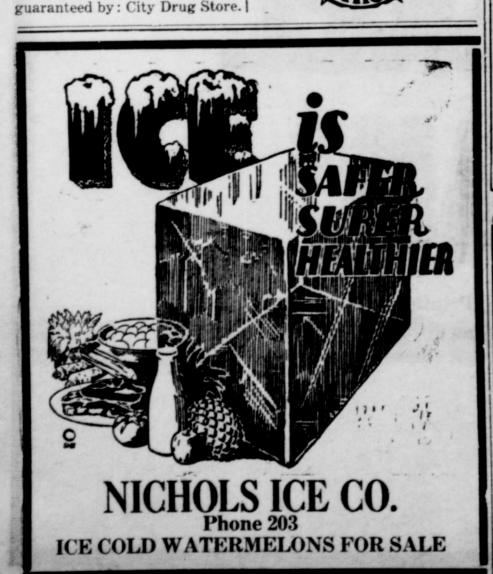


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gun ships and 18 six-inch gun ships. Supported by the navy general Board, Senators Johnson and Hale, republican, Maine, the chairman of the naval committee, waged a vigorous assault on this provision. They insisted this country be allowed to construct more of the eight inch gun cruisers which they argued were the only cruisers adaptable to American naval needs.

Representing Junior College Visits Here

Lewis T. Nordyke, representative of John Tarleton college of Stephenville, was in Merkel Tuesday calling on prospective students and distributing pictorial bulletins of the college.

Junior college in Texas and having lent of 102 stories. It is scheduled to requires no new negotiations among pers and documents relating to the full recognition of credit by all the be completed by May 1, 1931. Senior colleges of the land, is becoming very popular in this section of the Huge Air Mergers

Due to Tarleton's being a very economical school to attend, and having a \$75,000.00 student loan fund, many worthy students of limited means find it possible to attend there. Many students from Merkel and the surrounding country are expected this

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"Yes, I think Argotane is a wonderful medicine and I'm glad to tell what it did for me," said C. L. Hanks, of Sweetwater, Texas, while talking with the Argotane man. Mr. Hanks is a well-known farmer here, and has many friends in and throughout this local

"I have suffered most all my life, with a very bad case of stomach and kidne; trouble. My stomach was in such a bad case of stomach and kidney trouble, I couldn't eat anything and what I did eat disagreed with me. I was very careful of the food I ate, but even the lightest of foods, would cause me to suffer for hours. I had a very sour stomach, and gas formed and would make me miserable for hours, and I had spells of heartburn. I had pains in my back and sides, caused from my liver, and often was very restless at night, and couldn't get a good nights sleep.

"My brother, had suffered very much from stomach trouble and tried the new Argotane treatment, and it straightened him out, so he persuaded me to try it. I am now on my second bottle, and my troubles are completely gone. Immediately after starting the Argotane treatment, I felt relieved and began to improve right from the start. I eat anything I want now, without the slightest touch of indigestion. Argotane is the best medicine, I have ever found, and I am glad to endorse it, and feel confident that it will help anyone suffering as I was." Genuine Argotane may be bought in Merkel at the City Drug Store.

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president of the company erecting Pan-American Airways, Inc., and the the new empire state building, announ- New York, Rio and Buenos Aires line, ced that plans have been changed to according to the World. The two lines a public observation gallery at the 1222 foot level.

The building will rise to a total for several months. height of 1248 feet, almost a quarter John Tarleton, being the largest of a mile above the street, an equiva-

Nearing Completion

New York, July 24 .- Two separate mergers which, when completed, will join the four largest American air lines under two heads are nearing

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completion, the New York World said Monday.

The first merger will be that of New York, July 24 .- New Yorkers Transcontinental Air Transport and

The second merger, which has no Former Governor Alfred E. Smith, relation to the first, will be that of have been actively engaged in competition in the South American field

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From Blanton's Sweetwater Speech Why Earp Is Afraid To Debate Blanton

For weeks Venus Earl Earp has been mudslingin . His whole campaign has been abuse and misrepresentation. I worked day and night in Washington until Congress adjourned, then spoke at Comanche's celebration. I didn't mention Earp. Returning by Cisco I answered his senseless tirade there. I challenged Earp to meet me before the people in Brownwood, Ranger, Breckenridge and Sweetwater. He refused, saying "It won't get me anywhere." It wouldn't, because he can't face the conclusive proof I have on him.

Earp copied every word of his alleged planks from my constructive platform published last February. Earp wrote lawyers April 22 that if they would organize the towns my farmer friends would be too busy planting to vote at the special election, and I could be beaten, also asserting that I wouldn't be able to get an appropriation for a post office building in Sweetwater. But enough farmers did vote to elect me, and I got \$130,000. for Sweetwater. and \$100,000, for Coleman, signed up July 3, 1930.

Earp had many letters sent to all drug stores asserting "he had proved himself one of the best friends of druggists (how?), that he had the best law practice in Sweetwater, (joke), and had returned from France disabled." We entered the war April 6, 1917. Earp enlisted Aug. 13, 1917, left U. S. April 18, 1918, being overweight he attended school at Langres from July 29 to Sept. 24, 1918. The war ended Nov. 11, 1918. Earp remained abroad until May 1919; was discharged May 29, 1919. The War Department certifies that he was not injured in any way and suffered no disabilities. On a bronchitis claim Earp drew \$8 per month from May 30 to Oct. 16, 1919, and excepting the month he was hospitalized for observation and examination when he got \$90., and the several years the Government gave him vocational training and paid his way through the State University graduating in law, Earp has drawn \$9 each and every month and is still drawing \$9 per month, for "mild bronchitis." Earp also got his bonus, and \$1,579. adjusted compensation. I have written numberless letters for him, made countless trips to the Bureau for him, and persuaded the Bureau to give him the benefit of every doubt, whenever they made a move to cut him off. I believed him, stood by him, and made them give him a square deal.

A sworn pleading in Cause No. 2447 District Court Nolan County shows: that when ease was called Earp said he was too sick to try it. It was continued. An Abilene lawyer thus inconvenienced went to a cafe to eat. In came Earp telling a man to appear in the Justice Court at one o'clock as he was going to try a case there. A case of instantaneous recovery.

The law requires a candidate to name all his contributors. In his account, Earp reports - spending \$995 but reports large contributions as being anonymous. Earp shouldn't take money anonymously. My enemies are financing Earp. They don't want their names known, Organization members have solicited funds for him in Sweetwater. Other organization members have paid for installing his loud speakers. All of this should be listed in his account with name and amounts given, to be lawful.

Earp had a nonunion plant print his campaign cards, on which he printed: "Union Labor print." Unions have a label, It isn't on Earp's cards. Just why did Earp pretend?

Earp says I have enemies. Why, of course! Any man who accomplishes much for the people will make enemies. Any man who fights graft and corruption will make enemies. But I have more real, true, loyal friends in Congress, than Earp has in Nolan County. And on July 26 Earp will learn that I have plenty of friends in my district. From the many cordial greetings I have received from Senators and Congressmen, let me quote a sample. Here is one from Senator Capper, known to every farmer: "Washington, D. C., May 22, 1930.

"Hon. Thomas L. Blanton, Abilene, Texas.

Dear Congressman:

Your friends here—(and I am proud to be one of them) -are delighted with your wonderful victory. We think your district is doing the right thing in returning you to Congress. Your fine record as a member of the House as an independent and courageous member of that body leaves no question that you stand at all times for those things that are in the people's interest. I have always found it a pleasure to work with you.

Cordially yours, ARTHUR CAPPER."

This one is from Congressman John E. Rankin, author of the recent Veteran's relief Act: Washington, D. C. July 5. 1930. "Hon. Thomas L. Blanton, M. C.,

Abilene, Texas. My dear Colleague:

I am leaving for home tonight and will probably not get to see you before we return for the Dec-Therefore, I am taking this opportunity of

thanking you for your support in our fight for relief for the disabled Veterans of the World War. You deserve the gratitude of every ex-service man in the country for your loyal assistance in this fight for justice for our disabled Veterans, and their widows and orphers. Assuring you of my kindest regards and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely your friend JOHN E. RANKIN."

Congressman Clarence Cannon of Missouri, our greatest parlimentarian, wrote me the following: "In my opinion-and I say it advisedly-you are one of the most valuable members sitting in Congress in the 18 years it has been my privilege to be on the floor. With warmest regards, your friend, CLARENCE CANNON."

Earp states in every speech that I told some man in Rowena that I would vote to modify the 18th Amendment. This is absolutely untrue, with no basis or foundation whatever for it. It is made out of the whole cloth, in an attempt to injure me.

Earp criticizes me for representing the Blackerbys. I won this large estate for the two sisters and five brothers, all over 67, at Brownville, first before the County Judge, and then before the District Court and jury, and it wasn't appealed.

THOMAS L. BLANTON.

P. O. Box 224

STARVING CHICKS IS UNNECESSARY

> 's Find Early Feeding Is Not Harmful.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) The popular belief that baby chicks should be starved for the first 48 or 72 hours to prevent bowel trouble has finally given way to scientific knowledge. It is now known that early feeding is not harmful. However, neither does delayed feeding seem to

Experiments conducted by Burt W. Heywang and Dr. M. A. Jull, poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture, to determine the effect of early feeding on the absorption of the egg yolk which is usually present in the body of the chick when hatched, show that early feeding actually tends to stimulate slightly the rate of yolk assimilation. Feeding scratch grain caused more rapid assimilation than feeding mash.

As a result of these experiments, Doctor Juli points out, poultry raisers now have unbiased facts to guide them in the management of baby chicks. Under normal conditions the best thing to do is feed them early. If there is some special reason for withholding food for the first two or three days, this can be done without running the risk of stunting the chicks. Baby chicks shipped by parcel post or by express probably should not be fed before being shipped, Doctor Juli says.

Blackhead Evaded by Keeping Poults Alone

young turkeys, they should not have work saved by self-feeding is not as chicken or turkey hens as mothers. great as might at first be thought. In Even though turkeys are put on a addition to the labor the cost of grindclean range, not infested with black ing also needs to be taken into achead, it is likely that they will get the count. Aside from a possible slight

The practice may be avoided by feeding them has practically everyusing a new brooder stove for incu- thing in its favor. bator hatched turkeys. A clean range is also necessary, but old birds should not run with the young turkeys, ac-

cording to Hayes. By adhering to a strict sanitation program of this kind, Hayes says that blackhead can be evaded, and there should be no more trouble with turkeys than with young chicks.

New England Colleges

Formulate Chick Mash A chick mash formulated at the conference of New England colleges calls the disease in lambs. for 200 pounds yellow cornmeal, 100 pounds wheat bran, 100 pounds ground by the addition of 25 pounds of dried milk and the substitution of ground oat groats for ground oats.

Poultry Notes

Feed grain in troughs each day.

stock of known merit.

Goslings cannot live without grass. Dry bread softened in sweet skim milk and pressed quite dry is good for the

The ration fed the breeding pens should be complete in every way. In addition to protein, carbohydrates and fats, the ration should contain vitamines and minerals.

Nothing will take the place of a well-constructed brooder that is properly operated. Chicks are not weatherproof any more than they are troubleproof. If they are exposed to extremes of heat and cold they will

soon be on the sick list. When ten days old the ducks can be cut down to three or four feedings

A fat breeding hen is not conducive to hatchability in the eggs she pro-

Chickens need minerals both for

body maintenance and for shell for-

Use dependable brooder of proper size for house and number of chicks | ket supplies are in prospect. to be brooded.

Discard all hens which tay very small eggs, since these eggs hatch poorly and produce pullets that lay small eggs.

Scrape floor, sweep walls, scrub with hot lye water and spray with disinfectant before moving house or put of grain. ting in chicks.

to mature and condition pullets is to the weight and condition of the ani allow them a good ration and beep | mals as they are marketed. them on clean range.



SELF-FEEDING NOT ALWAYS ADVISED

Does Not Work Out Well During Gestation Period.

Self-feeding brood sows during the gestation period, in my opinion, is not advisable. Theoretically it is possible to include a sufficient amount of fibrous or bulky material in the ration to prevent sows from becoming too fat, even though the feed is kept before them in a self-feeder, but in practice self-feeding does not work out so well. The sows waste considerable feed either through rooting it out by nosing about for the grain or through spitting it out and not consuming a part of the fibrous or bulky material if they are forced to take it into their mouths. This is the case even when a hammer mill is used to grind the hay. Furthermore, the herds of sows, on self-feeders during the gestation period, which I have observed, have become too fat to do well with their pigs, in spite of the fact that the rations contained large amounts of ground leguminous hay, writes W. L. Robinson in an exchange. There is thus a likelihood of wasting feed in two ways when pregnant sows are. self-fed.

With ground alfalfa costing 50 per cent more than corn it would not pay to use it for the purpose of supplying' bulk to the ration. If the clover is of good quality it could be used in place of the alfalfa regardless of whether the hay is to be fed ground or whole. If the labor involved in grinding the

feeds so as to enable them to be self-To prevent blackhead infection in fed is taken into consideration the disease from the mother hen, says J. saving in labor, hand feeding preg-B. Hayes, University of Wisconsin. nant sows twice daily as against self-

Intestinal Coccidiosis

May Happen in Lambs

Intestinal coccidiosis may occur in lambs during the summer months. The disease develops most often in animals on wet pastures and it is presumed that infection take place through the drinking water. Latent coccidiosis infection may exist in older or stronger animals and be responsible for perpetuating premise infection and the development of the acute form of

Lambs affected with coccidiosis become anemic and pale. There is a foul oats, 25 pounds meat scrap, 25 pounds | smelling diarrhea which may or may fishmeal, 50 pounds dry skim milk, 25 | not be streaked with blood, accompounds alfalfa leafmeal, 25 pounds panied by weakness, loss of flesh and edible steamed bonemeal, and 5 death. Lambs which recover may repounds sait. The dry milk percentage | main carriers for an indefinite time. in this mixture is 71/2 per cent. This Clinical symptoms are suggestive, yet mash becomes the regular laying mash | the diagnosis is dependent upon microscopic examination. Stomach worms, hemorrhagic septicemia and dietetic

disturbances must be eliminated.

Intestinal antiseptic should be administered to lambs in the control of coccidiosis, Salol and tannic and salicylic acids are recommended. The course of the disease can be influenced by sanitary measures. The flock should be taken off of poorly drained Start with chicks from breeding pastures and given good dry feed. It may be advisable to keep animals in the stable if clean pastures are not Grow chicks separate from old flock available. Isolate affected animals. 30 they will not range on same gound. | Clean and disinfect corrals and feeding sheds. Remove contaminated soil to places not accessible to sheep.

******** Live Stock Items

A runty fall pig in the spring isn't much better than no pig at all.

Strong, rugged pigs are more resistant to diseases and worm infesta-

Pigs running on pasture make greater gains from the same amount

of feed than they do in the dry lot. Blue grass is a good early spring or late fall pasture, provided it is clean

or not contaminated with worm eggs. A few weeks previous of farrowing the sows will need more than during

the early part of the gestation period.

Lower profits in sheep production seem more probable during the next four to six years than have been secured during the last six to eight years. The sheep population has been

steadily increasing, and increased mar-

Pigs farrowed in January and February can be raised successfully if they are properly housed and man-

After the pigs are weaned, brood sows may be carried through the sum mer on pasture and a limited amount

Live stock feeders are coming to pay Probably the most satisfactory and more attention to the time when live certainly the easiest and simplest way stock is ready for market as well as to

WARREN NEWS

Our crops are badly needing rain, ut our condition is not any worse han that of lots of other sections. Grandma Manscill, who has been

l, is reported better.

Miss Lena Mae Chancey entertained friends with a party Monday night. Miss Azilene Sumpter of Merkel visited Miss Lottie McCoy Saturday night.

Mr. Dishman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Melton left Tuesday for California.

Several from this community have been attending the Baptist revival at

Stith this week. Miss Artie McCormick spent the latter part of last week with relatives at Trent.

visited Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson Sunday. Miss Helen McCormick spent Sun-

Misses Oneda Finck and Oma Sweat

day with Miss Annis Hudson.

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HEBRON NEWS

A protracted meeting to last ter days will start Friday night.

Messrs. Paul Pannell, Dale Burles on and Bill Gosey attended the party at Noodle Saturday night. Willie Harris was in Abilene Fri-

Mr. Williamson's barn burned Sunday afternoon. It was insured.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell Sunday.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

Miss Emma Nalley left Wednesday for an extended visit with her sister at De Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Howell and children of Fort Worth returned home after a few days stay with relatives

Miss Mary Joe Bowers was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Wells of Fort Worth were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner.

Mrs. Pauline Freeman and daughter, Miss Sallie Freeman, have gone to Fort Worth and Arlington for an extended stay with Mrs. Freeman's daughters, Miss Audrey Freeman and Mrs. Tomlin.

James McAdams spent the weekend at Graham visiting his aunt.

Miss Lillie Harris, who is attending school at Texas Tech, was the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. Clifford Estep.

M. and Mrs. Austin Watts and baby daughter of Cohoma were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murray.

Steve Payne of Wichita Falls and Miss Magdaline Payne, who is attending school at Lubbock, came over Saturday to spend the week-end, but owing to the sudden illness of their mother, Mrs. A. R. Payne, and their brother, Kirk Payne, caused physicians say by food poisoning, they remained over for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Bryan had as their guests recently Mrs. Chrift Braune and granddaughter and the Misses Gallie of View.

Quite a few from here attended the Old Settlers reunion at Buffalo Gap Saturday, among them being Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hogue and daughter, Miss Evelyn, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Reeves and daughter, C. T. Beckham, N. L. Seale, James Bright, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Miss Estelle Terry and Miss Gene Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Holt and little daughter visited in Canyon and Amarillo this week.

Mrs. Sallie Kinder of Calimesa, Calif., was called to the bedside of Mansfield, Texas, and on her return home she will visit with her daughter and family, Mrs. Lee Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards spent Sunday in Hamlin visiting her sister. at Happy, Texas. Mrs. J. W. Reynolds was the week-

family of Sweetwater. Miss Artie McCormick of Merkel

Brother Ural S. Sherrill is spending several weeks at S. M. U., doing some special work.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rogers. Miss Maurine Patton, also of Lubbock.

The Methodist ladies will serve dinner Saturday, election day, in a building in town. The luncheon will be servtd between the hours of 11:30 and 1:30; family style, price, 35 cents. W. E. Hamner left Sunday for an

extended stay at Robstown. Miss Clara Fitchard of Merkel is the guest of Miss Medeah Rollings. Miss Florence Sherman spent the

week-end with her aunt in Merkel.

Baird spent Sunday with Mr. and Willie Weaver, Ike Driggers and Chas. Hutcheson. D. A. Hutcheson, Ancel Martin of Sweetwater. who had been visiting them, returned home at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estep, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep, Miss Lillie Harris and Mrs. Lela Churchwell spent Mrs. Willard Estep. They were actep, who had been visiting there.

stopped over for a few hours Wedgum. He was en route to points west for a vacation.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Saturday, July 26, being State Primary Election Day, and a bank holiday, the following banks will remain closed all day. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

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MAIL The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes. as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please tele-

WHITE FLAT NEWS

Mrs. Billie Munsell and son Junior have returned to Oklahoma City after month's visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan.

Guests in the J. C. Bickley home Sunday were Mrs. Finton Boyd and son John, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Horton and daughters, Velma and Deci. Jessie Brandon and family of Bowe, Texas, spent a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. Mel Hand Wednesday. They were en route to Colorado to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Duncan of Sweetwater are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan.

Misses Reatha Freeman and Carrie Mae Hand were the guests of Miss Inez Beene of Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley of Merkel were visitors in the home of their son, Cliff Bickley and family Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent and ton are spending the week at the Boaz son, Freeland, were Sweetwater visi- ranch.

tors Saturday. Miss Ola Duncan spent last weekend with Miss Mae Hamner of Trent. Ellis family. A. J. Bickley has returned home

from Snyder. Emery Hand has returned to Draughon's Business college at Abilene to finish his studies.

George Freeman and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Smith of Moodyville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bright of Sweetwater were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Hand and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sanders of Sweetwater. Little on are spending the week with Sis Miss Melba Jessie Hand will spend Boaz at the Boaz ranch. the week with Mr. and Mrs. Sanders.

Freeland Nugent spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent.

ner, accompanied by T. H. Duncan, Jr., made a flying trip to Roscoe Sun-Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent made a

business trip to Merkel Monday after-Emery Hand of Abilene spent the

week-end with home folks. Mrs. Ross Young of Sweetwater was a recent visitor with relatives

Little Miss (Lavada and Jimmie

Merkel last week. Mrs. Walter McElmurry and child- to Canada. ren are visiting friends and relatives

end guest of her son, Nunam, and Elmurry have gone to Hobbs, New Wade Darsey.

spent part of last week here as guest White Church visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Causseaux returned Wednesday of her grandmother, Mrs. W. E. J. C. Bickley and family Tuesday. to San Antonio. Shouse, and of her aunt, Mrs. John They were accompanied home by Miss Glynn Bickley.

The young folks enjoyed a delightful party and old fashion candy Columbus, Ohio. breaking in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miss Velma and Edward Rogers of Joyce Martin Saturday night. The Lubbock spent the week-end with their forepart of the night was spent in Toombs left Wednesday for a week playing interesting games and then They were accompanied by a friend, came the fun of drawing candy. Those to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Waco were recent visitors with Mr. Mrs. Martin were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bright, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Duel Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Graham, Mrs. Luther from Yoakum left Wednesday to visit Statser; Misses Eddie and Era Mae Graham, Ruth Statser, Catherine Tittle. Polly Mashburn of Sweetwater. Weaver, Jones, Weaver of Trent; Messrs, Nolan and Truman Duncan, Elby Statser, Fred and Melvin Horton, Homer Freeman, Freeland Nug-Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Barnhart of ent, Clarence Duncan, Lester Tittle,

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said state. Advantages of the crea-Sunday in Hamlin, visiting Mr. and tion of additional states out of this vast empire were enumerated, such companied home by Miss Ida V. Es- as an increase in the United States for a few days. Later she will go to Dr. Carl Mangum of Wichita Falls thereby transferring the balance of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Canon. power to the South, as witness the nesday with his father, E. L. Man- late tariff fight; also an increase in the electoral college vote, and ultima- Lou, have returned from a two weeks te recognition to the agricultural visit with relatives in Chicago, Ill., west and south of the power to which and Grand Junction, Mich. it is entitled.

present was P. R. Hamill of Bay City,

With reference to the all-candidates speaking, which was held here Monday night and arrangements for which Harvey Leath and Misses Jimmy and were made by a Lions committee, Mary Pew Atwood, Tenn., also Mr President Brown took occasion to and Mrs. J. R. Cox, Sr., and Mr. and commend the committee for their Mrs. John Cox, of Sweetwater. splendid handling of the event.

master next week.

hull greens (golf) in the history of Ark, that ancient game. Many golf courses * in other parts of the United States Sunday of visits from three sons and * where dry climate and wind condi- their families: T. A. Warren and tion make sandgreens difficult to daughter, Miss Dorothy Lois, Waco;

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Jasper McCoy visited relatives | in Sweetwater.

O. W. Little.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Derrick have as their guest her father, T. O. C. Jones, of Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson were

recent visitors to Dallas. A. J. Tucker visited Carlsbad Cav-

erns during his vacation. J. T. Darsey, Jr., returned Tuesday

from a short visit to Austin.

Mrs. L. A. Penix of Colorado is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. L. Holden. Allen Edwards of Maryneal is the guest of his sister, Mrs. George White. Gerald Derrick and B. P. Middle-

Mrs. J. M. Grogan and baby daughter of Anson are visiting the V. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey of San Angelo spent the week-end with their parents here.

Mrs. J. B. Rosson and daughter, Addie Mae, and son, Hollis, spent the week-end in Abilene.

the J. S. Swann home. Mrs. Berta Berry and Mrs. Bell returned Saturday to Detroit after a

visit with relatives here. Misses Ida Derstine and Jack Can-

Mrs. H. B. Matthews of Tyler, who is a niece of Mr. Swann, is a guest

in the J. S. Swann home Misses Ola Duncan and Mae Ham- little daughter, Mary Faye, left Wed- those who fail to hear him are miss-

> with her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Reagh, invited to hear him. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Williams of Little Rock were passing visitors in

nesday morning for Corpus Christi.

J. Brown.

ents, Mr. and Mrs. J: S. Bickley, of pia, Wash, to visit his mother, Mrs. fashioned grace." Come. W. H. Meredith, and will also go on

Little Miss Imogene Hulsey has returned from San Angelo, where she Sherman Driggers and Walter Mc- has been visiting her sister, Mrs. After a visit with their mother,

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer of Mrs. R. L. Scott and two children and Mrs. W. A. Thornton has returned

> from a most enjoyable visit with her son, C. F. Thornton, and family at Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins and little daughter and Miss Emma

in Corpus Christi. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wortham of

and Mrs. Will D. Williams, who are also former Wacoans.

After visiting relatives here, Mrs. E. S. Swafford and son, Emmett, a daughter at Pampa. Mrs. J. F. Lilly of Whitewright ar-

rived Wednesday for a visit with her granddaughters, Miss Johnnie Sears and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown. Having sold their home to W. W.

Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton, long time residents of Merkel, are removing this week to Dublin to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble and two children, Elma Mae and David, accompanied by Uncle Bill Sheppard, returned Wednesday from a vacation visit to Glen Rose.

Miss Winnie Ethel Curb of Odessa is visiting friends and relatives here senate from two to ten members, Cordell. Okla., to visit her parents,

Mrs. Ted Lasater and daughters, Misses Bernice, Vivian and Theda

Miss Mary Campbell is visiting her Besides the speaker, the only guest sister, Mrs. H. C. Reid, at McCamey. Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell drove a member of the Lions club there and over to San Angelo Sunday, accomwho was making up his attendance panying their daughter, Miss Mary, that far to catch a bus

> Guests in the J. T. Dennis home early in the week were Mr. and Mrs

Leaving Wednesday, F. J. Smith Dr. H. P. Hulsey is to be toast- and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Underwood were to be joined at Dallas by R. E. Smith and family and together they El Paso had the first cottonseed will visit for sometime in Batesville,

Mrs. J. B. Warren had the pleasure maintain are using the El Paso inven- H. M. Warren and family, Knox City, and W. B. Warren and wife, Anson.

Friends of Miss Mary Eula Sears have received interesting letters tell-Mr. and Mrs. George Caple spent ing of a delightful summer at Camp Sunday in Tuscola with Dr. and Mrs. | Sequoya, Bristol, Va. Besides her art classes, she is enjoying all manner

> of outdoor sports, especially boating and rifle shooting. Fire Chief N. A. Dowell and Mrs. Dowell, also Arch Rose have returned from a fishing and hunting trip to Devil's River and the Rio Grande, returning by way of Del Rio and Junction. They report an abundance of

squirrels and fish. Mesdames E. M. McDonald and Holland Teaff motored to Austin recently and were accompanied on their return by Misses Lucy Tracy and Vennie Heizer, who had been attending the summer sesison of the University of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Betterton and little son of Plainview have arrived for a visit with her parents, Postmaster and Mrs. O. J. Adcock. On Monday night they enjoyed a fish fry on Dead Man's creek at the home of Mr. Betterton's uncle, John Zipps.

Early Saturday morning Mr. and Mrs. A M Smith and three daughters of Maverick, Texas, arrived to Mrs. L. M. Jones and little son, visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Richard, of Fort Worth are guests in M. Black, and on Sunday, being joined by Carl Black and family, they all spent the day with another daughter, Mrs. A. M. Martin, and family in Sweetwater.

Several Conversions at Stith.

The Baptist revival at Stith is progressing nicely, with several conversions to date. Brother Powell, pastor of the University Baptist church Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson and of Abilene, is doing the preaching and ing something worth while, Friday Mrs. J. L. Richardson of Adams- night is Dads' night and all the dadrille, Texas, is spending the summer dies in the surrounding country ar

Revival Meeting.

Our revival meeting begins this Frithe W. T. Curb home en route to Los day night at the Mt. Pleasant Bap-T. E. Sears has returned to White- tist church. In this old fashioned arwright after a visit with his nieces, bor everybody is invited to worship Miss Johnnie Sears and Mrs. W. S. with us; "an old fashioned meeting in an old-fashioned place, where some her mother, Mrs. G. L. McDonald, of Cliff Bickley visited their grandpar- J. E. Boaz left last week for Olym- old-fashioned people have some old-

O. D. Pruitt, Pastor.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

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ing has been a member of the house

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