

## YOUTH KILLED BY HIT-RUN DRIVER SATURDAY NIGHT

Paul Alton Tolbert, 17, Sweetwater, Struck by Unknown Autoist, Instantly Killed on Highway West of Town.

When struck by a hit-and-run driver on the highway about four miles west of Merkel, Paul Alton Tolbert, 17, of Sweetwater was instantly killed about 8:15 Saturday night.

The death car grazed the left rear fender of the Tolbert car and crashed against the youth, throwing his body to the side of the highway where it was found about 60 feet in front of the car out of which it is supposed he had just stepped when he was hit.

The boy's body was brought to Merkel by Joe Whiteley of Sweetwater, but it was known that he was already dead before the body was picked up.

Sunday the body, accompanied by members of the family, was carried to Sweetwater for interment.

No accurate description could be given of the car operated by the hit-and-run driver, who was headed east. It was believed to be a coach or sedan, although the bent fender indicates it might have been a truck that grazed it.

Sheriff O'Bar happened to be in Merkel at the time and he immediately threw a net around the section, telephoning police as far as Ranger, south to Coleman and north to Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Tolbert and their six children left Sweetwater early Saturday in a truck and a touring car to seek employment. Because of motor trouble with the truck, they had been stopped all day on the highway, according to report of Mr. Price, who lives along the road where the accident happened and who had been assisting them in getting the two cars in running order.

The truck was parked off the pavement, about 50 feet west of the Tolbert car, which was partially on the highway.

The right side of the boy's head was crushed and all parts of the body badly bruised.

Citizens of Merkel extended all possible aid and assistance to the parents and brothers and sister. The parents of the dead boy's father and one brother live at Mexia.

Assisting Sheriff O'Bar in his investigations Saturday night and subsequently were Deputy Sheriff W. H. Laney and P. P. Dickenson, city marshal.

## Left For Markets.

Leaving Sunday, J. W. Sheppard of the Jones Dry Goods company here joined Mr. G. E. Jones of Abilene, owner, and other managers of the Jones stores from West Texas towns for the usual fall buying trip to the northern and eastern markets.

## Falls 50 Feet Asleep.

Seattle, Wash.—Herbert Peters fell 50 feet down a shaft while walking in his sleep, but escaped with slight injuries.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 19, 1910.)

Miss Maye Derstine returned with her brother to his El Paso county ranch where she will spend a vacation of a few weeks from her duties in our postoffice.

Leonard Sublett, who is with a claim in New Mexico, is here to spend a few weeks with his home folks and friends. He reports lots of rain in his section.

H. M. Rainbolt attended a meeting of the colony board at Abilene this week.

Miss Irene Wood, a very pretty young lady who has been a guest of her cousin, Miss Lyska Pitzer, returned Tuesday to her home at Mineral Wells, accompanied by her cousin. Miss Lyska will visit at the Wells for several weeks.

**TYLER-LAMAR.**  
On Sunday, the seventh, Mr. Roscoe C. Tyler was married to Miss Ora Bell Lamar at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Lamar, Rev. J. M. Sherman of this city of-

## FIRST BALE ARRIVES MONDAY; RAISED BY M. E. WEST AT STITH

Merkel's first bale of cotton for 1930 arrived on the streets late Monday afternoon, followed by a second bale the same afternoon and the third on Tuesday morning. Merkel's first bale last year arrived August 6.

M. E. West of Stith, who brought in the first bale in 1918, won first money again this year. His bale weighed 422 pounds and was ginned at Stith. It was bought for 11 cents per pound by Max Mellinger, local merchant.

The second bale was brought in by A. J. Stapleton, who resides five miles south of Merkel on the G. M. Moore home place. His bale weighed 485 pounds.

Marion Logan, residing on Route 3, brought in the third bale.

A bonus fund of \$55.50 was raised by a committee from the Lions club, of which Henry West was chairman, which was divided three ways, 50, 30 and 20 per cent for the first, second and third bales. Mr. West received a bonus of \$27.75, Mr. Stapleton, \$16.65 and Mr. Logan \$11.10.

## "WHAT THE CLUB CAN DO?" TOPIC

Henry West Assigned for Five-Minute Talk on Subject at Next Lions Luncheon.

Beginning with a talk by Henry West at the next luncheon meeting, members of the Lions club will be asked from time to time to make five-minute addresses on the subject: "What the club can do for Merkel this fall?" The president, E. Yates Brown, announced this plan for bringing out new thought along this line.

Dee Grimes is toastmaster for next week and it was announced at the last luncheon that Ted Nichols of the Nichols Ice company would compliment the club with ice cold watermelons as part of the next luncheon menu.

After the club singing, led by E. Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown at the piano, at this week's meeting, the invocation was given by Rev. J. T. King. Mrs. Brown continued with incidental piano numbers during the luncheon.

A. T. Sheppard was toastmaster and the principal address was made by Rev. J. T. King, who gave interesting facts and figures in regard to the big milk plant which has just been opened at Lamesa and which was visited last week by a delegation of Merkel Lions.

Ralph Duke was the only guest present.

In connection with the "Buddy" plan of the attendance committee, a motion was made by Matt Dillingham that in future only those actually present would be counted as 100 per cent. Previously, absence from the city or other legitimate excuse had been accepted as attendance.

A committee was appointed to raise a bonus from the merchants and business.

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## ED LANCASTER VS. KENNETH WATKINS IN CHAMPIONSHIP

Outclassing Three Opponents in Four Days, Lancaster Becomes Finalist in 1st Flight; Brown Winner of 2nd Flight.

After being two down at the completion of the fifteenth hole, Ed Lancaster won the next three holes in his match with R. O. Anderson Wednesday afternoon and earned the right to compete with Kenneth Watkins in the championship finals of the golf tournament, sponsored by the Merkel golf club. He had defeated Booth Warren on the previous day by the same odds, a single putt on the eighteenth hole deciding the winner.

Lancaster played his first round Sunday, defeating Dillingham 5 up. Lancaster and Watkins may play off their match Friday afternoon but this had not been definitely decided at the time of going to press.

**SECOND FLIGHT.**  
As winner of the second flight, Yates Brown won the silver cup offered by the club and as runner-up Paul West was awarded the golf bag. This match was not decided until the 19th hole.

Brown and Jackson combined their second round match with Bourn, who had already won his second round, and the three played for the right to go into the finals in the second flight.

**THIRD FLIGHT.**  
W. O. Boney won the cup in the third flight, defeating H. H. Jenkins and Spencer Bird in a three-cornered affair, Spencer Bird coming off as second best and winning for himself a golf bag.

**LONG DRIVE CONTEST.**  
Twenty-two entered the long-drive contest last Sunday, but no one of them was in very good form. Only two out of the bunch kept all three balls in the fairway, W. L. Ditz, whose distance was 491 and who won the golf trophy for this event, and T. G. Bragg, whose distance was 417, but who came third, because Claude Dye laid two safely away for a distance of 431.

## Small Speaks For Sterling; Miller In Behalf of Ferguson

Three of the eliminated candidates for governor, who had not actively entered the run-off campaign until near its close, added to the heat of the political pot early this week.

Clint Small's speech for Sterling at Waco Wednesday night was broadcast over a radio hook-up consisting of San Antonio, Waco, Amarillo, Houston and Fort Worth stations.

Barry Miller spoke at Austin Wednesday night for Mrs. Ferguson, to be followed on Thursday night with a speech at San Antonio and closing on Friday night with a speech at Sulphur Spring.

While not entering the contest actively, former congressman James Young in a letter to a friend indicated his preference for Sterling but disclaimed in a letter to the Dallas News that he had stated that he was going to exert any influence or pressure with his friends and supporters. A paragraph in his letter to Judge W. O. Davis of Gainesville, Texas, reads: "I cannot support the Fergusons in this run-off and if I support Sterling it will simply be by one vote and no further."

## Supt. Burgess Leaves For Summer Vacation

Supt. and Mrs. Burgess are leaving this (Thursday) afternoon for Evergreen valley ranch, New Mexico, for a ten-day fishing trip and vacation. This is the same delightful mountain spot where they spent their last summer's vacation.

He will return to his office on September 2, ready for the preliminaries incident to the opening of school on the following Monday (Sept. 8.)

Beginning September 2 new students will be registered, entrance examinations given, summer books returned, Seniors registered, and other preliminary matters attended to. The first faculty meeting will be on Saturday, September 6. Definite schedule for these preliminaries will be found in next week's issue of The Mail.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Members of the Cowboy Band of Simmons university, who docked at New York Saturday from their European trip, will reach Abilene Friday evening on the Sunshine Special.

J. F. Ellis, filling station operator, has filed suit for \$5,000 against the city of Edinburgh, contending that the city is due him for gasoline and oil purchased over a period of four months.

Oldest active minister in the Missouri Lutheran synod, the Rev. G. Buchschacher, 79, known as Warda's "Grand Old Man," and who had served at Warda, Fayette county, fifty years, died suddenly Monday.

At 4:30 Tuesday afternoon, the high record for this year at Abilene was reached when the thermometer went to 105, followed by a thunderstorm and rain. The previous high for this year at Abilene was 104 on July 13.

A six-foot wall of flood water, sweeping unexpectedly down upon a wading party in a small creek near Quitaque Sunday, drowned Miss Alvie Roach, 18, and nearly cost the lives of Miss Adams and her father, John Adams.

Two students of the advanced flying school, Kelly field, Donald Devitt Campbell, 23, and Cadet Robert Lee Scott, 23, lost their lives in an aerial collision during attack maneuvers at a 200-foot altitude near Von Ormy Monday.

At midnight Wednesday, time limit for filing absentee ballots for the second democratic primary, the total in Taylor county had reached 390, as compared with 214 for the first primary.

After his wife, age 40, had been slain with an ax Monday at her home six miles south of Brenham, Travis Smith, the husband, returned home just as a negro was leaving the house, loaded his rifle and shot the negro six times.

John W. Brady, white-haired former appeals court justice, who stabbed Miss Lehli Highsmith to death at Austin last November and who was sentenced to three years imprisonment, has filed an appeal with the court of criminal appeals.

Two men, George W. Williams, 45, pioneer in aviation, designer of airplanes and a member of the Early Birds, having been flying since 1908, and Clyde Moore, 25, a student pilot, were killed near Temple as the result of an airplane crash.

Arrested shortly after the bombing of the Stockyard National bank at Fort Worth, Gladys Milam has been charged as an accomplice of N. M. Martin, who together with F. L. Pelton, vice-president of the bank, was killed when the bomb exploded.

Registering a 74, three over par, for the difficult 18 holes, Tommy Cochran of Wichita Falls, veteran in Texas play, took medalist honors in the first annual Glen Garden country club invitation golf tournament at Fort Worth over a field of 225 golfers.

Protesting action of the federal farm board in reducing loan advance on cotton to 6 cents a pound, Senator Tom Connally of Marlin telegraphed Chairman Legge, Commissioner Williams and Secretary of Agriculture Hyde, demanding the board lend at least 10 cents pound.

**Sanitarium Notes.**  
Following an operation several days ago, W. T. Cox was sufficiently recovered to be removed to his home early in the week.

Mrs. L. A. Dudley, who has been at the Merkel sanitarium for treatment for the past few days, has returned to her home on the Chaney ranch south of town.

**Record of Births.**  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lee Ashcraft, Wednesday, August 20, 1930.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. John Price, Blair, Wednesday, August 20, 1930.

**Mr. Rainbolt's Condition Better.**  
H. M. Rainbolt was reported some better Thursday morning, although the family and friends were uneasy about his condition on Tuesday, when shortly before noon he fainted at his home, following a hemorrhage from an ulcer, and was unconscious for about 30 minutes.

## VICTORY FOR STERLING IS INDICATED IN TEST VOTE IN 191 COUNTIES

### ELEVEN RACES ON RUN-OFF BALLOT

Six State Races and Five in County and Precinct to be Decided Saturday.

W. O. Boney, precinct chairman, has elected his staff of assistants for the run-off democratic primary Saturday and all plans for holding the election have been completed. His assistants will be Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann, Mr. and Mrs. Holland Teaff, Miss Lucy Tracy, Miss Vennie Heizer and Earl Lassiter.

The polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 7 p. m., as usual. The place will be the Lions hall.

Eleven contests are the Taylor county ballot, six for state offices, two for county and three for precinct.

**ELECTION RETURNS.**  
H. H. Jenkins, proprietor of the City Drug store, announces that returns of both the county and state races will be bulletined, just as was done in the first primary, and everyone is cordially invited to visit their election party.

**TAYLOR COUNTY BALLOTS.**  
Following are the names of the candidates and the order in which they will appear on the Taylor county ballot:

- For Governor: R. S. STERLING, MIRIAM A. FERGUSON
- For Lieutenant Governor: STERLING P. STRONG, EDGAR WITT
- For State Treasurer: CHARLIE LOCKHART, JOHN E. DAVIS
- For Attorney General: ROBERT LEE BOBBITT, JAMES V. ALLRED
- For Commissioner of Agriculture: J. E. McDONALD, A. H. KING
- For Railroad Commissioner: GREGORY HATCHER, PAT M. NEFF
- For Sheriff: H. T. O'BAR, BURL WHEELER
- For Tax Assessor: J. T. HOWARD, MRS. FLORENCE VANCE
- For Public Weigher: Precinct No. 5 (Merkel) S. A. (SAM) BANKSTON, HOUSTON ROBERTSON
- For County Commissioner: Precinct No. 2: RUFE TITTLE, PHILIP A. DILTZ

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Tabulations by Dallas Times-Herald Estimate the Sterling Vote 257,125, Ferguson 210,070 in Second Primary.

The chief figures in the smashing, clashing battle for the democratic nomination in next Saturday's run-off primary Wednesday and Wednesday night again were busy carrying their pleas to Central Texas, each invading territory just left or about to be visited by the other.

James E. Ferguson, carrying aloft the emblem of his wife's candidacy, was at Terrell Wednesday afternoon moving at night to Ennis.

Ross S. Sterling, urging his own nomination, spoke at Marlin Wednesday afternoon and at night at Cameron.

The Dallas Times-Herald announced that increased tabulations in its test vote indicated state preference for Sterling. The Times-Herald's method was to obtain from outstanding newspapers in each county an estimate of the trend of the voting in the Saturday primary and compile from such estimates the figures given. According to the estimates from 191 counties, the Times-Herald's figures were: Sterling 257,125; Mrs. Ferguson, 210,070. The estimates indicated the closest contest in West Texas.

Tuesday Sterling talked at Terrell and Friday Ferguson will carry his appeal to the Marlin voters, ending his campaign in favor of his wife there, a short distance from his Austin home.

Friday night Sterling will carry his plea to a conclusion at Galveston near his Houston home where Saturday he will await the verdict of the electors after speeches Thursday at Georgetown and San Marcos en route to the gulf territory.


In his Marlin speech Wednesday the Houston man smote "Fergusonism," going through all he said the term meant.

As usual, the speeches continued to partake of bitter personal attacks, as did that of the next most interesting campaign, that of James V. Allred of Wichita Falls and Robert Lee Bobbitt of Laredo for the democratic nomination for state attorney general.

The race for the nomination for lieutenant governor continued to be conducted with decorum and without resort to the exchange of personalities. Sterling P. Strong of Dallas, veteran dry leader, and State Senator Edgar E. Witt of Waco, waging none the less active campaigns.

In the battle for the nomination for state railroad commissioner, W.

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**THE TOWN DOCTOR**  
"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS  
**TALK BUSINESS UP AND IT WILL PICK UP.**

In the past few years there has been a new competition for the old-time storekeeper. To say it is a new competition is incorrect, for it has been in existence for seventy years; but only recently has it been an alibi for failure in business.

Everywhere you care to go you can hear that "all over" merchants are being forced out of business by this competition. Every four-corners storekeeper who for any of a dozen sufficient reasons closes his doors, lays the blame for it on either this new competition or "business depression." The truth of the matter is that there are no more people going out of business than there ever was. It could be said here that a man cannot go out of something that he was never in; and as for going out of business, by far majority of those were never in "business." It was because they did not get into "business" that they failed. A man can "run" a store without being in business.

To prove further that this "depression" is more a mental hazard than fact, let us consider the selling of a class or particular group. Take the farmer for an example.

Not long ago I stood in a first-class retail store in a very good town of average size, when a farmer entered. The owner of the store called the man by name and said: "Well, Jake, how's things?"

And right away Jake started telling just how things were with him—everything wrong from A to Z. The merchant stood there and heard the tale or woe—a tale that he knew by heart—and after many minutes of it the farmer said: "Well, guess I'd better be getting," and out he went.

I said to the merchant, "Why didn't you sell him something?" to which he replied: "Oh, he didn't want anything. These farmers, you know, are in a bad way." Without explanation to the merchant I immediately left the store.

The farmer was walking down the street and I followed. He went into

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another store—a different store—and just as I entered I heard a man say to Jake, "How's things by you?" Again the same tale of woe. While the narration was going on another farmer came with his wife, and the four of them—the farmers and the merchant—had a ten-minute talk on how terrible things were.

At the conclusion the merchant said to one of the men: "You folks going to need a new stove this year?" "No" was the answer. And what else could it be?

I followed Mr. Jake into three other stores in that town, and in each case the merchant gave him an open invitation to tell how tough things were; and in all but one case he left the store without a single purchase. The purchase, made in the last store, was an item that was carried by the first store he entered. It is a ten-to-one shot that he went into that first store to buy that item, but after telling of his troubles went out without it.

But, "Jake thought he was in a bad way, he thought times were hard, and the merchant not only agreed with him, but encouraged him to believe it by prompting him to talk about it.

Therefore, he was in a bad way, and times were hard, whether they were or not.

Let enough people think a thing is so and it will be so. If you leave your home some bright morning and say to the first five men you meet "Isn't this a fine day?" and each one says: "Yes, but I think it will rain before night," by the time you reach your store or office it is going to rain—for you—and you'll see black clouds on a perfectly clear horizon.

Get sold on the idea that you can sell more; sell the customer on the idea that you are selling more; and

give that customer a reason why he should and can buy more and this "business depression" hazard will fade into the myth that it is.

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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A constant demand for trained office workers comes to us thru our organized Employment Department. Mail Coupon to Draughon's College, Abilene, Texas, today for list of recent positions filled, showing the opportunities in business for you. If lack of money is a drawback, write full particulars for helpful suggestions.

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School begins September 8th. Outfit your children while Bragg Dry Goods Company offer such good things at big reductions.

O. E. S.

The order of the Eastern Star have changed their meeting from Tuesday nights to Saturday afternoons on or before the full moon and Saturday nights two weeks following. We will have meeting Saturday night, Aug. 23. Members are requested to be present and visitors are invited.

Mrs. Viola Ensminger, W. M.  
Mrs. Aura Johnson, Secretary.

An inch of rainfall means 113 tons of water to the acre, or 72,320 tons to the square mile.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Mrs W. A. McSpadden announces

the opening of her primary school at her home Monday, September the 8th.

Your patronage is solicited. Phone 115.

The Sheriff's Race  
NEW MACHINERY  
VS.  
OLD MACHINERY

The friends of Burl Wheeler urge his election to the office of Sheriff because he is VIGOROUS, COURAGEOUS and AMBITIOUS.

We would not say a disparaging word of his opponent who has made an efficient officer. Mr. O'Bar is a good man and a good sheriff, but he has had the office three Terms and is asking for a FOURTH TERM. In the course of Nature if not by the electorate—SOME DAY he will have to give it up, and some one WITHOUT EXPERIENCE will have to assume the duties and responsibilities of the office.

We believe that the time to make the change is NOW when we have a man of the qualifications of Burl Wheeler asking for it.

Do not vote for him on account of sentiment, but vote for Burl Wheeler because he will put NEW LIFE and RENEWED ENERGY into the law-enforcing arm of Taylor county.

(Contributed by Friends of Burl Wheeler.)



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Sport Roadster —\$515	Club Sedan —\$625	ROADSTER or PHAETON	Sedan Delivery —\$595	1½ Ton Chassis —\$520
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Coupe —\$565	Special Sedan —\$685		Chassis —\$365	Prices f. o. b. factory
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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

### Miss Hawkins Now In Charge of WTCU Home Service Work

Abilene, August 21.—Effective August 15, Miss Eudora Hawkins was appointed home service director and chairman of the women's committee for the West Texas Utilities company, taking the place of Mrs. Mabel Holmes, who resigned.

Miss Hawkins comes to the company from the Texas-Louisiana Power company, Breckenridge. She brings with her a wealth of experience and an intense interest in women's committee and home service work.

Born in Dallas and educated in the University of Texas, Miss Hawkins is a West Texan by preference and adoption, having lived in Breckenridge since 1918.

Home service work, as pictured by the new director, will "teach the women employees of the company how to use electric appliances to the best advantage and will help to establish friendly, neighborly relations between home-managers and the company."

The women's committee work will "give every girl a better understanding of her job and of the company; educate each employe to an understanding of the principles and economics of utility systems, so that they will understand organization, policies, financing, and all other branches of the utility business; and train each member in safety and first aid measures."

It is expected that under Miss Hawkins' able leadership the home service department and the women's committee work will show unprecedented development.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.



### Dr. Miles' Nervine

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MARTIN'S POULTRYTONE is valuable as a tonic for Poultry that have been exposed to blood sucking insects. For sale and guaranteed by: City Drug Store.

### Niece To Assist Son Start Paper on Coast

Abilene, August 21.—R. B. Niese, Jr., director of the news and advertising department of the West Texas Utilities company, has been granted a three months' leave of absence, which he will spend at Santa Monica, California, organizing a newspaper property in which he has purchased an interest. John L. McQuigg, assistant director of the department, will be in charge during Niese's absence.

Niese has purchased an interest in the Santa Monica Sun, morning daily, for his son, Elmer Niese, and will devote the next sixty to ninety days in making sure that the new daily gets off to the right start.

Twenty-one years of newspaper experience, plus three years as director of public information for the West Texas Utilities company, qualifies Niese for the task.

He left Friday August 15, and will resume activities with the company at the earliest possible date.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special arrangements for you.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

### Chevrolet Co. Reduce Prices \$40 on Their Sport Model Sixes

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 21.—Price reductions of \$40 on all sport models in the Chevrolet Six passenger car line were announced this week by H. J. Klingler, vice-president and general sales manager of the Chevrolet Motor company.

The models affected are the sport roadster, which is now priced at \$515; the sport coupe, reduced to \$615; the club sedan, now \$625, and the special sedan, \$685. All models formerly were priced \$40 higher.

This latest move of the company brings the price range of the Chevrolet Six to less than the range of the four cylinder Chevrolet at the time of the changeover at the close of 1928. At that time the four was priced from \$495 to \$715, while the nine different passenger models in the six cylinder line today range from \$495 to only \$685, following this latest reduction.

The move of the company comes directly after the announcement that wire wheels may now be had as optional equipment without extra cost on any Chevrolet Six passenger car.

Don't overlook our sale. Keep your eye on our windows and read our ad. Bragg Dry Goods Company.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

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## For Dainty Summer Refreshments

The Entertainment Season reaches its height during the warm summer months, and to be an entirely successful hostess you must be prepared to serve those dainty and delicious refreshments possible through the use of an Electric Refrigerator.

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**John Haynes Ferguson  
Age 2, Dies at Waco**

John Haynes Ferguson, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ferguson, of Speegleville died at Providence Sanitarium in Waco Thursday night after a short illness. Funeral services were held Friday at 4:00 from the Methodist church with Dr. L. L. Felder of Waco officiating, interment at Rosemount cemetery.

Surviving are the parents and one sister, Flo Francis, two grandfathers, John A. Ferguson of Speegleville and S. F. Haynes of Merkel.  
Pall bearers were: Joe McFall, R. C. Mills, Lawrence Ledbetter, and Harry Bennet.  
Mrs. Ferguson will be remembered as Miss Gladys Haynes, a former Merkel girl.

**IN MEMORY OF JOHN HAYNES-  
FERGUSON.**

Oh little smiling face so winsome  
and so dear,  
You brought a joy, our darling boy,  
and found glad welcome here  
Wearing the innocence of heaven  
upon your baby face,  
How blest the home wherein your  
loveliness had a place.

Oh little vanished one you smiled and  
went away;  
The miss of you and loss of you has  
saddened all the day!  
And in the night when stars are bright  
and hearts should rest in sleep,  
There are eyes that wake—and wake  
to weep and weep.

Oh, little one, you came and smiled  
and smiled and went away,  
Such a fleeting visit it seems 'twas  
but a day.  
Our baby, we know your spirit bright  
has winged its way to God,  
Tho in darkness of the night we pass  
beneath His rod.

—Contributed.

**Dora Doings**

Hot and dry, worm-poisoning the order of the day. This correspondent always was under the impression that it took a wet season for worms, but we have the dry weather breed.

Mack Beall and family of Austin are visiting friends and relatives here for a month.

Raymond and William Cross and Clifford Wright left for Bell county Wednesday, looking for work. Miss Ima Joy Wright accompanied them to visit relatives.

O. Z. Porter returned from Simons Tuesday where he has been in school three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Storey of Shep visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Moore, Tuesday.

Frank Sawyer and family of Vernon are visiting her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rape.

Elmer Holcomb and Douglas Jones returned Sunday from the National Guard encampment at Palacios, which lasted 17 days. They report a very busy time, with drills, sham battles and night marches.

Avery Clayton, Elmer Holcomb and Lloyd Magee left Monday for Forney where they hope to get work picking cotton.

**Wedding Bells.**

On Thursday, August 14, Mr. Charlie Griggs of Dora and Miss Nadine Perry of the Canyon were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage here, Rev. T. C. Willett officiating.

On Saturday following, Rev. Mr. Willett also officiated at the marriage of Mr. H. A. Freeman of Trent and Miss Opal M. Johnson of Blair, which took place at the Methodist church here.

**THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.**  
Think what a pleasure it affords the housewife to be relieved of "wash day" worries. Call 294J and let us do your laundry next week. We call for and deliver. If you give us a trial, we know you will be pleased. We want all the families and business houses in Merkel as our customers. Thank you.

**THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.**  
Mrs. Jay, Manager.

Only about one car out of every hundred parked in the downtown section was owned by a person trading with merchants where the cars were parked, a recent survey in downtown Philadelphia disclosed.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

**CHURCHES**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**  
The total attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 737, with the Baptist organization having the largest number present, 285. There were 278 registered at the Methodist Sunday School. The attendance at the other Sunday Schools was Church of Christ, 74; Presbyterian, 63, and Nazarene, 37.

**MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.**  
The Men's Prayer service was held at the Church of Christ last Sunday evening with a good attendance being noted. Herbert Patterson was leader. Next Sunday, the prayer service will be held at the Nazarene church and L. L. Murray is to be the leader.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**  
Brother Baxter of Abilene preached for us last Lord's Day with a fair audience to hear him. The sermon was fine—sorry some missed it. Come to church next Lord's Day and help make the best possible. Bible study 10 a. m., communion service at 11 a. m., young people's development class at 7 p. m. Ladies' Bible study Tuesday 4 p. m. and the usual mid-week prayer and Bible study service Wednesday 8:15 p. m.  
Let every one find his place at all these services and it will be appreciated.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
The church that always extends a warm welcome. Last Sunday was truly a good day at the Baptist Sunday School, well attended, and large crowds attended both preaching services. Let us make next Sunday a more glorious day by every church member being present at church and Sunday School. Our young people will have charge of the evening service. They are going to put on a program that will be highly instructive and deeply spiritual. Honor them with your presence.  
All other services at regular hours. A cordial welcome to all.

**INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.**  
Subject: "Not to be Ministered Unto."  
1. Joe Earl Lassiter.  
2. H. C. Toombs.  
3. Bussy Boaz.  
4. Dick Sharp.  
5. Rogene Dye.  
6. Margaret Miller.  
7. Cullen Tittle.  
8. Annie Lee Owen.  
Everyone is welcome.

**AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.**  
All services next Sunday and next week as usual. All departments of the Sunday School are going fine. Get into the department you belong in and enjoy fine fellowship and helpful worship. The pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours next Sunday. Come to church.  
T. C. Willett, Pastor.

**SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.**  
Subject: "Christ in Modern Poetry."  
Scripture: Psalm 24.  
Prayer.  
"Learning to Know Christ," Joe Riney.  
"The Living Christ," Tracy Campbell.  
"The Spirit of Christ in Industry," Orpah Patterson.  
"The Spirit of Christ in Relationship," Roy Patterson.  
Business.  
League benediction.  
Our league is doing a great work. Come and help us as we work. We work for the ongoing of God's kingdom.

**EPWORTH HI-LEAGUE.**  
Subject: "Why and How We Should Observe the Lord's Day."  
Hymn 139.  
Hymn 121.  
Leader, Lucille Campbell.  
Scripture—Matt. 12:1-8.  
Hymn 101.  
Talks.  
"Why Should We Observe the Lord's Day?" Duncan Briggs.  
"Knowing Ourselves," Lois Beasley.  
"Knowing Our Families," Imogene Middleton.  
"Knowing God," Billie B. Gambill.  
Hymn 230.  
League Benediction.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
The pastor will be back for the regular services Sunday. Let's have a full house for him. You will find our church as comfortable as at home and maybe more so, for we have three large ceiling fans.  
Remember it is God's services and that he is entitled to our time on the

Sabbath. Visitors are always welcome to meet with us and urged to come.  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8:15. Come out, be on time, we need you.  
W. M. Elliott, Supt.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**  
Sunday was a good day with us, although we did not have so many at Sunday School, due to the fact that some are away in search of work. Dr. Hendricks preached at the 11 o'clock hour, his subject being the old-time religion, using for his text, Jeremiah 6:16: "Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."  
Brother W. P. Sibley will preach for us Sunday at 11 a. m. If your soul is hungry for the word of life, come and hear this man of God.  
—Reporter.

**Mrs. Florence Vance  
Makes Final Appeal**

To The Voters of Taylor County:  
In making a final appeal for your support next Saturday, permit me to say that I am sincerely grateful for your kind and fair treatment.  
I have nothing but love for each of you and I especially wish to say that neither myself nor husband have made a single statement, publicly or privately, during this campaign that is not absolutely true and we are ready at any time to give an account of same.  
But the rumors that are being circulated to the effect that I am wealthy and do not need the office are positively untrue, as I am in debt at the present time more than four thousand dollars; but I am not asking for a vote as a result of this, but am asking for your support merely on my ability to render you the service which you are paying for and which you should reasonably expect.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Florence Vance.  
(Political Advertising.)

**Receives Certificate  
At Sul Ross College**

Alpine, Aug. 21.—Eulala Deavers of Merkel will be among the 113 students who are to receive degrees, certificates and diplomas at the summer quarter commencement held at the Sul Ross State Teachers college here Saturday, August 23. Miss Deavers is to be awarded a four-year high school certificate.  
Twenty-eight will receive bachelors degrees and the balance will be awarded diplomas and certificates allowing them to teach in the public schools of Texas.  
This summer graduating class is the largest in the history of the college. Each year the classes have grown larger.  
A. H. Hughey, superintendent of schools at El Paso, will deliver the commencement address.

**Sterling Spoke Here  
On West Texas Trip**

The closing week of the state campaign noted three political speakings here, one of which was made more notable by the presence in person of one of the candidates for governor.  
Last Saturday morning, Ross Sterling addressed about 800 citizens gathered at the tabernacle. He was preceded by Senator Walter Woodward of Coleman and Judge R. E. Taylor, federal district attorney of Wichita Falls. L. R. Thompson presided at the meeting.  
Sterling had also spoken at Trent the same morning en route here from Sweetwater. He was introduced at Trent by M. G. Scott.  
Saturday night, a Ferguson rally was held at the tabernacle, which was largely attended and at which addresses in behalf of Mrs. Ferguson were made by Harry Tom King and J. F. Cunningham, both of Abilene.  
On Tuesday night, J. M. Wagstaff and Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church of Abilene, addressed a Sterling rally here, the speakers being introduced by L. R. Thompson.

**Cattle Movement.**

J. S. Swann shipped a carload of steers from Trent Tuesday and sold them Wednesday on the Fort Worth market.

Office supplies—Mail office.  
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**SOCIETY**

**GARDEN PARTY.**  
The beautiful grounds surrounding the Sam Swann home made a lovely setting for a garden party last Tuesday evening when she complimented members of the Fidelis Matrons Sunday School class. The lawn was most inviting with its many summer flowers, colored lights and gay furniture.  
Mrs. Bill Haynes gave the devotional, after which a chicken menu was served buffet style to Mesdames Florence Berry, Bill Fagan, Charlie Higgins, Bill Haynes, Dean Higgins, Earl Baze, Byers Pettye, H. Haygood, Martin, Glass and the hostess.

**SUNRISE BREAKFAST.**  
Quite a number of the members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class enjoyed an early breakfast at the Collins ranch last Thursday morning. The party met at 4:30 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Sam Swann and drove out to a pretty picnic spot on the bank of the pool where they cooked the breakfast over the camp fire.  
The members then returned to the home of Mrs. T. E. Collins where they remained for the day. The guest list included Mesdames A. R. Booth, L. B. Reeves, E. King, W. J. Largent, Byrd Murphy, Earl Lassiter, Sam Swann, John Toombs and Booth Warren and children present were Clara Frances and Billy Largent, Rose Mary Lassiter and Louise Toombs.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**  
Little Miss Nancy Jean Scott was a very happy honoree last Friday afternoon when she celebrated her third birthday anniversary.  
Mrs. Scott was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Edward McCrary and Burnell Scott in directing out door "kid" games on the lawn where each little guest was given a crepe paper hat and asked to pose in it for kodak pictures. At the refreshment hour the guests were invited into the dining room where a huge birthday cake centered the table surrounded by gayly colored balloons which were given as favors to each one present. Nancy Jean was the first to cut the cake and Miss Becky Gardner was the lucky recipient of the ring.  
Delicious cream was served with the cake to Dorothy Nell and Lora Pearl Haynes, Jeanette Neff, Billie Clyde and Jackie Haynes, Frank Jr. McFarland, Minnie Alice Mayfield, Becky Gardner, Ralph Dye, Bruce Clark, Marie Mayfield, Mary Zoe West, Mona Margaret Jones, Mesdames Ollie Dye and O. Mayfield.

**"THAT OLE GANG O' MINE" LUNCHEON.**  
That ole gang o' mine,  
Met in this good ole summer time;  
After all, there's no place like the old home town,  
No familiar faces so dear as those found  
On "that ole gang o' mine."  
Thursday at eleven o'clock "that ole gang o' mine" met at the home of Lorena Dry for a bridge luncheon. Place cards were drawn on which were artistically arranged "old timey" kodaks of those present. Amid gales of laughter, these instantly brought back memories of high school days, sunrise breakfasts of yore, "that first long coat-suit," puffed hair and even "horse and buggy days."  
A delicious luncheon, consisting of fried chicken, salads, tomatoes, iced tea, hot rolls, and "heaps" of ice cream, was served. Bridge was played throughout the afternoon. Unique prizes were awarded to Mrs. R. B. Underwood and Martha Bird. Those who enjoyed this "never-to-be forgotten" day were: Julia Martin, Alzada Pogue, Martha Bird, Annie Laurie Smith, Jess Sutphen, Mrs. R. B. Underwood, Mrs. Kenneth Pee, Lorena Dry.  
Days may come, and days may go, But memories of happy hours we'll know;  
These faces may be replaced by those of other time,  
But there'll never be any-like "that ole gang o' mine."

**MARJORIE MARIE LEERSTANG HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY.**  
Mrs. Fred Deutchman entertained a few of the little friends of Marjorie Marie Leerstang Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 6:30 in honor of her fifth birthday. After various games were played ice cream and cake was served and everyone reported a nice time.  
Those present were: Mattie Daniel, Teria May Murdock, Flora De Murdock, Agnes Self, Bertha May Self, Doris Hatfield, Margaret Deutchman, Marjorie Marie Leerstang, Fred Deutchman, Jr., Grady Carr, Murrell Carr, Herman Daniel, J. T. Murdock, Miss Louise Daniel, Miss Juanita Daniel, Miss Laverna Howard, Mrs. E. Self, Mrs. F. Howard, Mrs. G. G. Inman, Mrs. Fred Deutchman,

**MATTERS MUSICAL**

**RADIO OPPORTUNITIES.**  
On September 14th the annual Radio Auditions, sponsored by Atwater Kent Radio producers, will be held in Abilene. Opportunities are offered for any singer between the ages of 18 to 25 years to compete in these contests.  
State eliminations will be made at Dallas in October. Final prizes are, one each for boys and girls: 1st, \$5,000.00 and 2 years tuition in vocal training, New York City; 2nd, \$3,000.00 and 2 years training; 3rd, \$1,000.00 and one year training; five next prizes of 1 year's tuition each are given to the runners-up in the finals. Preference is to be shown the amateur, making it especially inviting for singers in the smaller towns.

The Boys Quartette, composed of A. J. Tucker, Ralph Duke, Ray Garrett and Bernice Tucker sang at St. Paul's church at the evening service last Sunday in Abilene.

Mrs. Bert Kimbrough will broadcast over KFYO, Abilene, Saturday evening from 8 to 8:30, a program of popular request numbers.

**BAND CONCERT.**  
The following program of band music will be given this evening at 8:15 by the Merkel Booster band, under direction of G. A. Hartman, in front of the City Drug Store:  
1. March, "Quality Plus."  
2. March, "Path of Honor."  
3. Overture, Best Loved Southern Melodies.  
4. Trombone solo, "When You and I Were Young, Maggie."  
5. Trombone novelty, "Shoutin' Liza."  
6. Overture, "Princess of India."  
7. March, "Semper Fidelis."  
8. March, "Little Traveler."  
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**Taylor County Ballot**

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For County Commissioner.  
Precinct No. 4:  
S. H. McADAMS  
JOE A. MEADOR.

**VICTORY FOR STERLING.**

(Continued from Page One)  
Gregory Hatcher of Dallas, state treasurer, again assailed his opponent, Pat M. Neff of Waco, the incumbent, as a candidate under a double standard.

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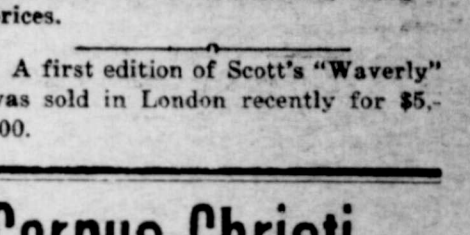
St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 21.—About five years ago, Wisconsin authorities sought Harry Bergenthal, 20-year-old robber who had violated his parole, and he was arrested by St. Louis police.  
Milwaukee police again are searching for Bergenthal, but a more prominent prospect is in sight, according to a letter received by Police Chief Eph Gerke. A share in a \$100,000 estate is his for the claiming.  
When Bergenthal, also known as Frank Wheeler, Harvey Bergenthal and Harry Kalvas, was arrested here in 1925, for some unexplained reason the Wisconsin probation office would not send for him and he was released. His name does not appear in police records since then.  
He said he was a laborer and came here from Chicago, having no home.

A sale. Where? Bragg Dry Goods Company. Not a hurrah sale, but a sale of better merchandise at cheaper prices.

A first edition of Scott's "Waverly" was sold in London recently for \$5,100.

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**LODGE NOTICES**  
Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited.  
Joe Hartley, H. P.  
C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

**LEGAL NOTICE.**  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:  
You are hereby commanded to summon Price Cason by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published there, if not, then in the nearest newspaper published in this state, at the next regular term of District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in September A. D. 1930, the same being the first day of September A. D. 1930, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 30th day of July A. D. 1930, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 8579-A, wherein Betty Cason is plaintiff and Price Cason is defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: Plaintiff and defendant were married about the 29th day of July 1929, and separated about November 1st, 1929; plaintiff sues for a divorce on the ground of cruel treatment, all of which is fully alleged in her original petition.  
Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 30th day of July A. D. 1930.  
Belle Wellborn, Clerk.  
District Court Taylor County, Texas  
By Zola McKee, Deputy.

**Series of Talks**  
(Continued from Page One)  
ness men for the first three bales of cotton, to be divided 50, 30 and 20 per cent for the first, second and third bales, respectively. This committee consisted of Henry West, chairman; Matt Dillingham, and L. B. Scott.  
**M. E. WEST THANKS CITIZENS.**  
I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation to the people of Merkel, who contributed in any way to the premium on first bale of cotton, which I brought in Monday evening, and especially thank Mr. Mellinger for buying same. Also thanks to the Lions club for taking the lead in raising premium.  
Respectfully,  
M. E. West.

**Patient Dies.**  
Richmond, Ind.—Speeding to a patient, Dr. J. C. Coulter was killed in a motor smashup.  
The patient died before another physician could be called.  
Texas has approximately 14.3 per cent of the population of the sixteen southern states, including District of Columbia.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL**

**For Sheriff:**  
H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)  
**BURL WHEELER.**  
**For Tax Assessor:**  
J. T. HOWARD, (Re-election.)  
**MRS. FLORENCE VANCE.**  
**For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:**  
P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)  
**RUFE TITTLE.**  
**For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:**  
S. A. (Sack) BANKSTON.  
**HOUSTON ROBERTSON.**

**Personal Mention**

Miss Stella Wilson is visiting in Roby and Sylvester.  
Clarence B. Williams is spending a few days in Waco.  
Miss Maurine White spent several days in Sweetwater the past week.  
Miss Pauline Shaw of Bomarton is the guest of Miss Margaret Turner.  
C. E. French of Dallas is here visiting his sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce, and family.  
Flora Frances Anderson is visiting in the home of Mrs. Ellis in Hereford.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hall of Honey Grove are visiting in the W. D. Butler home.  
Miss Louise Booth spent the weekend with Miss Lennah Rose Black at Big Spring.  
Miss Martha Anne Swafford of Rockdale is a guest in the T. J. R. Swafford home.  
Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Allen, former Merkel residents, are guests in the T. G. Bragg home.  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson of Anson were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott.  
Grandma Young returned Monday to her home at Comper after visiting with friends here.  
Orion Tittle and Fred Guitar have gone to Port Arthur where they have accepted employment.  
Miss Mildred Swafford has returned from Denton where she attended summer school at C. I. A.  
Miss Velma Clark, accompanied by Mrs. A. C. Bland, has returned from a visit in Wichita Falls.  
Mrs. Alva Bland and children from Sweetwater spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White.  
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Young left Sunday for San Antonio and other points for a summer visit.  
After a visit with relatives here, Perry Shannon has returned to Fort Worth, where he is employed.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Allen and baby from Fort Worth spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Pick Allen.  
Mrs. H. P. Hulsey and three children are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey in San Angelo.  
Mrs. S. I. Chapman of Forney and her daughter from Dallas have been recent guest in the T. J. R. Swafford home.  
Mrs. Walter Leach and son, Clayton Miller, and daughter, Miss Thelma, spent Sunday with Mr. Leach in Odessa.  
Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, accompanied by Mrs. A. R. Booth, returned early in the week from a visit to Palestine.  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lake and daughter, Virginia, are guests of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.  
Mrs. N. J. Smith and Miss Gwendolyn Smith are visiting in the home of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith.  
Miss Martha Jane Swafford, who is a teacher in the Houston schools, is the guest of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Buford.  
Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr., and two children have returned from a several weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. Cyrus Eakman, in Amarillo.  
While her husband is in the eastern markets, Mrs. Carson C. Miles and children of San Angelo are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.  
Guests in the J. S. Thomas home are Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brown and family of Quanah, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brewster and family of Sudan and Miss Lois Marie Pribble of Duncan, Okla.  
On their return from Carlsbad Caverns and El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippet and children of San Angelo, accompanied by Miss June Tippet, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown.  
Texas will have the only antimony smelter plant in the United States, located at Laredo and using Mexican and American ore.  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL.**  
Mrs. W. A. McSpadden announces the opening of her primary school at her home Monday, September 8th. Your patronage is solicited. Phone 115.

**J. T. Howard Leaves Candidacy With His Old Merkel Friends**

To The Voters of the Western End of Taylor County:  
I am coming to you in my final appeal for office in Taylor county. As you all know I have had the office of Tax assessor for two terms. I am asking for the third and final term. Under no circumstances would I ask for a fourth term, but I do feel like I am justified in asking the voters for a third term. Especially in view of the fact my opponent is asking for her fourth term for herself and for the sixth term for her immediate family. Does any one doubt she would hesitate to ask for the seventh term should she be elected?  
You people of Merkel, Trent, Blair, Nubia, Tys and Shep have been the most loyal friends a man ever had running for office in Taylor county. I think the records will bear me out in the statement that no man who has ever run for county office in Taylor county has been able to carry the western end of the county as solidly as I have over a period of years. Some candidates have probably carried this section as solidly for one race, but for five races you have given me almost solid support, and my friends assure me they are doing their utmost to make this, my final race, the most unanimous of all.  
You people can never know how I appreciate this. Your almost solid support has put me in office in Taylor county, and has kept me there, and how I do appreciate it from the depths of my heart. Though circumstances have forced me and my family to other parts, Merkel is still "Home" to all of us, and shall always be.  
My friends cannot understand how and where I lost about 200 votes out of 715 cast for tax assessor in Merkel on July 26. I do not know where I lost all of them. I do not want to know. If I have an enemy in Merkel or Taylor county I do not know it, and do not want to know who it is. But I am finding out from the voters themselves coming to me voluntarily some of those who voted against me on July 26. Only Monday of this week W. S. Chinn one of your own good citizens voluntarily told me why he voted for Mrs. Vance on July 26 and why he was supporting me on August 23. He says he was told that Taylor county had lost \$4000.00 through my carelessness. This looked bad to Mr. Chinn and it would have been inexcusable had it been true. After the first primary Mr. Chinn made thorough investigation and found the statement was absolutely false. He says now he was misled, and feels that many others were misled in voting for the Vances on July 26.  
Mr. and Mrs. Voter, if you have been misled as your neighbor, Mr. Chinn, was misled will you not right this wrong by giving to me your vote on August 23? All I want is a square deal in this matter, and I know you are going to give it to me.  
It is not my disposition to get into controversy with anyone, more especially a woman. I knew these erroneous reports were being circulated all over Taylor county during the first primary, and yet I felt they were so absurd they would not catch many votes, and that I would lead the ticket easily without an unpleasant controversy with the Vances. The vote indicated, and the testimony of Mr. Chinn and others proves a lot of good, conscientious, voters, believed these reports, and voted for Mrs. Vance on the strength of these reports. Although a very unpleasant task I feel in self-defense, and in simple justice to all the voters, they should have the truth in this matter.  
I have no doubt as to the outcome of this election. People of Taylor county vote right when they know right.  
Let your conscience and your best judgment guide you in this matter and your decision shall be perfectly satisfactory to me.  
Respectfully,  
J. T. Howard.  
(Political Advertising.)

**Trent Citizen Asks Voters to Abide by Results of Run-Off**

Editor, Merkel Mail:  
It seems that neither one of our candidates is the choice of but few people; all are trying to get settled down to a choice as to our governor's run-off; both sides are getting pretty hot; in some places, it's about to blaze; the Sterling crowd in some parts of the state are threatening to bolt if "Ma" wins in the run-off. That would give the Ferguson crowd a right to do the same thing, if Mr. Sterling should win. I would call on the Democratic party to drop that kind of talk on next Saturday, everybody go to the polls and vote for whom he pleases; then everybody abide by the results. If Mrs. Ferguson wins, then all Texas bow to it and go to work and try to make her administration a successful one; if Mr. Sterling wins, then all do the same for him. Now this will be oldtime democracy for the people to bow to the majority; any other way will keep the Democratic party split in Texas.  
I will admit there is a great deal of money being spent to win; if Mr. Sterling wants to spend 10 or 12 thousand dollars for a four thousand dollar job, or rather that much for a chance—I think his chances are slim myself; but money goes a long ways. It's strange that a man will try to get in office by abusing the Fergusons. Mr. Sterling has no platform; he started out with the bond issue; he soon found out that the people opposed it; then he took up good government versus Ferguson, and his next is that Mrs. Ferguson would be a proxy governor. From George Washington to Dan Moody, all presidents and governors have had a cabinet of the wisest heads he could find as their counselors. When a president or governor takes the advice of anyone, he right then becomes a proxy governor. It's one of the best planks he could get up, for a governor to be proxy to some wise heads at times. Only a fool would try to rule the affairs of his state on his own wisdom—he would be a king or a pope; at his dictation things would have to go right or wrong.  
Another thing, we should not elect a man governor just because he became suddenly rich. We should not elect any man on a money basis. Now I don't say that a man is mean or dishonest because he is rich. Neither will I say that he is wiser because he is rich. I knew a man that was very rich who could not tell the time of day by a watch, but how long will it be at the rate we are going before a poor boy need not think of becoming governor? No matter how well he may be qualified for the office, he could not be elected because he would not have 12 or 15 thousand dollars to buy it with; if we don't come to a halt, it won't be long until our offices will be put up and auctioned off to the highest bidder. A nation that is controlled and ruled by money only will not stand very long, but will fall and great will be the fall of it. It takes money to run the state affairs, it is useful and it is necessary that we have it, but we should not make it a god; we should not bow to its running, right or wrong.  
Mr. Sterling has in the field now no less than 50 or 75 speakers. No doubt they all get big pay just to go around and abuse the Fergusons. In place of abusing their opponent, why don't they say what they are going to do for Texas? Mrs. Ferguson has a sound and practical platform—one that reaches out to the poor; one that is willing to reach out and lift up the fallen; one that caters to the unfortunate and not to the rich, but willing to protect them in righteous causes. She is a great and good prohibitionist, willing to enforce it to the letter. She has a big heart, willing to reach out all over Texas and ask the people to help her

make Texas a successful and righteous government. She is trying to save Texas from selling themselves into slavery; she is the only one in the race that had her heart fixed on the poor and needy. Yet some of the people want you to leave this good mother and be pulled around by the nose and cater to the money ring. Yet the money ring offers nothing, only to help them abuse the Fergusons.  
Jim Ferguson is not in this race. He, like any other good husband, is standing by his wife. Where is the man that would forsake his wife and take sides with her enemies? We know he would be a fool then. Mrs. Ferguson has other wise heads to consult with, besides Jim. I am only throwing out this warning to the people that you may know where we are drifting to. As for me and my house, I shall stay with this good mother for governor. I believe she will win by 75 thousand. However, money goes a long way. I am willing to stay with the ones that win, have no thought of bolting, as the Sterling crowd has threatened to do. That shows they must rule or ruin, not willing to abide by the majority. I say for the people to come out from under it.  
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### Zion Chapel News

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Horton visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pace of Salt Branch last Wednesday.

Mrs. Ola Spurgin was dinner guest Sunday of Mrs. Sam Guy of Stith.

Rev. J. T. Bryan of Cisco filled his regular appointment here Sunday at 11 o'clock and again at the evening hour.

Miss Ella May Sapps, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Clyde Davis, for several days, has returned to her home near Rotan. Mrs. Davis accompanied her for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hunter and children, J. B., Claude and Lanier, of McKinney, have returned home after visiting Mrs. Hunter's brother, Mr. Joe Lanier.

Mrs. F. K. Marshall spent the week-end with her mother, Grandma Whitaker, and other relatives in Abilene.

Mr. Ray Lucas and wife, Mrs. Davis, have returned home from Hillsboro where they spent the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Rister, and children left for Fort Worth last Thursday.

Miss Edna Horton was the Sunday guest of Mrs. Olden of Anson.

Grandma Spurgin visited her son, V. E. Spurgin, and family of Noodle last week.

Messrs. Bill Wilborn and Clyde Davis left last week for Pecos, where they hope to find work.

Mrs. Harvey Warren and children of Knox City were week-end guests of her sister, Mrs. Ed Spurgin.

Dee Lucas is visiting in Fort Worth this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Osburn and little daughter, Alice Marie, have returned from a trip to Midland, Lub-

bock, Odessa and other points in the west. They report plenty of rain and fairly good crops in that part of the state.

John Lanier of McKinney spent the week-end with his son, Jack Lanier, and family.

Little Miss Mildred and Milton Howard celebrated their 8th birthday with a party on last Friday evening. After playing games, the twin heart-shaped cakes, each bearing 8 candles, were cut and served with ice cream to their little friends. All enjoyed the evening and wished the little twins many more happy birthdays.

Several from here have been attending the revival at Hope church the past week.

Little C. W. Horton, who fell and broke his arm while playing a few days ago, is doing nicely at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powell and son, Rolf, and daughter, Miss Milton Lanier, of Anson, visited Dave Ashby one day last week.

Lee Stanley left last week for McKinney and other points in North Texas. He expects to be gone a week or two.

Mrs. Arthur Cranson and daughter, Miss Grace Lee, of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin Sunday afternoon.

I. W. Melton is on the sick list this week.

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### New Rate Schedule to Put All Appliances on A One-Meter Service

Abilene, August 21.—A new system of domestic electric rates, measuring all service through one meter and affecting a 20% reduction on the second and third blocks, has been announced from the general office of the West Texas Utilities company at Abilene. The new rate schedule is effective on current billings.

With the object of encouraging a greater use of electric service, the new rate schedule allows a premium to those domestic customers taking fuller advantage of the conveniences of electric service.

The new schedule makes it possible to use all household appliances including electric refrigerators, and ranges on a one-meter service. The company has been working the last

two years adjusting its rate schedules through the properties so as to be able to perfect a plan allowing one-meter service and at the same time have a rate with a strong incentive for a customer to use several times as much service as under the old rate without materially increasing his total bill.

This is in line with long-established policies of the West Texas Utilities company to lower rates as economies and increased business will permit.

It was pointed out that "costs are established by the customer's acts; by the amount of electricity he elects to use; by the time and place at which

he chooses to use it, and by the duration of his use. The consuming habits of the company's patrons—and principally those patrons who comprise the domestic market—really control the cost of providing electric service."

The company plans to release, through the local newspapers in the towns served, a series of educational advertisements explaining the new rate schedule and enlarging upon the economical conveniences of increased electric service.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

### Jockey Falls Crushed To Death By Horses

Cleveland, Aug. 20.—Will F. Duff, 17, a jockey, was crushed to death by horses in a racing accident at Bainbridge Track here Saturday. Friends said his home was in Cleveland.

The youth was riding the J. Hubble Jr., entry, Mont Daisy. Spectators said the horse stumbled and threw its rider. At least three other horses stepped on the prostrate body.

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  - (c) Firestone Super High Speed Tires now have 20% more rubber in the tread, giving deeper grooves that will give you over 50% more non-skid wear before the tire is smooth.
- THESE** are not just features. They are basic differences in tire building proved by service on every kind of road and track.
- YOU** may never intend to race. You may never intend even to speed. You may never climb Pike's Peak. But, every day—whether you know it or not—your life depends upon your tires.
- WE HAVE** these Super High Speed Gum-Dipped Balloons for sale today. They are the same tires that the racing drivers demand—the premier tires of the world. Their first cost is low. Their cost per mile of service makes them cheaper today than even cheap tires. They are inexpensive, not only because the price of rubber is low, but because we have joined with Firestone to bring into the sale of tires the same degree of efficiency which goes into their manufacture. The benefit of all this is in the price to you.
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### Heroic Bugler Boy Of Boxer Campaign Retires From Army

Columbus, Ga., Aug. 21.—Calvin P. Titus, the bugler boy who became the idol of the nation as the first to scale the walls of Peiping, China, during the Boxer rebellion, is leaving the army after 32 years.

He will be retired a lieutenant colonel on the thirtieth anniversary of his daring exploit that brought him an appointment to West Point and a medal of honor from the hands of President Roosevelt.

Colonel Titus left here Friday for Los Angeles to await retirement. He had been instructor in the infantry school at Fort Benning.

He is 51 now and the crow's feet have gathered about his eyes, but the story of his daring never will grow old.

On Aug. 14, 1900, the allied armies were drawn up near Peiping to crush the "Fists," as the Boxers were called. A soldier to scout the walls was needed.

Titus, then a bugler, volunteered. He scaled the wall, rubbed elbows with the enemy, learned valuable facts and returned to his officer.

The Americans advanced on the strength of the information he furnished. They swarmed over the walls and stormed the city. Their capture of the seat of the ancient Chinese dynasty ended the rebellion.

The little bugler was voted a scholarship in West Point by congress and President Roosevelt pinned a medal on his breast.

Colonel Titus said he will devote the remainder of his life to teaching. He will be assisted by his wife.

But the army will still have a Titus. His son is also a West Point graduate and now is serving in the air corps.

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### King of Oil Fields Dies in Hospital

Baltimore, Aug. 21.—Thomas B. Slick of Oklahoma City, known as the wealthiest independent oil operator in the world, died early Saturday at Johns Hopkins hospital, where he had been a patient since June 27. He died of an apoplectic stroke which followed an operation Aug. 5.

Mr. Slick, who was 46 years old, often was referred to as "king of the wildcaters" in his long career in Pennsylvania, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma. In March, 1929, he sold his western holdings to the Prairie Oil and Gas company for \$45,000,000, but did not retire and was in the midst of new operations in Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma when he entered the hospital.

Mr. Slick was suffering from thyroid trouble, it was said at the hospital. He was operated on for goiter, showed improvement and had planned to leave in a few days when he suffered a setback on Aug. 14. His widow and other members of the family were at his bedside.

Mr. Slick's romantic climb from

teamster to the top of the individual oil producing heap kept him in the public eye. Born at Clarion, Pa., he had lived and operated in recent years principally in the Oklahoma field.

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### Amherst is Troubled By Sunday Blue Laws

Amherst, N. H. Aug. 21.—This town, birthplace of Horace Greeley, is engaged in a controversy over ancient blue laws. Three Amherst citizens prevailed upon the selectmen to stop a Sunday baseball game. The boys retaliated and caused a postponement of the production of a play to have been presented by the Anti-Saloon League under the direction of the local clergymen.

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## The Merkel Mail

**Trent News and Personal Notes**

In the death of Mrs. G. McLaughlin, which occurred at 10 o'clock Monday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ed Burks, our town and county lost an exemplary citizen, the church a loyal member and the two daughters, a kind, loving mother. Mrs. Laughlin had been in bad health for some time, but had been confined to her bed only for the past three weeks. She was born in Polk county, Texas, in 1860 and hence was past 70 years of age. She moved here with her husband and family 30 years ago and has lived at the same place since then. She was converted early in life and had lived a beautiful, Christian life. Her husband, G. McLaughlin, died some three years ago. Two daughters, Mrs. Ed Burks and Mrs. G. C. Johnson, both of whom were at their

mother's bedside at the time of her death, survive.  
Funeral services were held at the Baptist church at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, with interment at the Trent cemetery. Rev. W. M. McGinnis, a former pastor here, officiated, assisted by Rev. Houston Scott.  
Active pall bearers were: T. G. Hamner, Chas. Reid, W. F. Steadman, R. E. Dowdy, A. W. Woods; honorary, E. L. Mangum, Ed Sherman, Tom Neil, Tom Williamson.  
Rev. Hardisty of Abilene will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday, August 24.  
Mrs. Rado Archer and little son, Jr., are home from a visit in California.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Waters of Stephenville visited friends here Sunday.  
Mrs. Baker and two daughters of Austin, Mrs. Will Jordon and son, Arledhe, of Vaughn, New Mexico, Mrs. E. O. Evans and daughters and Mrs. Bryan Boozer and children of

Sweetwater were recent guests in the homes of their brothers, J. B. and Hosia Winn.  
Mrs. W. E. Shouse had as her week-end guests her mother and her sister, Mrs. George Moore, and her husband and daughters, Linnie and Laura, of Comanche.  
Dr. Kasley of Temple stopped over for a visit with his old friend, C. T. Beckham, and family, as he was returning home after attending the encampment.  
Miss Dorene Scott celebrated her 18th birthday Friday, August 15, with a swimming party at Shannon's pool at Merkel. Those enjoying the occasion were Misses Mildred Steadman, Janie Armour of Del Rio, Kathryn Shannon, Jeane Scott, Mesdames Scott and Shannon, Slyce and Norvel Shannon.  
Mrs. Jim Armour and daughter, Miss Marguerite, of Del Rio spent the week-end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armour. Little Miss Janie, who has been visiting with her grand-

parents for the past few weeks, returned home with them Monday.  
Mrs. N. C. Patton of Sherman and her daughters, Miss Elizabeth and Mrs. Ed Carraway and family, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hogue and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kelley.  
Miss Ida V. Estep attended the birthday party of little Miss Billie May Roggie at Sweetwater on last Thursday and remained over for a visit, returning to her home Sunday.  
Mr. M. G. Scott and family spent a few days on the plains visiting friends and looking after business.  
James Bright and Ewell Bone left last Friday for a trip to Arkansas and Missouri. They expect to be gone for about two weeks.  
Miss Velma Neeb of Midland visited her cousin, Miss Fama Maude Johnson, Saturday and Sunday. Miss Johnson returned home with her Sunday for a visit, but was called home

Monday owing to the death of her grandmother, Mrs. G. McLaughlin.  
Eho Howell of Abilene visited in the Bowers home Monday and Tuesday and Jack Bowers accompanied him home.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blankenship of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent Wednesday evening.  
Mrs. Joe Nalley left Thursday for Detroit, Mich., to attend the rural carriers convention.  
Mrs. Gene Childs of Stamford was a guest of her mother, Mrs. R. B. McRee, Tuesday.  
Miss Maurine Smith is again at home after visiting at Stanton.  
Miss Sarah Julia Johnson returned home Sunday from a week's visit in Dallas.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens made a trip to Dallas Saturday, returning Tuesday. Their little grandsons, Henry Kelley and Sherwood, who had visited them all summer, returned to their home in Dallas at the same time.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Murdock of

Big Spring spent Friday night here with relatives en route home from a trip to Dallas and Fort Worth.  
Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, Miss Mary and W. L., of Hamlin were here Sunday for a short visit with friends. Miss Estelle Terry returned home with them for a visit.  
Mrs. Billings and Mrs. Rutherford and Miss Mattie Scott of Abilene attended the funeral here Tuesday Mrs. G. McLaughlin.  
**Al G. Barnes Ill.**  
Los Angeles, Aug. 21.—Al G. Barnes, former circus owner, is critically ill in a hospital with pneumonia. Dr. L. D. Hollingsworth, attending physician, reported his condition as "grave." He suffered a relapse last night.  
What is believed to be a genuine Stradivarius violin was discovered recently in the Cabra district of Spain.  
Mail want ads pay dividends.

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**Extra Special**

6 dozen Ladies' and Children's Wash Dresses  
2 for \$1.00

Boys' Wash Suits  
2 for \$1.00

Rayon Step-ins and Bloomers, each  
69c

One rack \$1.95 Wash Dresses, choice  
98c

A table of Boys and Girls Athletic Union Suits, 50c and 75c kind  
25c

Child's Pajamas, 50c and 75c grade, pair  
25c

100 Pairs Children's Sox 25c to 50c grade the pair  
9c

25 Ladies' and Children's Hats priced each  
50c

5 piece Window Curtains priced the set  
69c

One dozen Organdy Baby Caps and Bonnets, each  
50c

Ladies' \$2.95 Wash Dresses priced  
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All Men's Dress Straw Hats  
HALF PRICE

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Extra Heavy Bath Towel, pastel shades, each  
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