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## TEXAN HOLDS TO HIS VIEWS ON PRO LAWS

Sheppard Reiterates His Staunch Support of Amendment; Is Against Submission Unless Directed by Referendum.

Washington, July 7.—Senator Sheppard (Dem., Texas), "father of the 18th amendment," Monday issued a written statement making it clear he had not in any way changed his stand as a staunch supporter of prohibition since adoption of a wet plank by the democratic convention.

The Texas senator said he did not favor submission of the 18th amendment to the states and would not vote for it unless directed to do so by "a representative referendum in my state."

Just after adoption of the democratic anti-prohibition plank, supported by the Texas delegation, Sheppard issued a statement which was interpreted to mean he would not oppose submission. It was regarded as a departure from his previous ultra-dry stand. In his Monday statement the senator sought to correct that impression by saying:

"I prepared somewhat hurriedly the statement I issued a few days ago in reference to the prohibition plank in the national democratic platform and it did not accurately express my position in all respects.

"My position is this: I am opposed to repeal of the 18th amendment. I am opposed to modification of the Volstead act. I am opposed to submission of the question of retaining, repealing, or modifying the 18th amendment and I shall vote against such submission unless directed to vote for it by a representative referendum in my state."

## Dr. Gardner Leaves For California Trip

Dr. C. B. Gardner and family left Thursday by automobile to spend a month in California and Pacific Coast states. While in San Francisco Doctor Gardner will spend several days attending clinics in Leland Stanford University hospital, where he will be enrolled in the eye, ear, nose and throat department for special study. If time permits the family will continue up the coast to Tacoma, Wash., where the doctor has relatives, and return by way of Yellowstone National Park and Denver.

As far as Los Angeles, they will be accompanied by Ross Ferrier, Jr., who will visit relatives and attend the Olympic games.

## Camp Meeting Begins July 6.

The camp meeting for the Blair circuit begins July 6 at Nubia. Everyone is invited to attend. The third quarterly conference for the Blair circuit will be held at Nubia July 14.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 5, 1912.)

Several people from here spent Sunday and Monday in Galveston. Those taking advantage of the Santa Fe excursions were: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warren, Miss Emma Mashburn, Ollie Dye and Raymond Touchstone. While there they met several Merkel people who had gone there from other points, Miss Inez Sharp, Miss Bessie Medlin, Miss Saunders, Parker Sharp and Ira Shaffer.

Sterling Hiat of Abilene was in the city Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd visited in Abilene Saturday evening.

Miss Lulu Anderson spent a few days with friends in Abilene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble have as their guests their son, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pribble, of Spur, Texas.

Monday afternoon the largest crowd of fishing people that has been out this year left Merkel with the intention of catching every fish in the country. Those leaving here for the fishing grounds in their wagons and



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Here's the democratic ticket:  
For president: Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York.  
For vice-president: John N. Garner of Texas.  
Governor Roosevelt of New York was nominated on the fourth

## Schedule of Games For Indoor League

Winners in the indoor baseball league for the past week were: July 1, Munday's class 5, Petty's 3; July 5, Munday's class 15, Petty's 9; July 6, Riddle's class 9, Munday's 5.

McGehee vs Riddle is the scheduled game for Friday, July 8. Games next week are: Monday, Riddle vs Petty; Tuesday, Munday vs McGehee; Thursday, Petty vs Riddle; Friday, McGehee vs Munday.

## San Antonio Bank May Open July 20

San Antonio, July 7.—The South Texas Bank and Trust company, which is being formed here to take over the affairs of the closed City-Central Bank and Trust, is expected to open July 20.

The Central Securities company, a subsidiary of the defunct bank which closed last September, was reorganized and applied for a loan of \$1,450,000 for the new bank from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The securities company will hold all the stock in the new bank.

Depositors in City-Central must pledge \$5,000,000 of their deposits to the new bank before the loan can be assured and the bank opened, officials declare.

## Prices Turn Upwards.

New York, July 7.—Wholesale commodity prices turned upwards for the first time in 10 weeks during the past week, it was reported.

buggies were: Misses Bertha and Minnie Harris, Mamie Ellis, Geneva Warnick, Gladys Christopher, Georgia Moore, Annie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Whiteley, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Routh, Messrs. Dennis, McDonald, Ernest Duckett, Jno. Moore, Olly Shaffer, Simpson Christopher, Conner Warnick and others.

Monday night the Volunteer Fire department met to elect a chief to fill the place of B. C. Gaither, who is in Tuscola looking after a new business just established in that town. Frank Ferrier was elected for the place by as many votes as his two opponents, J. C. Comegys and R. O. Anderson, received.

Mrs. L. E. Benbrook of Benbrook is visiting her two sons, Edgar and Jim Boaz.

Misses Mossy and Pat Sears, Lulu Thornton and Inice Moon, Messrs. Virgil and Cary Touchstone, Otis Barnett and Forrest Gaither spent the Fourth of July on Mulberry where the sand doesn't blow. The girls prepared such a dainty lunch which was spread beneath the pretty shade of the elms.

## ARMSTRONG TO MAKE OWN RACE

Withdraws from Democratic Primary; To Run Independent In General Election.

Fort Worth, July 7.—Leadership of an independent democratic party will be undertaken by Geo. W. Armstrong of Fort Worth, he announced Monday in withdrawing from the race for governor in the democratic primary. He will run in November against the democratic gubernatorial nominee, Armstrong declared.

His statement follows: "I withdraw as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of governor of Texas for the following reasons:

"I am not a democrat if the Chicago platform defines and represents modern democracy. In the face of the worst depression in history, brought upon the country by the contraction of currency by the federal reserve authorities, it proposes no relief. It stands for a 'sound dollar' and not more dollars; for free trade; against the restoration of silver; against the Patman bill; against the 18th amendment; and for the rule of this country by Wall street and the federal reserve system. It represents the democracy of Morgan and company, Kuhn Loeb and company, and John J. Raskob—and not any kind of democracy. Everything I am for, it is against.

"I entered this race primarily to establish a state currency system that would free us from the control and the arbitrary and infamous federal reserve system. I have spoken in about 150 counties, making an average of more than four speeches a day during the past six weeks, but I have only been able to touch the state in high spots and to speak to a small per cent of the people. They are deeply interested in my platform. I need more time to present it to them."

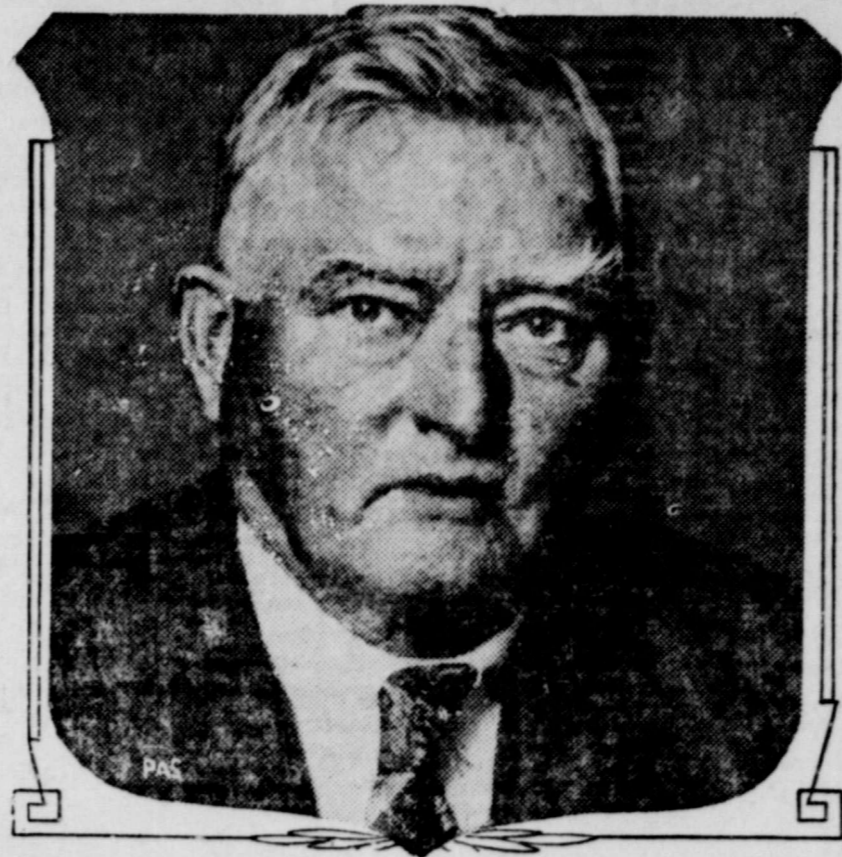
## Abilene and Merkel Ex-Service Men To Join at Shannon's

At Shannon's Pool Merkel and Abilene members of Paramore Post, American Legion, will join in a big general meeting on Friday evening of this week, July 8. The time is 7:30. All Legionnaires and ex-service men are invited to attend and bring their own basket. The drinks will be served by the Merkel delegation.

A big time is expected with swimming as one of the chief diversions. It is planned to have several prominent speakers. Music will be furnished by the Merkel String Orchestra.

The program committee consists of Dr. R. I. Grimes, Perry Dickinson, Dr. W. M. Gambill, Allen McGehee, Mack Fowler and Ocie Burns.

This combined business gathering and picnic is for the families of the legion and ex-service men, also their invited guests, and a large crowd is expected to attend.



JOHN N. GARNER

ballot, following the release of California and Texas votes pledged to the Texas man.

Roosevelt broke all precedent by flying from Albany to Chicago, appearing in person before the convention to accept the nomination.

The selection of Speaker Garner as Roosevelt's running mate was a mere formality the moment he gave word to the party leaders Saturday morning that he would accept. He was nominated by acclamation.

Speaker Garner's telegram of acceptance was read by Congressman Rayburn of Texas.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The 22-story Post-Dispatch building, Houston, formerly owned by Governor Sterling, was sold Tuesday at public auction for \$750,000, payable in outstanding notes.

Two Texas banks, the First National of Brenham and the Farmers State bank of Georgetown, were given relief by private bills signed by President Hoover Saturday.

Fifty-six years under the operation and management of one publisher is the record hung up by J. C. Son and Co., owners of the Palo Pinto Star, with the issuance of its weekly edition of June 17.

A list compiled from news dispatches shows that 109 homicides were committed in Texas during the second quarter of 1932, which added to 88 for the first quarter brings the total for the year to 197.

Joseph Timothy Wells, 24, of Fort Worth, an excellent swimmer and diver, who had wanted to be a Red Cross life saver, broke his neck Monday when his head struck a swimmer's leg as he dived into a pool.

In the Harris county test case, the validity of the Texas law apportioning automobile license fees between the counties where they are collected and the state was upheld by District Judge Charles E. Ashe at Houston.

William Beck, 20, former University of Texas student, who was given the death penalty in his first trial at Waco for the slaying in a \$2 robbery of O. L. Jones, Waco auto salesman, was assessed a life penalty in the trial at Waxahachie on a change of venue.

Announcing that on account of the economic conditions of the country it had abandoned the long standing policy of requiring local and county aid in state highway construction, the state highway commission plans for the state to pay road job expense in the future.

Dudley Jones, 12, of Buckner Orphans' home, Dallas, was fatally injured when he was struck by an automobile late Monday afternoon. It was reported that he was walking along the highway and ran across the street in front of the automobile which hit him.

John W. Brady, once a Texas appeals court justice and more recently a convict in state's prison, serving a three year sentence for the murder of Miss Lehlia Highsmith, a state capitol stenographer, completed his term in less than two years, due to credit for good conduct and hard work, being released July 1.

Among the six who lost their lives in the flood waters in the hill country near Kerrville were Mike Odell, of Houston, a graduate of A. & M. college, who plunged into the Guadalupe at Kerrville in an effort to save Hal Prior, marooned in a tree, and Charles H. Greenleaf, of Olivet, Mich., who was swept away attempting to go to Prior, the latter being eventually rescued by others.

## ENROLLMENT OF MERKEL HIGH BIGGEST YET

Superintendent's Annual Report Shows 216 Enrolled in High School Department; Miss Inice Brown Elected Teacher.

To fill the vacancy in the teaching staff of the Merkel Public schools caused by the resignation of Mrs. Jack Anderson, Miss Inice Brown, a graduate of Merkel High school, was elected by the board of trustees at their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night. Miss Brown attended C. I. A. at Denton for two years and has taught for three years at Wyatt in Ellis county. She will teach the third grade.

At this meeting the board heard a summary of the superintendent's annual report to the state superintendent. This report shows that the high school department now has the biggest enrollment of any time in the history of Merkel, there having been enrolled 216 in the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grades. The percentage of attendance was 94.5 for the year. The average daily attendance for the year was 522 as compared to 477 last year. The total enrollment this year was 633; last year, 572.

COST OF INSTRUCTION DECLINES.

The report also shows that for the year the cost of instruction per pupil declined from \$49.80 last year to \$41.54 this year. Total salaries decreased from \$22,250 last year to \$19,670 this year and to \$17,500 for next year. The report also shows that valuations in 1930-31 were \$2,585,355, and in 1931-32 these values were reduced to \$1,900,000, a reduction in valuations of \$685,355, or about 26 per cent. This means a 26 per cent reduction in the amount of taxes assessed. There may be a very slight reduction in valuations this next year, but with a reduction in the state apportionment from \$17.50 to possibly \$16.00 the valuations cannot be reduced much and run the school for nine months.

## Will Support Ticket.

New York, July 7.—Alfred E. Smith said Wednesday he would support the nominees of the democratic party, after expressing an opinion the formation of a third party would not be practical "at this time."

## Lawn Team Wins in Roque Tournament

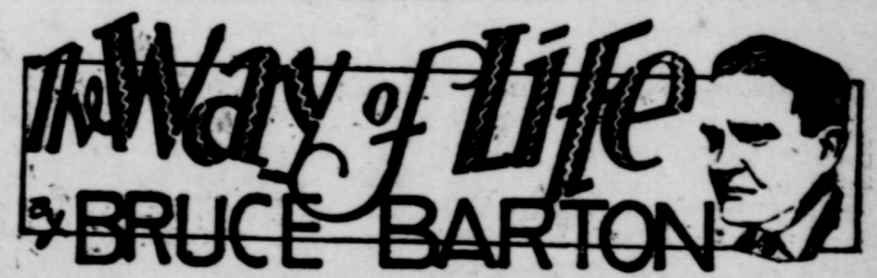
Concluding at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning, after continuous play from 8 o'clock Monday morning, Merkel's July Fourth roque tournament resulted in championship honors going to Cullen and Vaughn Willis, a brother team from Lawn. The winners received roque mallets as prizes.

Three Merkel teams were mowed down in a row by them for the final victory, the runners-up being Lloyd Gilmore and Claude Derrington.

About 35 teams were in competition, including representatives from Breckenridge, Baird, Abilene, Lawn, Tuscola, Post City, Snyder and Spur.

## Marion Talley Marries.

White Plains, N. Y., July 7.—Marion Talley of Kansas City, concert singer and former Metropolitan Opera company soprano, was married here Thursday to Michael Raucheisan, a German pianist.



LET'S DEFLATE HOKUM.

In 1865 it was proposed to John Mill that he should run for Parliament.

He answered that he was willing to do so, provided the voters understood he would not make any election speeches or put up one cent, and that, if elected, he would support such national issues as appealed to his best judgment and do nothing for the local interests of his district.

He says in his autobiography that "a well known literary man was heard to say that the Almighty Himself would have no chance of being elected on such a program."

Nevertheless, Mill's candidacy made remarkable progress, and just before the election he agreed to appear at a few meetings in order to answer questions.

In one of his earlier books he had made the remark that "working classes, though differing from those of some other countries, in being ashamed of lying, are yet generally liars." Some opponent put this on a placard and at a meeting of working men Mill was asked whether he had written and published it. He promptly answered: "I did."

What followed is so remarkable that I quote it verbatim: "Scarcely were these two words out of my mouth when vehement applause sounded through the whole meeting. It was evident that the working people were so accustomed to expect equivocation and evasion from those who sought their suffrages, that when they found, instead of that, a direct avowal of what was likely to be disagreeable to them, instead of being affronted they concluded at once that this was a person whom they could trust . . ."

"The first working man who spoke after the incident said that the working classes had no desire not to be told of their faults; they wanted friends, not flatterers . . . And to this the meeting heartily responded."

It has long been my conviction that politics has not kept up with popular intelligence, that the people are sick of hokum and the politicians have not found it out.

I believe we are at a point in this country when men can be elected to office, as Mill was elected in London, by courageously telling the truth.

I admit I have not much evidence to support this conviction. But I certainly should like to see it tried out.

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**Personal Mention**

J. S. Thomas is visiting in Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. Mattie Swafford is visiting in the home of Mrs. Rush Buford.

Miss Mary Marshall of Clyde was a recent guest of Miss Christine Boyd.

Miss Ola Ellen Smith has entered Draughon's Business college at Abilene.

Mrs. W. E. Lowe left Tuesday for Houston to join her husband for a visit.

Foster Watts of Hobbs, N. M., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lady of Abilene visited Mrs. Fred Groene on Monday.

D. H. Vaughn has gone to Harrell to see his father, who is reported seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas spent the Fourth at Comanche visiting Mrs. Thomas' parents.

Mrs. Roy Harrell and children of Fort Worth are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brewster of Sudan were week-end guests in the J. S. Thomas home.

Mrs. Kate Giles and daughter, Miss Naomi Giles, of Sherman are visiting Mrs. T. T. Earthman.

Miss Dahlia Watkins of Sweetwater was the week-end guest of Miss Eleanor Mae Hamilton.

Mayor W. M. Elliott was among those who attended the Cowboy Reunion at Stamford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway and family attended the Cowboy Reunion at Stamford the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Underwood spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith in Abilene.

Mrs. Andy Pruitt and son, Jimmie, of Sweetwater were week-end guests of her sister, Mrs. W. E. Lowe.

Mr. Buck Leach, who has been located in Cisco for some weeks, has removed to Merkel to make his home.

Mrs. Jack Anderson, who is attending a school of beauty culture in Dallas, spent the week-end at home.

Mrs. W. M. O'Briant and Mrs. Ross Ferrier were luncheon guests of Mrs. C. W. Clark at the Hilton Wednesday.

Mrs. Evelyn Zercher of Dallas is spending her vacation at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell.

Gaines Short of Canyon was here for the week-end and July Fourth holiday as a guest in the L. D. Boyd home.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Comegys and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson attended the celebration at Stamford the Fourth.

Raymond Neal, local manager for the Community Natural Gas company, spent the Fourth with his parents in Temple.

Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig have as their guest Mrs. Zehnpfennig's mother, Mrs. J. H. Kading, of Dublin.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case spent the week-end holiday in Hillsboro, former home of Eli Case.

Miss Dolly Vaughn has returned to her home in Vernon after a visit with her uncle here, D. H. Vaughn, and family.

Uncle Jack Hamilton, well known to nearly everybody in this section, is here from Snyder for a visit of several weeks.

Miss Florene Rider has as her guest her little cousin, Mary Estella Williams, from Clyde, who will spend several weeks here.

Mrs. Bob Martin spent the week-end with her daughter, Miss Julia Martin, studying this summer at the University of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Allen have returned from a pleasant visit with Mr. Allen's brother at China Springs in McLennan county.

Miss Doris Durham was accompanied to Austin by Misses Mary Elizabeth Grimes and Mildred Richardson and Elvis Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton returned last Friday from a two weeks' visit with D. I. Shelton and family of the Union Ridge community.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McGarr, who have been visiting in the home of Mrs. Fred Groene, returned to their home in San Antonio Saturday.

Mrs. Ross Wheeler and daughter,

Joyce, are visiting relatives in Waco. Mr. Wheeler drove down with them Sunday, returning Monday.

Mrs. George Overton and little daughter Charlotte of Sweetwater visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Comegys, this week-end.

Mrs. Paul Fruge of Houston visited Mrs. Fred Groene last week. Mrs. Ada Mudge of Cleburne was also a guest of Mrs. Groene for the week-end.

Mrs. Luther Swafford and two daughters, Misses Ruth and Doris of Kansas City, are here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Miss Marizoe West is making a summer visit with her aunts and an uncle in El Paso, Mesdames W. B. Brown and O. J. Shaffer and Mr. Pope Rister.

Misses Nina Belle Russell, Ola Neill, Jewel Burklow and Laura Walker are attending the West Texas State Teachers college at Canyon this summer.

Returning from a visit to Sweetwater, Mrs. L. S. Allen, a former Merkel resident, and Miss Lurline Long of Dallas were passing guests of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gaither.

Misses Madge and Lillie Dean of Dallas and their sister, Jamie Hugh Dean, of Arkansas, visited Elbert Dean and family and Miss Christine Collins over the week-end.

Faul Causseaux, who is employed in San Antonio, returned home for the week-end. Mrs. Nannie Causseaux, his mother, returned with him for an extended visit in San Antonio.

Mrs. Joe Barron and children left Monday for a visit of several days with relatives in Eastland. They attended the Coo picnic on the Fourth as they were going down.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hill and children, Micky and Jimmy, of El Paso are visiting Grandma Baker and the J. L. Baker family. Mrs. Hill will be remembered as Miss Nina Warnick.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Teague and children and Mrs. Juanita Dowell spent the week-end holidays at Silver Falls Lake. They also drove on to Plainview and Floydada before returning.

Mrs. Guy Darsey and little daughter of Austin, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm, while Mr. Darsey is on a buying trip to Chicago and other furniture markets.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown and baby have returned to their home in Hobbs, N. M., after spending several days with L. A. Watts and family. They were accompanied home by Mrs. L. A. Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nevitt of Dallas were guests Monday and Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson. Mrs. Nevitt was formerly Miss Kittle Lou Jenkins and is a cousin of Mrs. Patterson.

Rev. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt had as their guests for the Fourth Mr. Pruitt's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hafner, and children of Tuscola, also their son, B. L. Pruitt from Tuscola.

After a visit with a daughter in Riviera, Mrs. Alice Dickinson of Tilden is visiting her son here, City Marshal F. F. Dickinson, and family. From here she goes to Mexico to visit another son on his ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Olin Lusby have gone to Alpine to visit Mrs. Lusby's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Dennis. During Olin's absence on vacation from the utilities office, Kenneth Watkins is in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson, accompanied by Byron and Mrs. Claude Dye and little son, Billy Gene, returned Sunday from Carlisle where they had been visiting another daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beech.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler have enjoyed as their week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thomas, Sr., of Honey Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bertram and daughter of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thomas, Jr., and son, Don, of Dallas.

Mrs. V. B. Sublett and daughter, Miss Vernelle, Miss Imogene Hayes and Mrs. Paul Stanford and children have returned from a visit to Carlisle, N. M., where Mrs. Sublett's mother lives. They also visited the potash mine and new concentration plant.

Capt. L. H. Nixon, Mrs. Nixon and their daughter, Madra Elaine, left Thursday for Hoaglin, near Portland, Ore., where Capt. Nixon has a place in the mountains. They will stay there about two months and then spend the rest of the summer in California.

Grandma Wiman who has been visiting her son, T. D. Wiman, at Roscoe since the death of her daughter, Mrs. Looney, has returned to Merkel, making her home with her son, A. E. Wiman, and family, where she will be glad to have her many friends call to see her.

Holiday guests in the H. M. Rainbolt home were their three daughters and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fryar and daughter, Alberta, of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. H. E.

Britain and two daughters, Patty and Jane, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hargrove of Abilene.

**Has Proven a Most Efficient Officer**

Geo. H. Sheppard of Nolan county is serving his first elective term as state comptroller and is a candidate for a second term subject to the democratic primary July 23rd.

The comptroller's office is perhaps the most important branch of our state government since all collections of revenue and all disbursements are handled by that department. Mr. Sheppard's administration of the state's business has proven him to be a most efficient officer. He is capable, honest and trustworthy, and the system he has set up for accounting and handling the vast amount of records in that department is a credit to any state.

We have heard many favorable comments of Mr. Sheppard's administration and feel that the citizens will express their confidence in him on July 23rd by re-electing him to that responsible office by the largest vote ever given a state candidate for comptroller.

**Utility Liquidates \$935,000 of Debts**

Dallas, July 7.—James C. Kennedy, president of the Central and Southwest Utilities company, announced Thursday that this company and its subsidiaries in the past few days have paid off \$935,000 in face amount of loans in Dallas and the subsidiary companies' territories.

Kennedy said liquidation of this indebtedness eliminates the bank debts of every company comprising the Central and Southwest group. The group includes the American Public Service company, the Central Power and Light company, the Public Service company of Oklahoma, the Southwestern Gas and Electric company, the Southwestern Light and Power company and the West Texas Utilities company.

The liquidation during June totaled \$1,592,500, being the amount due to banks Dec. 31, 1931, Kennedy added. The liquidation of this indebtedness entirely eliminates the bank debt of every company comprising the Central and Southwest groups.

**SP Trains Use TP Track to El Paso**

Six Southern Pacific passenger trains, shunted off their regular route between San Antonio and Sierra Blanca by floods on the Frio and other streams, were routed over the Texas & Pacific road between Sierra Blanca and Fort Worth, Sunday night and Monday.

The trains were equally divided—east and west bound.

The Southern Pacific sent one train Sunday up the Santa Fe's Orient line from Alpine toward San Angelo, but flooded tracks south of San Angelo forced abandonment of the plan.

You can buy a beautiful Voile Dress for 67 cents at Brown Bargain Store's 33 1-3 per cent OFF SALE.

Will buy your grain, best market prices, Douglass and Mayfield.

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 offering of their goods.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

**NOTICE**  
**Pete Rutledge**

is now located at  
**Red Lackey's Barber Shop**  
where he will be glad to see his old customers and friends.

**For Cedar Fence Posts**  
See or Write

**J. L. CARGILL**  
R. F. D. 3  
I Will Contract a Few Miles of Fence  
Now is a Good Time to Lay in Winter Wood. Dead or Green

**LOCAL BRIEFS.**

A large crowd enjoyed the basket picnic and rodeo at Butman's tabernacle, which was one of the big events scheduled in this section for July Fourth. Goat roping, bronc riding, a potato race and other contests were arranged for the benefit of the crowds and a great many candidates availed themselves of the opportunity to deliver campaign speeches.

Deserved praise has been heaped on Miss Lou Largent, Merkel's sponsor to the Stamford Cowboy Reunion, and Merkel has also come in for his share of recognition because of such favorable comments on his attractive representative. Miss Largent's escort was Jack Young.

During the past week three cars of wheat and one of oats were loaded here, according to the records of Agent J. C. Childress, bringing the total for the season to ten cars of wheat and four of oats.

C. E. Mallow of Fort Worth, who is making headquarters here, is associated with Tom Largent buying grain in this section. Mr. Mallow will remain here during the remainder of the grain season.

Rainfall Saturday and Saturday night and Sunday was gauged at 15-16 of an inch, according to Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, the year's total now standing at 20.96 inches.

Owing to the rains, the grounds at the cemetery were too wet Monday and Tuesday for work, but 25 men were used by Sexton Witcher on Wednesday and as many more were put to work Thursday. He expected to completely cover the cemetery with part of a day's work Friday.

A crew of telephone men doing toll line work are making headquarters here at present. Five families are included and they have leased apartments and furnished homes during their temporary stay.

Now visit Brown Bargain Store's 33 1-3 per cent OFF SALE.

**NOTICE.**  
The Woodmen Circle will meet every third Monday of each month at 4 o'clock. Members please take notice to the change of time and be on hand at the next meeting.

Monkeys congregating on telephone wires in Mexico cause much wire trouble.

**ONLY TWO MORE WEEKS**



Are you thinking and investigating to see who is the proper man for your next Tax Assessor? If so tell your relatives and friends about it too.

Under present conditions the Assessor's office is one of the most, if not the most, important office of the county. Give a new man a chance and see what he will do.

**C. A. COCKRELL**  
For Tax Assessor

**Cash for EGGS AND CHICKENS**

Will pay 8c per lb. for fryers—Leg-horns and all under two pounds, including reds, Plymouth Rocks and white heavies.

Eggs must be graded and candled. No. 2 eggs bring only 4 cents in Fort Worth.

See me for Gillette Tires and Tubes.

**F. E. CHURCH**  
Dunn Bldg. on Kent Street

**The Farmers and Merchants National Bank**

Condensed Statement of Condition  
Close of Business June 30, 1932

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$215,553.58
Overdrafts	31.62
Real Estate on Hand	13,586.29
Furniture and Fixtures	6,250.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	6,250.00
Other U. S. Bonds	\$15,750.00
Cash & Due from Banks	43,271.06—64,021.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$308,255.05</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Undivided Profits	17,105.40
Circulation Account	6,250.00
Rediscouunts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	234,899.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$308,255.05</b>

The above statement is correct.

Booth Warren, Cashier.

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**FARMERS AND MERCHANTS**  
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## FINAL INSTALLMENT.

He slipped an arm beneath her head and held something to her lips. He had done this before too, only that time it had been tea—tea which Jenny had brought upstairs. This time it was horrid stuff. Perhaps the kettle hadn't boiled properly. Nothing annoyed the Creature more than to be given tea when the water hadn't boiled properly.

The nice Creature! Diana hoped the sea wasn't always rough in Brittany like it had been on the picture postcard she sent.

"Diana."

It was wonderful how real voices sometimes sounded in a dream; she found herself listening with strained attention to hear it once more, but everything was silent, and a sigh of bitter disappointment escaped her.

The only half of her senses was waking up now: the half that told her that she was only dreaming, and Diana knew only too well what that meant. It meant that presently she would hear Anna drawing the curtains, their rings always made such a nasty little rattle, and she would have to yawn elaborately and pretend she had slept well before she opened her eyes to the world of emptiness.

"Diana."

She turned again to where in her dream Rathbone had sat beside her. He was still there, leaning a little towards her, his dark eyes on her face. Diana kept very still. Perhaps she might manage to fall asleep again and go on dreaming if she was very careful.

She wished he would hold her hand, but you couldn't do that in dreams. It would be like the dream you had sometimes that you were falling down a great hill. A dream in which you knew that any moment you might reach the bottom and be killed, only you never did.

She began to whimper faintly: "Let me go . . . let me go . . ."

"Diana"

She knew that she was sinking away, but she did not mind. There was no bed under her any more, but just clouds—soft, fleecy clouds that were letting her down with infinite gentleness into oblivion.

But a voice called her. She forced her heavy eyes to open and to look into eyes that were bent above her, compelling, almost praying to her, it seemed.

"Diana . . . listen . . . listen to me . . . Oh, my beloved, try to understand . . . I will never leave you again . . . Can you hear me? . . . I will never leave you again. . . Diana!"

It was Donald's voice, though she had never before heard it with that note of agony; something must be the matter: he was in trouble—unhappy, and that was not like him; he was always so ready to bear other people's troubles and forget his own.

But she could not help him now—she was too tired to try any more to make him smile. If he would just let her alone—she was quite happy. . . . "Never leave you again . . . never leave you again. . ."

She turned her face fretfully from him; she didn't believe him, it was just another . . . ruse . . . to keep her from going to sleep: the sleep she had longed for so wearily and tried so hard to capture—he might leave her alone now she had so nearly won through at last.

"Diana . . ."

It was as if he were fighting her for every step of the ground over which she was slowly slipping away, and at first she knew contentedly that he was losing, that in spite of her weakness and his strength he would not be able to hold her back.

Funny, that seemed—for a great big man to be conquered by a little girl. She began to be faintly interested, to wonder why it should be. Life was full of things impossible to explain. She only knew that she was utterly weary and that she wanted to sleep.

She said so presently, half crying, feebly, but he was relentless, he would not let her go.

For a moment she fought him with the last remnants of her strength; then suddenly she gave in, with a little sigh and a half smile . . . "You've got your own way, then . . ."

She had said that to him once before—long ago—and he had answered, "I generally do in the long run." She waited now to hear him say it again. The dream wasn't coming right, somehow . . .

She opened her eyes with a last effort, trying to see his face, but now

she couldn't . . . he was hiding it from her, against her hands, as he had done that night in the train . . .

He was unhappy—and she hated him to be unhappy; she knew so well how it felt.

She gave a little sigh of weary capitulation.

"You always get your own . . . way," she whispered.

The last word was lost as she fell asleep.

It was nearly five o'clock in the morning when Anna, who had steadily refused to take any rest, slipped again into Diana's room.

Rathbone was still there, standing at the foot of the bed, his eyes on Diana's quiet face.

Anna crept up to him.

"Is she—better?"

Rathbone nodded silently.

"Is she—will she—live?"

"Please God."

Anna closed her eyes for a moment; then she asked:

"Can you leave her for a moment, sir; I'll stay."

He shook his head but she said urgently:

"There's someone downstairs who wants to see you—a man named Hobson—he says he must see you—that he's been looking for you all night."

"Hobson." Rathbone seemed to wake with a little start. "Oh, yes—tell him to give you a message."

"He won't, sir—he says he must see you—if it's only for a moment."

Anna hesitated. Rathbone looked so worn out, but after a moment she said reluctantly, "I'm afraid it's something very urgent, sir."

"Very well, I'll come . . ."

He bent over Diana, his fingers on her wrist for a moment; then he turned and walked out of the room.

Anna took his place at the foot of the bed. Physically she was half asleep, but her brain had never been more active and awake. She was thinking how queer it was that some women got all the love, while others, more worthy and hard working, were passed by.

She knew how near Diana had been to death; she knew that there had been one moment at least during the long, terrible night, when even Rathbone himself had given up hope . . . or hadn't he? She could not be quite sure, but she knew that if ever a man had fought for a woman's life he had fought for Diana's.

It was as if by sheer will power he had kept her from slipping away.

Of course, he was in love with her. Anna found an odd satisfaction in a discovery of which she was certain that everybody else was as yet ignorant.

Mrs. Gladwyn had refused to come into the room at all; she had taken cowardly refuge in a fit of hysteria when she was told that by mistake Diana had taken an overdose of morphine and might die.

It had given Anna some satisfaction, also, to be free to smack her face with a wet towel and tell her to behave; Anna had never liked Mrs. Gladwyn, and this seemed a heavenly opportunity to repay the many little indignities she had suffered at the lady's hands.

She was half dozing, holding firmly to the bed rail, when Rathbone came back, it might have been five minutes or half an hour later; at five o'clock in the morning it is difficult to keep track of time.

Anna started awake, smiling in nervous apology, a smile which quickly faded as she saw Rathbone's face.

"Why—sir!" she stammered.

He waved her away impatiently.

"It's all right. You can go. You had better go to bed. I shall stay till the morning."

"If you would like me to stay . . ."

Anna ventured timidly.

"No. Markham's up if I want anything."

Anna crept away, closing the door behind her.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Rathbone went back to his old place beside Diana.

There was a curious gray look in his face, and he sat for a long time, his hands clenched between his knees, his eyes staring blankly before him.

He kept seeing nightmare pictures of a river, of a woman and of a boy—a boy who had given his life in an unavailing attempt to save her.

Hobson had broken down and sobbed as he told how they had at last found them:

Clasped in each other's arms they were—as if she'd clung to him and dragged him down. I'd have given my

life than this child's, if one of them had happened to her . . ."

Diana stirred a little in her sleep, and Rathbone turned his head slowly and looked at her. Better Rosalie's life than his child's, if one of them had to go.

If it had been Diana . . . the last six weeks rose before him, a nightmare panorama.

He had tried to do the best thing for her, and he had done the worst. He had meant to be kind, and he had only succeeded in being brutally cruel.

In an aching imagination he saw her again sitting at that long dining table in her white frock—so far away from him and so brave. He had not guessed that it had been as great a torment to her as it had been to him.

Supposing he had still been away? He knew that the chances were that Diana would have died. This night had settled all questions of the future: not again would he let her go away from him . . . He would have to find some way . . . Then suddenly he remembered—the river—and Hobson's broken story.

He was free, but at what a cost. The life of the woman whom he had cared for and sheltered for so many years, and the life of a boy who as yet had known nothing of life. Perhaps in that Jonas was fortunate; he was a dreamer, and dreamers suffer.

Rathbone knew that now the story of his marriage would have to be made known: something fresh for the claws of gossiping vultures to tear to pieces. Not that he cared for himself, but it hurt him inexpressibly for Diana's sake, and in a lesser degree for Rosalie's. She had meant nothing in his life, and yet he knew he would never forget her, the pitiful, unreal thing that had lived for so long in his shadow.

"Rosalie, wife of Donald Rathbone."

That was what the vultures would expect him to write on her tombstone; there seemed something of sardonic humour in it as he sat there, his eyes on Diana's face.

She was his wife—the one love of his life; even if he had never seen her again, nobody would ever have drawn near to her place in his heart.

Half child, half woman, spoilt, willful—intolerant of life when it went the way she did not wish—he yet lov-

ed her with every impulse of his manhood.

And she loved him; for a moment he lost himself in the wonder of that thought—and of her sleeping face.

Somewhere in the house a clock chimed six, and he stood up, stretching his arms, feeling wearied to death, and yet, amidst all the tragedy surrounding him, conscious of a quiet, perfect happiness which nothing could spoil.

Diana stirred a little, as if conscious of his movement, fearing that he was leaving her.

Rathbone stood still, and she turned her head, looking at him with half-conscious eyes, whispering his name. "Donald . . ."

"Yes, my heart."

Her hand fluttered a little towards him, and he took it in his, quiet and strongly, as if with it he took her also, body and soul.

He saw a little doubt flicker across her eyes and vanish.

"It— isn't a dream?" she asked.

"No, Diana."

"And you'll never send me away again?"

"Never again."

She gave a sigh of contentment.

"I don't . . . know . . . what's going to happen to us," she said drowsily, half asleep once more.

"But . . . I know . . . it will be all right, always . . . if we're together."

Rathbone bent and just touched her lips with his own.

"Yes, my heart—it will be all right—always—if we're together."

(The End.)

## JOE E. CHILDERS

Candidate for County Judge



I am making the race for County Judge of Taylor County on my own record which is as follows:

I was born and raised on a farm near Temple, Texas.

1918-19, I was principal of Little Elm School, Bell County.

1919-20, I was a teacher at Bryan Station, Milam County.

1920-21, I was principal of Bryan Station school, Milam County.

1921-22, I was a law student in Baylor University.

1922-23, I was principal at Mt. Calm High School, Hill County.

1923-24, I was a law student in Baylor University, and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws, with honor, Aug. 27, 1924.

1924-25, I was coach of athletics, Winters High School, Winters.

June 1925, I became a member of the law firm of Wilson and Childers at Abilene.

1925-26, I was principal of Bethel School near Hamlin.

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# Rural Community Correspondence

## BLAIR ITEMS

This community is enjoying moderate health at this time. And crops are fine. The big rains did very little damage and, if the worms don't strike us, we surely will reap a bountiful crop yield.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reeves of Knox city visited their mother, Mrs. Minnie Reeves, recently. Mrs. Reeves accompanied them home for a stay of several months.

Mrs. Pat Brewer and children of Butman spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes.

Mrs. Pearl Sandifer and children of Tuscola and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott and children and little niece, Dorothy Lee Jacob, of Trent, spent the Fourth of July with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Doan.

Charlie Jacobs of Merkel was seen in our midst recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Meek and son and Mrs. Luella Atwood of White Church visited Mr. and Mrs. Maggie Hunter Sunday.

Oscar McLean of California is visiting his father, J. L. McLean, for a season.

Etsel Farmer of Nubia spent the past week with his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Swafford and son and Mrs. Cynthia Hall visited relatives at Trent recently.

Johnnie Latimer visited in the Rev. John Walker home in Abilene for the week-end.

Emmitt Morris made a business trip to Clyde the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and family motored over and visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berry of White Church Sunday afternoon.

Richard Melton has returned from Coryell county after having accepted employment at that place.

Several from here attended the Butman picnic Monday and all reported a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Phillips, in the Canyon the past week.

## TRUBY NEWS

Truby received an eight inch rain on Monday night of last week which put the Clear Fork river higher than it was in 1922. Several families living near the river had to move to higher ground and thousands of turkeys and chickens were drowned.

Reverend Coggins did not get to preach Sunday on account of rainy weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones gave the young folks a party one night last week.

Misses Minnie Mayfield and Pha Samson attended a party at Anderson chapel Monday night.

Mrs. Fay Jones of Abilene is spending several days with her mother-in-law of this place.

Mrs. Robert Bell is spending this month with her grandmother, Mrs. Shields, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Palmer spent the week-end with Mrs. Grace Harris.

Miss Lena Scott, who is employed at Abilene, spent the Fourth with homefolks here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hampton had as their guests for the Fourth Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and two little daughters of Abilene. Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Hampton are sisters.

Misses Alene and Lady Hampton are visiting relatives and friends in Abilene at this writing.

The health of our community is fine at this time and we hope it will continue so.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

## UNION RIDGE NEWS

John Meeks, who has been a recent guest in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clyde Irvin, returned to his home in Post City Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carr and family of Merkel were here Monday, guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Y. P. Merritt.

Mrs. Evelyn Zacher of Dallas came in Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas and family were guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mason of Truby.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark and family and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jones and son, Charles Freddy, were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones of the Goodman community.

Mrs. E. M. Dean and Elbert, Jr., and her daughter left Saturday for Grand Prairie where they will visit her mother and other relatives.

Mr. J. A. Douglas and son, Billie Joe, of Sidney were Monday night's guests in the home of Mrs. M. A. Douglas.

Everyone is asked to remember that the Sunshine club will meet this Friday afternoon in the home of Miss Mabel McRee.

Miss Margaret Dean had as her Monday guest Miss Floy Wells of Merkel.

## T. H. Erwin.

T. H. Erwin passed away June 23 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. N. Keller, 4003 Clarendon Ave., Dallas, Texas, a few days after an illness of nearly three years which had kept him confined to his bed most of the time. He with his family moved to Merkel in 1908, lived there some three years, then moved to Trent where he lived until 1920. He then moved to their home in Fort Worth where he lived until 1929. Later he and his wife moved to Dallas where he was living at the time of his death.

Mr. Erwin, or Dad Erwin as most all who knew him called him, was born in Tennessee July 27, 1848, and would have been 84 years old his next birthday. He came to Texas and was married to Miss Mahala Iley in Athens 50 years ago last October. To this union three boys and two girls were born, all of whom were with him at the time of his death. Mr. Erwin gave his heart to God and joined the M. E. Church South over 50 years ago. He was a devout Christian husband and father—died as he had lived, happy in the faith of our heavenly Father. Those who knew him know what a wonderful good Christian man he was and know he is at rest where there will be no more sorrow, sickness, nor death. Oh, what a beautiful thought his family can hold of their loved one who has gone on before. It is so hard to give him up, but we all know God's ways are not our ways and we can go to him some day.

Those who are left to mourn his death are his dear wife, who was so devoted to him and nursed him so closely through his illness and death, Mrs. M. G. Erwin; a daughter by a former marriage, Mrs. Annie Pierson, Rule, Texas; Mr. G. F. Erwin, Fort Worth; H. A. and E. T. Erwin, Tyler, and two daughters, Mrs. A. N. Keller and Mrs. Anna B. Stevens, Dallas; all were with him at the time of his death, except Mrs. Pierson, who was unable to be there on account of illness.

Mr. Erwin left nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was laid to rest in the Laurel Land Memorial Park, Dallas.

## RURAL SOCIETY

**SALT BRANCH CLUB.**  
The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met Friday with Miss Salena Teaff.

Roll call was answered by "My favorite jelly." Miss Chambers, Mrs. W. C. Lee and Mrs. J. E. Higgins demonstrated jelly making.

Ice cream and cake were served to eleven members and seven visitors.

Each member is going to donate a hen to help send one of our members to the A. & M. short course. An ice cream supper is also being planned to raise some money.

The next meeting will be Friday, July 15, at the home of Mrs. Guy McClain. The program will be "Food Values of Vegetables and Fruits" and "How to Have a Year Round Supply of Fruits and Vegetables."

—Reporter.

## ICE CREAM SUPPER.

Miss Gladys Petty was a charming hostess Monday evening when she entertained with an ice cream supper for a number of friends.

After a number of games were played, delicious ice cream and cake was served to Misses Norah Foster, Fay and Ruth Pinckley, Addie Fae Patterson, Braunell and Hortense Armstrong, Willie Mae Hudson, Marcella and Marie Pinckley, and Messrs. Earl King, James Rainer of Bay City, Vernon Hudson, Horace Armstrong, and Hudson and Joe Hartley.

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## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Quite a few from here attended the Cowboy reunion at Stamford on the Fourth, some remaining for the entire time. Miss Ruby Johnson went as sponsor representing our city.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hardison and son, Junior, of Vernon were guests of Mrs. Hardison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford. Tom, Jr., remained for a visit of a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Steadman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy and son, Bivens, Jack Perkins and Miss Doreen Scott had a pleasant outing at Lake Kirby on the Fourth. Mrs. Parker and son of Stanton were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Abernathy.

Mrs. Ann Boone left Saturday for a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander of Hobbs, N. M.

Miss Johnnie Russell of Stanton was the week-end guest of Mrs. Volley Vessel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen, accompanied by Mrs. Homer Terry and son, H. B., of Clyde, visited relatives and friends here Friday.

Mrs. T. L. Stevens left Saturday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Lula Duckett, of Fabens.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown and Morris Stewart of Logan, N. M., were guests Monday and Tuesday of Mrs. Lela Churchwell.

Lester Tittle of Spearman visited

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**HOUSTON ROBERTSON**, (Re-election.)  
 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21:  
**W. R. McLEOD**, (Re-election.)  
**JOHN PAYNE**.  
 For County Tax Collector:  
**EARL HUGHES**, (Re-election.)  
**GRADY PARMELLY**.  
**R. S. (Bob) WALKER**.  
 For County Judge:  
**JOHN CAMP**.  
**JOE E. CHILDERS**.  
 For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:  
**P. A. DILTZ**, (Re-election.)  
**A. J. CANON**.  
**L. L. MURRAY**.  
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**H. F. (Henry) LONG**.  
**C. A. COCKRELL**.  
**W. J. (Dub) YOUNG**.  
 For County Clerk:  
**W. P. BOUNDS**, (Re-election.)  
 For County Treasurer:  
**AUSTIN FITTS**, (Re-election.)  
**ROY C. FULLER**.  
 For Sheriff:  
**BURL WHEELER**, (Re-election.)  
 For District Clerk:  
**MISS BELLE WELLBORN**, (Re-election.)  
 For District Judge, 42nd Judicial District:  
**MILBURN S. LONG**, (Re-election.)  
**HENRY L. DEBUSK**.



### FOR SALE

FOUR REFRIGERATORS for sale, choice \$3.50. J. F. Campbell and Son, next door to Blake's Dry Cleaners.

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WANTED—Reliable man between ages of 25 and 50 to supply old established demand for Rawleigh Products in Taylor county. Other good localities available. Surety contract required. Company furnishes everything but the car. Good profits for hustlers. Write the W. T. Rawleigh Company, Memphis, Tenn. Dept. M5-74.

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FEED GRINDING; also ground maize and bran for sale. E. H. Jewers at old Swafford Feed Store location.

### Lueders Encampment Begins Next Monday

Arrangements are being completed for the opening of the Lueders Baptist encampment Monday evening, July 11. The grounds are in good shape. No great damage resulted from the recent floods and already all parts of the grounds are ready for occupancy. A group met on the grounds this week to give them the finishing touches.

Special attention is given to the musical program under the direction of C. T. Hodges, evangelistic singer, Abilene. He will not only lead the song services, but will conduct a class in sight-reading and conducting. He is thoroughly capable and song leaders all over the district are urged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity.

Mrs. J. L. Rucker, Abilene, will be in general charge of the play life of the encampment. She and the recreation committee are hard at work on various field sports, swimming, stunts and contests.

A booklet of the program may be had by addressing Mrs. J. E. Burnam, care of Simmons university, Abilene. J. Henry Littleton of Hamlin is president. The encampment will close July 22.

### Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, July 7.—Trading in the cattle yards at Fort Worth Wednesday got started early in the morning and sales were steady to strong on all classes—some of the steers looked a little higher. Demand was good for stocker cattle and they were purchased at prices that were steady to 25c higher.

**Cattle Shipments.**  
 Boaz and Barbee shipped a car of mixed cattle to Fort Worth Monday, the first cattle movement from Merkel in several weeks.

### Transfers Should Be Made Before July 31; Other Information

Pupils who were enumerated in some other district than the Merkel district last April when the census was taken should transfer to Merkel before July 31. This should be done whether the child now lives in Merkel or not or whether the child later plans to move into Merkel or not. If the child was not taken on the census in Merkel last April and plans to attend school here this fall, he should be transferred to Merkel now. To do this, the parent must see either W. O. Boney, secretary of the Merkel School board, or County Superintendent M. A. Williams at Abilene. Parents should attend to this now before they forget it.

Children who come from rural schools and enter a high school grade here that is not taught in their home district will be entitled to attend school in Merkel for the entire year without payment of tuition. Other pupils who transfer and who continue to live outside the Merkel district while attending this school will be allowed three months tuition after which he must pay tuition at the rate of \$5.00 per month. If the child is in the lower grades, the allowance is for four months free tuition, and the tuition charge is \$3.00 per month for children in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd grades, or \$4.00 per month for a child in the 4th, 5th, 6th or 7th grade.

It should be made clear that a child coming into Merkel and living with some relative while his parents continue to live outside the Merkel district is not entitled to count this his home.

Transfer before July 31. See Mr. Boney here, or M. A. Williams at Abilene. Last year Merkel had forty pupils attending from other districts. It looks like now that many more than this will attend this year.

Will buy your grain, best market prices, Douglass and Mayfield.

### District Meeting of WMS at Nugent

A district meeting of the Woman's Missionary societies of the Abilene district will be held at Nugent on Tuesday, July 12, it is announced by Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, leader of the west zone.

A basket lunch will be served and all ladies are urged to attend.

### Chicken Barbecue on Fourth.

A number from Merkel were guests of Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats at La Puerta, the beautiful pecan orchard of Brother Yeats on the banks of Cottonwood creek near Roby, for a delightful chicken barbecue on the Fourth. Those from Merkel included Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, Mrs. J. M. Dry, Mrs. H. C. Williams, Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes, and other guests were members of Rev. Mr. Yeats' former pastorate at Roby.

### Brown Bargain Store's 33 1-3 per cent OFF SALE starts Saturday.

Paris' annual radio fair will open in October.

Government purchases for the army are keeping up rice prices in Bolivia.

Brazil plans to continue its destruction of surplus stocks of coffee.

Wholesale commodity prices in France are 19 per cent lower than a year ago.

### Men's Dress Shoes and Hats at 33 1-3 per cent OFF at Brown's Bargain Store.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Divorces in London are decreasing.

Form B-76

No. 1398

## BANKS

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE HOME STATE BANK

at Trent, Texas, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1932, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 8th day of July, 1932.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 79,683.82
Loans secured by real estate	24,974.52
Overdrafts	5.99
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	8,786.12
Banking House	3,600.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,400.00
Cash in bank	3,677.14
Due from approved reserve agents	48,391.54
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	5,907.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$176,426.57</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	4,480.14
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	119,779.18
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	2,167.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$176,426.57</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, J. T. Warren, as President, and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. WARREN, President.  
 L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.

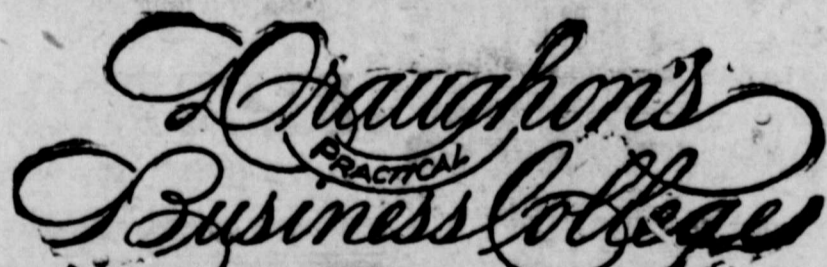
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of July, A. D. 1932.

BOOTH WARREN,  
 Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)

CORRECT—ATTEST:

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# THERE

spread before him was the great city . . . he had been around it many times . . . this 16-year-old boy—ignorant, unschooled, but withal a sturdy tugboat barge hand . . . Each succeeding trip found him gazing in growing fascination toward the piles of buildings banked upon the shore . . . He noted and remembered many things about the city . . . the sharp metallic clang of fire engines . . . the clatter of horses, iron-shod hoofs on Belgian blocks; the harsh rattle of elevated trains . . . and how fast they went . . . would he ever ride on one? . . . Where did life lead?

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**STARTING NEXT WEEK IN  
THE MERKEL MAIL**



**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

On last Thursday afternoon Mrs. Nell Lee, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Joe Owen, gave a lovely children's party to celebrate the fourth birthday of her little daughter, Dorothy Nell.

Soon after their arrival each guest was given a number of beans. These served as money in a lively auction in which, contrary to the usual thing in auctions, everyone was pleased with his purchase—a dainty pink box of pop corn and candy.

Several yard games were played after which the children returned to the house where paper bags were seen hanging from strings. Each child was blind-folded and allowed to choose his bag. In this was a gay paper cap.

Donning their caps the happy group went into the dining room. Here they saw a tiered angel food cake across the top of which was written "Dorothy Nell." Four candles lighted the cake. They were then served cake and pink ice cream. Each child was given a horn as a party favor. During the merriment of testing the horns the children looked up to see a big green frog hopping into the room. Mr. Frog presented Dorothy Nell with the gifts which the guests had brought.

Children joining Dorothy Nell in the celebration of her birthday were: Wes and Roy Owen, Mary Ruth, Billie Tom and Buddie Hutchison, Billie Joe and Bedford Dunn, Betty Jo Hasser, Billy Pat Nash, Margaret Sharp, Mary Faye Johnson, Marjorie Wayne Dunn, Nedra Swafford, Johnnie McDonald, Bobby Brown, and Ralph Dye.

**CHICKEN BARBECUE.**

The Young People's Epworth League enjoyed a chicken barbecue in Laney's pasture Thursday night.

After a number of games were enjoyed, a lunch consisting of barbecued chicken, potato chips, pickles and bread was served.

Leaguers present were: Misses Margaret Turner, Addie Fae and Lena Patterson, Frances Marie Church, Orpah Patterson, Imogene Middleton, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Opal Huskey and Marie and Marcella Pinkley and Messrs. Paul Collins, Vernon Hudson, Roy Patterson, Elvis Richardson, John D. Coats, Tracy Campbell, Jim Patterson, Kenneth Cribley and B. P. Middleton. Visitors were: Misses Helen Yeats, Fay and Ruth Pinkley, Marie Stanford, Bessylea Church, Billy Gardner, Duncan Briggs, Mildred Richardson, Lois Whiteley, Dahlia Watkins, Dolly Vaughn of Vernon and Messrs. James Hudson, Carroll King, Kennedy Whiteley and Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats.

**HAY RIDE.**

The young people's division of the Methodist church had a wonderful time Tuesday night when they rode out to Russell's on a wagon, made comfortable with a load of hay.

After a long and happy ride they stopped in Russell's pasture, played a few games and ate a lot of ice cream and cookies. A short but interesting talk was made by the teacher, Foster Watts. Then the trip home all "pepped up" and ready to come to Sunday School next Sunday and bring someone with them. Let's all be there!

**SOCIAL.**

Mrs. A. J. Stapleton and Mr. Tom Ward entertained their Sunday School classes at the Nazarene parsonage Monday evening, July 4. After a number of games were played refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the following: Mrs. A. J. Stapleton, Tina Smith, Eme Smith, Mildred Stapleton, Madie Hendrix, Ineta Bolls, Raymond Stapleton, Lenzo Brown, Bob Rice, George Woods, R. D. Tarbutton, Ernest Hendrix, Tom Ward, Eula Mabel Stapleton, Euveta Smith, Ruby Ernest, Ulas Smith. Others present were: Mrs. Tom Ward, Mr. and Mrs. John Ernest, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith, Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. Mary E. Orr, Miss Sallie Orr, Mr. R. A. Tarbutton, Mr. G. W. Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bolls.

**DELAYED SOCIETY.**

**Class Reunion.**

Members of the graduating class of Twenty Six spent a most enjoyable day on Elm Creek Sunday of last week. Hikes were made, kodak pictures taken and a sumptuous meal was spread picnic-fashion at noon. Happy reminiscences were exchanged by Misses Martha Bird, sponsor of the class, Edith Baker, Anna Lou Russell, Syble Smith, Lila Bird, Emma Toombs, Flossie Campbell, Eva Maye Johnson of Sweetwater, Mesdames Juanita Dowell, Sam Redwine of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore and daughters, Beckey Nan and

Betty Joe, Messrs. Lewis Giles, Houston, and Ernest Spurgin.

**LAWN PARTY.**

The hospitable home of Miss Lucy Tracy was opened to the Junior workers, the officers and teachers of the Sunday School on Thursday evening of last week. The house was decorated with a profusion of lovely cut flowers, forming a pretty setting for tables, each appointed for a special game. Piano numbers by Mrs. Ann Brown and vocal numbers by Miss Edith Baker interspersed progressions of the games. At the refreshment hour guests were invited out to the lily pond where a table had been placed on the lawn from which gaily decorated picnic baskets, suggestive of the Fourth of July motif, were passed. Punch was also served; the hostess was assisted by Miss Vennie Heizer and the guest list included Mr. and Mr. Willie Joe Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Evers Petty, Mr. and Mrs. John Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown, Rev. J. T. King, Misses Valerie Dye, Maxie Banner, Maye Lassiter, Edith Baker, Beth Hamm, Floy Ash, Mary Parrish, Mildred Hamm, Mrs. Tarlton, Comer Haynes.

**Supreme Court Judge Pays Visit to Merkel**

Judge William Pierson, associate justice of the supreme court of Texas, was in our city Wednesday, meeting old friends and acquaintances and making new ones. Judge Pierson is widely and favorably known to the citizenship of Texas. He is a native of Texas, having been born at Gilmer, in Upshur county, and lived for a number of years at Emory, in Rains county, in eastern Texas, and in Haskell in western Texas. He worked his way up from the rank and file of the country lad to the position he now occupies. His legal domicile is in Hunt county, where he practiced law for a number of years. For eight years he was district judge of the district composed of the counties of Hunt, Hopkins, Rains, and Delta, and went from the district bench to the supreme court. His service as associate justice of the supreme court has been marked by that high integrity and splendid ability characteristic of our highest judicial tribunal, and recommends him to the favorable consideration of the people of Texas for re-election.

**Annual Reunion Old Settlers on July 15**

Annual reunion of the Taylor County Old Settlers association is to be held at Buffalo Gap, Friday, July 15.

Date for the gathering has been announced by T. A. Bledsoe of Abilene, president of the organization.

Bledsoe and other officers are arranging an extensive program for the pioneer settlers now living in the county and those who have removed to other sections. Morris Sheppard, senior Texas senator, has been invited to attend the gathering as chief speaker of the day. Senator Tom Connally was the guest of honor last year.

Many former residents now living in other counties of West and South Texas and in New Mexico and Arizona are expected to attend the reunion. Word has been received that a large representation will come from Phoenix, Ariz., where an organization of more than 50 ex-Taylor county residents exists.

Officers of the Taylor county association are to meet at Buffalo Gap next Saturday, July 9, at 2 p. m. to receive bids for concessions on reunion day. Mr. Bledsoe has requested that all persons interested be on hand at that time.

Jim Hurst of Ovalo and S. H. Howard of Abilene are vice presidents and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones of Tuscola are secretaries of the organization.

**Will Preach at Noodle Sunday.** Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at the Church of Christ at Noodle next Sunday at 11 o'clock. All are invited to hear him.

**Ladies' Dresses and Shoes—Men's Hats and Dress Shoes—ALL 33 1-3 per cent OFF at Brown's Bargain Store.**

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**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 29.

**Blanton Cites Wire From Clerk of House Re: Daughter's Check**

In his campaign for re-election, Congressman Thomas L. Blanton spoke here at the tabernacle Saturday afternoon and was listened to by a large crowd.

Explaining that the employment of his daughter as his secretary was in name only, as her check was distributed to others and she did not keep a cent, he read the following telegram from South Trimble, clerk of the house of representatives at Washington, which was sent to his opponent, Joe Jones, in answer to a query as to the names and amount paid to Blanton's clerical force:

"Replying your telegram requesting that I wire you collect disposition of Congressman Blanton's clerical allowance, will state that law increasing clerical allowance an additional thousand dollars was passed during Congressman R. Q. Lee's incumbency July 1, 1929, shortly after he succeeded Blanton, and provided that only two clerks could be enrolled, to whom entire allowance must be paid, and Mr. Lee enrolled Miss Black of Washington at two thousand, four hundred dollars, and Mr. Killough at two thousand, six hundred dollars annually. Because Congressman Blanton is very active here, and makes many investigations of departments, and no two persons could perform the tremendous work of his office, he employs three capable clerks for the allowance, and enrolled his daughter merely for the purpose of distributing the allowance, and he uses his daughter's check each month in paying his three employees none of whom are related to him. Mrs. Louise Kennedy Marx is enrolled as one of his clerks at two thousand annually, with which she helps to support her aged father and mother in Abilene. I deem her one of the most efficient secretaries in Washington. He pays one of his other clerks, Miss Ruby Saylor, eighteen hundred annually with which she helps to support her widowed mother and two sisters in Abilene. His third employee has used salary to save farm of parents from being foreclosed by keeping up mortgage payments on same. I don't know of any member here who works harder than does Congressman Blanton, or who gets more value with his allowance for the government and people."

**Card from County Clerk W. P. Bounds**

To My Friends of Taylor County: Permit me to thank each of you and to express my deepest appreciation for your faith and confidence entrusted to me.

I am deeply grateful to the voters of this county who elected me your county clerk two years ago. I have striven to render, as your servant in this office, the best service within my power. I have tried to handle the office to your best interest and to serve you faithfully and efficiently, which has been a pleasure to me.

Believing that you expect me to attend the duties of the office and not make a personal campaign this year, and due to the further fact that I have no opponent, I am not making a close campaign. However, want to express to each Taylor County citizen my sincere appreciation of your loyal support and influence, and please permit me through the columns of the paper to personally thank you for your vote in the coming primary election. When I can be of service to you, command me.

Yours very truly,  
W. P. Bounds.

**Uvalde Plans For Garner Homecoming**

Uvalde, July 7.—Plans to celebrate the homecoming of Speaker John N. Garner, democratic vice presidential nominee, have been announced by H. J. Hornby, Uvalde editor, Messages were sent to Mayor C. M. Chambers of San Antonio, Amon G. Carter of Fort Worth, and other friends and supporters of the speaker asking them to attend.

The exact date and other details will be announced later. The speaker has not sent word when he will return from Washington.

**Old Timer Visits Son.**

Dr. J. W. H. Martin of Van Zandt county, who settled in the Canyon in 1886 and practiced medicine in this section up to about five years ago, was a visitor here several days this week with his son, Bob Martin, and family. He went to Stanton to visit a daughter there, Mrs. M. E. Parker, and will also visit other children on the Plains.

Rayon yarn production in Japan in a recent month totaled 5,000,000 pounds.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

**CHURCHES**

**MEN'S PRAYER SERVICE.**

For next Sunday the lesson for the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service will be the eighth chapter of 1 Corinthians, which is to be read by George Moore. Comment will be made by L. L. Murray. A cordial and earnest invitation is extended to all the men in Merkel and surrounding communities to take part in these meetings.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

Rainy weather cut the attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday to only 527. This compared with 601 the same Sunday a year ago. The attendance on the previous Sunday was 793.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Morning worship at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. B. T. S. at 7:15 p. m. Evening service at 8:15 p. m. We invite you to worship with us.

J. T. King, Pastor.

**JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.**

Subject: "Two Brothers Who Were Very Different."

"Two Brothers," Horace Boney. "The Two Boys Grow Up," Becky Gardner.

"Offerings to God," Lurline Tarlton.

"How God Received the Offerings," De La Vergne Teague.

"Cain Kills His Brother," Ruth Kyle.

"Cain Lies to God," Murphy Dye. "Cain's Punishment," Lena Mae Moore.

Poem, "Small Beginnings," Preston Dickinson.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

There will be no Sunday School nor preaching service here Sunday, on account of the Buffalo Gap encampment.

Sunday School there at 9:45 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. by Dr. L. D. Young, pastor of Abbey Presbyterian church, Dallas.

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

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**

Quite a few complimentary statements have been heard by our people concerning the services they attended last Sunday on "visiting day." Despite the prevailing weather make your plans to be in your place next Sunday.

Services conducted morning and evening by pastor.

Rev. Bill Wallace of Lamesa took moving pictures of the recent young people's assembly. These pictures will be shown at the First Methodist church of Abilene Friday, July 8. It would be worth your time to go over.

**CHURCH OF NAZARENE.**

Remember and don't forget our revival July 24.

Public worship will smooth your way, so come to church and Sunday School. Subject for next Sunday "The Call of Moses," (Exodus 2:11; 4:20.) Golden text, "Certainly I will be with Thee." (Ex. 3:12.) Study the great lesson and come next Sunday.

Sunday School 9:45. Preaching 11 a. m. Young People's program at 7:30. Preaching 8:30 p. m. A cordial invitation to all.

Mrs. Fannie King, Supt.  
Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

**FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

On the Fourth of July we had the glorious privilege of baptizing again. Our open air revival meeting is beginning right. Young converts are boldly standing and witnessing for their Lord. Five old time grove prayer meetings assemble each day. The good Lord has already blessed in the

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salvation of the lost. God's people are being revived and are calling on the name of the Lord.

By request next Saturday night we preach on "Should Women Preach?" Sunday at 11 a. m. on "Counting the Number of the Beast." (Rev. 13.) We want everybody who is not attending

Sunday School somewhere to be at our Bible School at 9:45 a. m. We have a "surprise" for every new member who joins our Bible School Sunday. Every member of our church or Bible School who is present at Bible School and church Sunday morning will receive a gift from the pastor. We welcome everybody to our revival services.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.  
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- K. C. BAKING POWDER, 25 c size 18c
- PICKLES, sour, quart jar 15c
- DRIED PRUNES & APPLES, 2 lbs. 23c
- SOAP, Cocoa Hardwater, 3 cakes 10c
- PORK & BEANS, 3 for 19c
- CATSUP, 16 oz. bottle 16c
- COCOA, Mother's, pound 15c
- GRAPE JUICE, quart bottle 19c
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