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MERKEL, ABILENE **EX-SERVICE MEN** IN JOINT PICNIC

T. C. North Elected Commander of Parramore Post; Perry Dickinson Named Vice-Commander for Merkel.

a joint picnic of Abilene and Merkel ex-service men and Legion auxiliary was enjoyed at Shannon's pool Friday night of last week. More than 250 members and their families attended the affair, featuring as enter- following an illness of several weeks. were appointed to assist in the camtainment swimming and games on the Music was furnished by Merkel's string orchestra.

T. C. North was elected commander of Parramore Post, American Legion, and Mrs. J. M. F. Gill was named president of the Legion Auxiliary.

Brooks, adjutant; Dr. W. R. Snow, senior vice commander; Rev. W. P. Gerhart, chaplain; Roy Johnson, commander for Merkel; Roy Dowdy, vice commander for Trent; Walter Poteet, vice commander for Lawn; and J. C. Casey, vice commander Jess Warren, outgoing commander, ium. H. P. Schienberg, J. A. Bateman, Ruck Sibley, A. A. Heathington and Ben Bird.

The local committee on arrangements for this very successful evening included Dr. R. I. Grimes, Perry Dickinson, Dr. W. M. Gambill, Allen proposed. McGehee, Mack Fowler and Ocie

Explains New Budget

Mayor Lee York of Abilene was present by invitation of the mayor and members of the city council at mell, near Sweetwater, last Friday, their monthly meeting Monday night is being held in jail there, charged to explain the workings of the budget. With murder by drowning his wife.

before the city tax rate is fixed follows this plan: the mayor prepares the budget of expenses and submits it to the board of aldermen for their approval. It is later submitted to a public meeting of the tax payers before the levy is fixed.

John L. Camp, who with Mayor York constitute the firm of lawyers handling tax collections for the city of Merkel, was also present at Monday night's meeting.

Purchase Show Heifer.

herd of fine Herefords.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

After he stabbed two men, it is alleged, and dangerously wounded them with an ice pick, W. Lyle Weldon, 75, of Houston, stabbed himself when of- Women Voters Form ficers came to arrest him.

Two bandits wearing white suits, after forcing five men, including the Sponsored by Merkel Legionnaires vice-president of the bank, into the vault of a Grapeland bank, escaped in a coupe with about \$2,000 in cash.

> Mrs. Florence A. Drane, 68, acting president of Texas Technological college and wife of F. N. Drane of Cor- at a meeting at her house on Wednes- falo Gap. sicana, died at their home Monday day afternoon the following helpers

lawn, topped off with a picnic menu votes of getting a majority over his Largent, S. D. Gamble, A. T. Shep- an old settlers' reunion at his boyhood of barbecued goat and all accessories. two opponents in the first election, won the Amarillo mayoralty in a runoff with Lon D. Marrs by 479 votes.

Wheat exports from Galveston for twelve months ending June 30, 1932, were 26,158,483 bushels, exceeding those in any of the preceding five Other post officers are: Doyle years and 6,745,203 more than a year

As he sat on his horse overseeing prisoners at work in a field, Sam the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George E. finance officer; W. P. Poston, color Cook, guard at the city prison farm Caple. sergeant; Perry Dickinson, vice near South Houston, was killed by a the horse.

Ed Alexander, 48, rancher, his wife and their son, Johnny Fred, 10, were Wednesday to attend the funeral serfor Caps. Service officers named taken to a hospital at Baird, follow- vices of a friend. were Ben Davis, Roy Duke, Carl P. ing an attack by Jim Alexander, bro-Hulsey and Dr. R. I. Grimes. The ther of the rancher, and a former in- gata to spend several weeks with her executive committee is composed of mate of the Wichita Falls sanitar- mother, Mrs. J. R. Pee.

> George H. Sheppard, state comptroller, has announced that the three- of Miss Christine Collins. cent cigarette tax had produced \$1,estimated receipts when the bill was Lueders.

Amarillo to send 131 Mexicans, all of for nurses. whom are now dependent on charity, consignment will be sent later, bringing the total returned to 300.

L. M. Parks, 37, whose wife met death from drowning in Lake Tram-According to state law, the process He is alleged to have taken out \$9,000 in insurance in his wife's name since Texas company there.

> the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Mrs. Barbara Wall, and sister, Miss daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Foy, Dora Wall, of Midland. the editorial staff of the paper fail- Murphy, at Granbury, Texas. ing to have the desired effect.

water, seriously burned about the S. W. Sheppard, and other relatives. build the station. morton, has just been added to their of the party struck a match to light stone. a cigarette.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 12, 1912.)

and picnicing at Warren's tank. The time was spent in boating and catch-Ferrier.

all of Abilene.

of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradley Mon- jous refreshments were served.

Saturday night several of the Mer- | day. Different games were played and kel people tried their luck at fishing music selections given by several. Punch and wafers were served to Dolores, visited their parents, Mr. stone, Amy Gunn, Evelyna Turner, community the past week, returning shipments 18 cars of wheat and six ing big ones and several made good Jewell Pate, Bernadien Freeman, to their home last Friday at Pampa. catches and landed them in record Josie Smith, Mary McGee, Nina Wartime. Those going were Misses Willie nick, Dorothy Duckett, Mamie Moore, Bigham, Gertrude and Lulu Thorn- Messrs. Geo. Smith, Ely Pate, Frank were the special guests for a fishing ton, Lillie Edins of Abilene, Olga and Willie O'Briant, Louis McGaug-Sheppard, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Homer hey, Albert Miller of Stith, Elbert included several others of the family Jobe, Forrest Gaither and Frank Touchstone, Ralph, Hugh, Frank and Earl Bradley.

On Friday guests of Misses Wil- Tuesday evening at three o'clock nurses at the West Texas hospital at liams, Cypert, Fannie Pearl and Clara the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dan- Lubbock, are spending a two-weeks' Moore from Abilene were honored iel was a scene of beauty when the vacation with their parents Mr. and with a six o'clock lunch out on Mar- Five Hundred club was organized. Mrs. S. M. Hunter. tin's lake. Lunch suitable for the oc- Later a sewing club will be organizcasion was prepard by the girls and ed. There were several visitors pres- cation, A. J. Tucker is taking care all partook of its deliciousness. Those ent, Mrs. Couch of Oklahoma City, of the book-keeper's desk at the Farin the party were Ether Williams, Mrs. Mitchell of Midland and Miss mers and Merchants National Bank lows: Friday, July 8, McGhee 11, Eufie Cypert, Fannie Pearl and Clara Lulu Anderson of Tulsa. The mem- for about ten days, but he expects then Riddle 4; Monday, July 11, Petty 16, Moore, Misses Hattie and Lulu Hum- bers are: Mesdames Tom Coggin, R. to return to Dalhart. phdeys, Messrs. Jess and Bill Hump- O. Anderson, J. G. Jackson, Daven- Included in a jolly fishing party 21, McGehee 8. hreys, Arthur Glesk and Bill Faison, port Gaither, J. W. Daniel, Claude Monday at Paint Rock were Messrs. and Fred Bigham, Lanier Brown, Dr. and Mesdames Booth Warren, E. Monday, July 18, Riddle vs. McGehee; Davis, W. F. Dickson, Misses Mabel Yates Brown, Warren Smith, Miss Tuesday, July 19, Munday vs. Riddle; Ralph Bradley gave a party com- Collins, Elma and Olga Sheppard, Dora Wall of Midland, Dr. and Mrs. Thursday, July 21, Petty vs. Munday; plimenting Virgil Bradley and Mrs. Annie T. Daniel, Maude Martin, Ruth L. C. Zehnpfennig and Paul West. Friday, July 22, McGehee vs Petty. C. E. Bradley of Stith at the home Mims, Pet and Mossie Sears. Delic- Recent guests of Mrs. Mary Orr On Friday of this week McGehee's

VARIED ENTERTAINMENT ON CARD, OLD SETTLERS AT BUFFALO GAP REUNION

The women voters of the Merkel support of Ross Sterling for governor. Mrs. C. H. Jones is chairman and pard, Dee Grimes and Earl Lassiter home, Salado, in Bell county. and Christine Collins. The prevalent indifference of the local voters was given as cause for general concern; hence the organization of the club.

Old-fashioned singing, fiddlers' con-Sterling Club Here tests, music by the Abilene high school band, a few short talks of reminiscent flavor and a basket picnic luncheon-these are a few of lor County Old Settlers annual reunion, to be held on Friday of this week at the reunion grounds of Buf-

accepted invitation to make one of tion. the morning addresses. Mr. Hair. Ross D. Rogers, who lacked only 18 paign: Mesdames A. R. Booth, Tom a native Texan, recently attended

Badges will be available for all persons who qualify as old settlers. Twenty-five years residence in the county is the minimum requirement

PERSONALS

Miss Margaret Faust of Comfort is

Supt. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess bolt of lightning, which also killed are spending a pleasant vacation at Lubbock. Miss Martha Bird went to Graham

Miss Hallie Pike is here from Bo-

Miss Mary Rogers of Abilene was the house guest early in the week

Misses Betty Lou Grimes and El-501,010 for the first six months of ma Maye Gamble are spending the 1932, which is about one-half of the week at the Baptist encampment at

Miss Bessie Westenhover returned Arrangements have been complet- Wednesday to El Paso wheer she is ed by community chest officials at attending the Masonic training school to Chas. A. Fryar, in that Mr. Fry-

Plan to City Council back to their native land and another R. J. Adcock left Monday for Fort he and his wife are frequent visitors Worth to visit there before going on here. Mr. Fryar at one time worked to Uvalde.

> guests during the week of Dr. and is now a Methodist preacher at Big-Mrs. W. T. Sadler. Mrs. Floyd Davis spent the week-

end at Hamlin with her husband, who Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown have

head and body when a gas filled val- Mrs. L. M. Touchstone and daugh-C. M. Largent and Sons announce ley, two miles north of Willow ter, Miss Mollye Frank, left Thursday that another show heifer, purchased Springs, near Longview, became igni- for Dallas where they will visit Mrs. "Modern Rhythm" band and floor from Mrs. Tom Parrott, of Throck- ted Sunday afternoon when a member A. Touchstone and Miss Bess Touch- show, Lynn McSpadden was in Big

> ter, Doris Gay, also Jerry Warren, engagement in Oklahoma City for are enjoying camp life this week at next week. Paint Rock.

> Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula entertained as their housequests for the week-end Misses Ruth Strea- ings in town and it looks like the to-Sears of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes of Westbrook, parents of Mrs. T. G. Bragg, party at Paint Rock Thursday that connection.

Misses Beryl and Odelle Hunter, who are taking a training course for crushed the bone in the forearm.

While George Moore is away on va-

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

Sciences at the University of Texas 1930) is 17,743,000 acres. for the spring semester, the honor roll including the highest one-tenth! of the student body.

Friends will be glad to learn that Texas Baptist sanitarium last Satur- years by a local blacksmith. day, is doing nicely. It will be several days, however, before she is able to be removed home.

Merkel has a special interest in the announcement of the lease for twelve months of the Albany News by the owner, the famous Col. Dick McCarty, ar married a daughter of Mr. and After a visit of several weeks home, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt of this city and in this office for his brother, J. M. Mrs. W. V. Ramsey and two sons, Fryar, who was editor of the Merkel Wayne and Ike, of Abilene were Mail some thirty years ago. The latter gers, Ark. Both J. M. and Chas. A. Fryar have been connected with various newspapers in West Texas. Charis employed on an oil well for the les left Merkel in 1908 and operated a printing shop in Abilene for many Miss Bernice Foy, society editor of as their guests Mrs. Brown's mother, Albany News for the past three years. years. He has been employed by the

Work was started Wednesday erpioneers of Baird, died Monday night | Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore and ecting an independent ice station for after a four weeks illness, two blood Miss Oleta Moore are visiting Mrs. Mack Cox of Buffalo Gap, a former transfusions by fellow-workers on Moore's sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Merkelite, who is entering the ice business here. The location is on the Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard and corner west of the postoffice and Cy-Clay Stinette, 49, of Tulsa, was fat- daughter, Miss Marian, have arrived rus Pee will be in charge for Mr. ally burned and Olen Peace, Glad- from Dallas to visit their mother, Mrs. Cox. A. V. Dye has the contract to

> As violinist for Broox Havins' Spring and Midland last week. Miss Mr. and Mrs. George F. West and Blanche Simmons is also a principal Mr. and Mrs. John West and daugh- in the organization. They have an

A great many wheat raisers are storing their wheat in vacant buildter of Lake Charles, La., and Vivian tal yield in this section is gong to be largest for many years. During the Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Daniel and baby, past week eight cars of wheat and two of oats were shipped via T. & Misses Almeda Harris, Bessie Touch- and Mrs. J. D. Daniel, of the Stith P. railway, making the total season's

> Edsel Church, who more than a year ago had the misfortune to have his left arm mangled in a cotton gin accident, broke the same arm Wednesday when the truck on which he was working rolled off the jack and

Schedule of Games For Indoor Baseball

Games during the past week in the indoor baseball league resulted as fol-Riddle 7; Tuesday, July 12, Munday

Games scheduled next week are: class plays Munday's class.

DECLINE SHOWN IN THIS YEAR'S **COTTON ACREAGE**

37,290,000 Acres in Cotton, as of July 1, 1932; Texas Area Cut 10 Per Cent, Smallest Since

Washington, July 14.-Cotton unprecinct are being organized for the the attractions on card for the Tay- der cultivation July I was reported Saturday by the department of agriculture to total 37,290,000 acres, or 9.5 per cent less than a year ago W. W. Hair, Abilene attorney, has when 41,189,000 acres were in cultiva-

> An indication of the condition of the crop was not given as the law prohibits issuance of a condition report until the August canvass.

picking time during the last ten years, 1922-31, has averaged 3.1 per

The cotton acreage in Texas standing on July 1, 1932 is estimated at 14,192,000 acres, compared with 15,-769,000 acres a year ago, or a reduc-Elivs Richardson, valedictorian of tion of 10 per cent. This is Texas' tion of liquor into states where it was the Senior class of '31, was among smallest acreage since 1922 when 12,- forbidden. the 472 students who comprise the 562,000 acres were in cultivation on

The 10-year average abandonment

50,000 Horseshoes.

Attention Candidates

On the eve of the primary election, which comes July 23, the publishers of The Mail deem it best to move up the date of issue for the preceding week to Wednesday afternoon instead of Thursday afternoon, as is the custom.

Therefore, the issue of The Mail for Friday, July 22, will be printed on Wednesday afternoon, July 20. and readers will have the opportunity to study your final appeal for two days before the time to vote.

GLASS WANTS REPEAL, BUT **BARS SALOON**

One of Leading Congressional Supporters of Prohibition Would Allow States That Want Liquor to Have It.

Washington, July 14 .- A resolution proposing a new constitutional amendment, repealing the 18th amendment but outlawing the saloon, was introduced in the senate Wednesday by Senator Carter Glass of Virginia.

For years he has been one of the leading congressional supporters of

prohibition. The former democratic secretary of the treaury asked for immediate consideration of his resolution, but Abandonment between July 1 and this was blocked by Senator Norris (Rep., Neb.). Glass then said he would

> call it up again. The constitutional amendment proposed by the Virginian would allow states that want liquor to have it, but would keep the saloon unconstitutional. It also would prohibit transporta-

The amendment would have to be honor roll of the College of Arts and July 1. The eight year average (1923- ratified by state conventions within seven years or it would die.

Glass told the senate his amend-(1922-1931) for Texas is 3.6 per cent. ment was in conformity with the prohibition plank adopted by the democratic national convention and Hopkinton, N. H., July 14.-A pile was a "proposition which no re-Miss Myrtle McDonald, who under- of more than 50,000 horseshoes has publican who is disposed to be guiwent a major operation at the West been collected over a period of many ded by party declarations can resent or resist."

Senator Norris, however, objecting to its immediate consideration, said: "I can hardly understand how any one would favor amending the United States constitution by unanimous con-

Glass replied he would call the resolution up later to "test the good faith and sincerity of the senator from Connecticut (Bingham) and other republicans who have engaged in 'testing the sincerity' of the democratic party."

Brother of Elder Cypert Dies.

Elder W. G. Cypert has received word of the death of his oldest brother. J. A. Cypert, who died in Los Angeles, Calif., on July 10 of heart failure. He was 74 years old and, besides the brother here, is survived by two brothers and three sisters. His body was sent to Kansas City, Mo., for burial.

About fifteen years ago there was a typhoid epidemic in a certain city, which baffled the health authorities. Children were stricken in widely separated neighborhoods. The water supply was all right; so was the milk and so were the general sanitary conditions. Yet new cases continued to develop.

HOARDING.

Finally the mystery was solved. A doctor discovered a domestic servant who was a "carrier" of typhoid germs. Though perfectly well herself, she took the disease with her wherever she went. She became nationally famous under the name of "Typhoid Mary."

Times like the present produce a lot of male "Typhoid Marys." The germs they carry are rumors and fears. One of them came to see me last October when things were looking

Shaking his head dolefully, he suggested that I ought to have some money tucked away in gold.

I blew up and rained all over him. I said: "My bank is strong and liquid. It will be solvent unless the United States is insolvent. And if things get to a point where Uncle Sam is busted, then what good will gold be, do you think? Do you imagine for one moment that, in a period of general chaos, the mass of people would deal tenderly with those who had helped to bring on the crisis by hiding gold?"

My general attitude in this whole situation has been as fol-

1. I pay little attention to the market quotations on good bonds, preferred or common stocks. Either they are worth a lot more than their current prices or they are worth nothing. In either case there is nothing I can do about it.

2. If the worst were to happen I have enough egotism to believe that I could make a living and provide for my family under any sort of government or any sort of conditions.

3. I keep a white horse and ride him every day. If we have a social upset you will find me right at the head of the people parade on my white horse. And the first place we shall head for will be the homes of the hoarders.

Some day, in the not far distant future, we all shall have to look back on this period and consider the record we made. And when my youngster climbs on my knee and says, "Dad, what did you do in the panic?" I don't want to have to answer: "I was smart and yellow, sonny. I hoarded gold."

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Personal Mention

(Continued from fase One: and Miss Sally Orr were a daughter, Mrs. J. A. Adkisson and her son, Ray, and a grandson, Grady Cole, of San Antonio, also a niece, Mrs. H. L. Orr, and daughter, Louise, of Asper-

To attend a meeting of Masonic subordinate lodges of the western district, at which Grand Master Alva Bryan of Waco was present, Messrs. Wren Durham, Tom Allday and Oscar Buford went to San Angelo Wed-

Miss Mary Campbell left Monday in company with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Porter of Dallas for a month's tour Yellowstone National park and Grand Canyon, returning by way of Cali-

El Paso are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren. Another daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren.

and were present for the Sunday pro- ways been reasonabley successful, un- g-d it stems to me that Mr. Diltz has

son, Neil Durham and Louis Carson. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Yancey and daughter, Miss Winnie, of Carthage, The others returned Monday. They qualifications, I again earnestly soli- bring their wheat to the Merkel marare visiting Mr. Yancey's sister, Mrs. cit your support and influence for ket are getting top prices. J. S. Pinckley.

DeBusk Will Speak Saturday at 4 P. M.

Henry L. DeBusk of Abilene, candidate for the office of district judge of the 42nd judicial district, will speak at the tabernacle here Saturday afternoon July 16, at 4 o'clock. He will have some interesting things to say about his candidacy.

Under date of July 12, Mr. DeBusk addressed the following letter to Hon. M. S. Long, incumbent and his opponent in the race, asking a division of time for Thursday night, July 21, place, the federal lawn at Abilene:

"I have just learned that you have engaged the federal lawn to speak in Abilene on Thursday night, July 21st, just preceding the election. Since Friday night preceding the election is generally used for general candidate speaking and since I would not have any other opportunity to answer whatever you may have to say. I have engaged the federal lawn to speak immediately after you have finished. If you decide to debate with me I will arrange a dividing of time with you on that night.

> "Yours very truly, "Henry L. DeBusk."

Vote for Judge William Pierson of Hunt County, for re-election, Assoclate Justice of the Supreme Court. He is a conscientious and able judge of our highest court and worthy of your support. (Political Adevrtise-

R & R RITZ

WEEK OF JULY 17 Our Sunday Shows are Matinee Only-2 and 4 O'Clock

> SUNDAY- MONDAY Jack Oakie in

'MILLION DOLLAR LEGS'

Andy Clyde-Hank Mann

Ben Turpin TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY Lupe Velez in

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> THURSDAY-FRIDAY Edw. G. Robinson

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Did you know we are going to vote ination culverts. \$3,000 value. Have you thought about roads. the tremendous fresponsibility that I live on the extreme line of the Mrs. Kirby Beckett and children of these amendments will add to the as- precinct and know that the road has sessor's office? Property owners, been graded to the very line and I have you really stopped and consider- appreciate what he has done for us, ed your own interest in selecting you Mrs. H. C Coit, who had been here nev! tax assc ... ? It behooves you to from Dallas with her children, return- select a mar who large from values as well as town value . My experien-Among those from Merkel who at- ce on the farm, in city real estate, as to come here to buy. I have lived in tended the Buffalo Gap Encampment a teacher and go a merchant has al- this precinct for thirty-two years gram were: Rev. and Mrs. R. A. til two years ago when we all began to done more for our roads than all prev. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. crumble; but it you sleet me Taylor lous commissioners combined. Jones, Grisham Dowell Jim Patter county's next assessor I assure you your interest will be well cared for. You should vote for no man simply because he wants, or needs the office; Mo., and Miss Ruth Pinckley left for but because of an unquestioned char- On Wednesday Largent and Mallow Weslaco Friday where Mrs. Yancey acter and qualifications to best serve paid 34 cents per bushel for 60-lb. remained for a visit with her sister. your interest. Believing I possess such test wheat, indicating that those who

one I want this to be my personal mes- each at Merkel Mail office.

sage to you, and wish to thank each Methodist WMS Holds and every one I have seen for your counteous hearing, trusting I may have a chance to courteously serve you as your next assessor. I have worked and still am working hard, making the race on my merits, not my opponents' demerits, for they are all good fellows, but just been there long enough. Give a new man a chance and see if he can serve your interest bet-

C. A. COCKRELL For Tax Assessor

AN APPRECIATION. -

As a patron of the roads in precinct No. 2. I want to express my appre- Methodist missionary conference, was ciation of the improvement in the one of the principal program speakroads. For six years my interests have ers, discussing, "The Financial Outtaken me 20 to 25 miles out of Mer- look." Mrs. C. A. Bickley, also of Ladies and gentlemen, in talking to and gravelly crossings, (it is no fun work in Central America. you through the columns of this pa- to be stuck fast in a creek while Gifts were presented to Hester per, it's only adding a little to the talk heavy clouds are putting on a gor- Dale West of Floydada, missionary, I made to you at your home, in your geous display of lightning and thun- who is leaving soon to do work in fields, or at your places of business, der up-stream,) rocks, stumps, ditch- China. Mrs. Ina Wooten Jones, Abibut I don't know how to quit, for a es, steep rocky hills, sideling crooked lene, gave a special vocal number. quitter never wins and a winner never narrow brushy roads, old narrow A basket picnic was served at noon. worn bridges and the obsolete, abom-

on two constitutional amendments in The tortures of the old road lasted platinum, is used in making pen our November election that are of indefinitely for we never knew when, points. vital interest to you? One, the consoli- where, why nor how long we were dation of the offices of tax assessor going to stop. But now, thanks to of the western states. They will visit and tax collector, the other the ex- Mr. Diltz, we go forth in joy for our emption of taxation on homes up to 30 minute spin over almost perfect

> will not bite the hand that has I Will Contract a Few Miles of n feeding me' by making it posb'e for me to bring my produce

> > -A Reader. (Political Adv.)

Wheat Price Tons 24 Cents.

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At an all-day meeting of the Wo-Tye, Trent, Tuscola, Albany, Anson mately 150 women.

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Winter Wood. Dead or Green

All-Day Meet in Anson

men's Missionary societies of the Abilene district of the Methodist church held at Anson Tuesday the Merkel cmurch was represented by Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats and Mrs. C. A. Bickley. Besides Merkel, the Nugent, and Abilene churches sent delegates to bring the attendance to approxi-

Mrs. J. Frank Potts, Lubbock, vice president of the Northwest Texas kel once every week, some times of- Lubbock, talked on the women's work tener. At first we dreaded the trips in general and Mrs. William E. Hawfor fear of high centers, quick sand kins, Abilene, told of missionary

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FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

JULY 15 AND 16

GRAPES Carmen, 5 lb. basket 35c

ORANGES, California, dozen

LEMONS fancy, doz

NEW POTATOES, 10 pounds 18c LETTUCE, fancy, crisp, head 5c

TOMATOES, fancy quality, pound 5c 25 lbs. granu-

lated PINEAPPLE, No. 2 broken, slice, 2 cans 25c

DRIED FRUIT, peaches or apricots, 2 lbs. 25c MILK, R & W, 3 tall 20c-6 small

Lady Godiva, 6 bars soap, I Cannon towel 43c

CAKES, 1 lb. package asst. 20c 1-4 lb. 19c 1-2 lb.

FLOUR, R & W, 24 lbs. 55c-48 lbs. \$1.00

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smoked, lb.

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Efficiency

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To the Voters of Taylor County:

In announcing my candidacy for reelection to a second term in the legislature, I wish to call your attention to my record, and my ideas as to legislation at the next session.

During the past session I was the author of four bills, which I believe were of major importance.

the Wagstaff-Woodward Oil and Gas ier, of Haverstraw. Conservation law. This measure was passed to prevent the waste of the ing the one word-"Gee!" state's natural resources due to the the dissipation of the state's natural his face was freckled. resources was stopped, the independis the belief of this association that sight. this law is the most sound and con-

crease in the revenue for the public ted, breathing crowds. schools.

A bill of importance to the cities a preference right to the use of the waters of said streams for municipal and domestic purposes in preference to hydro-electric public utilities corporations.

Moore-Wagstaff Highway Fund mysterious. Wheeling. His eyes traced Transfer bill. This bill authorized the the similarity of form. state treasurer to transfer \$3,000,which had not been discounted. As a with very little delay.

In addition to the above, I supported the following:

(a) The law which prohibits cities and counties from issuing warrants in excess of a certain amount without

a vote of the people. (b) The budget law, which retaxes are to be spent before levying the tax rate each year.

(c) Truck and bus regulation to protect the highways and public.

(d) The special appropriation of \$70,000.00 which authorized the railroad commission to determine the valuation of gas utilities and gas pipe lines, and fix reasonable rates and charges to be made by gas utilities.

(e) I voted for tax measures levying a two per cent tax on natural gas, and increasing the tax on sulphur, and for the tax on eleomargarine.

I opposed the Race Track Gambling bill, the state income tax, the intangible assets tax, the tax on domestic consumers of natural gas, and other

The next session should be primarily devoted to economy.

Some savings can be made by coneaus, and by a reduction in salaries. along the following lines:

er education have grown tremendously and the state is now educating appriation for the past biennium for expect to do so again. these institutions amounted to \$15,-986.772.69. Practically all other states tem, and I favor the regulation of the mud. stitutions of higher education, and I mission. quiring such students to pay one-half affairs; highway and motor traffic; The world spun about him in a mael- rain of tin cans and refuse.

nish education for college students, first term. curs there will be a demand for more ond term. state colleges to take their place, with increasing burdens upon the taxpayers. The passage of this law would re-



FIRST INSTALLMENT.

hung above the lower stretches of the

A boy, his arms folded, leaned on One of the most important bills was the cabin trunk of a barge, the Caval-

"Gee-!" The boy kept repeat-

His arms, bare to above the elbows, wasteful practices which existed in were capable arms, browned by the the East Texas oil field. By this law sun. His doubled fists were hard and

The barge carried way with her, as ent oil operators were saved from the water slapped her low side, for the destruction, and nearly two million Cavalier was at the stern end of a dollars was added to the state's in- tow. Far ahead a tug, a little wooden come from the gross production tax. puffer, exhausted white vapor in her While this bill was opposed by cer- struggle with the river. The last tow, tain special interests, it had the ap- whipping about as the course was proval of the independent operator. changed to avoid the ferries, seemed A letter from the Independent Petro- the tail end of a gigantic kite, someleum Association of Texas says: "It times in view and sometimes lost to

A large black double-decker washed structive conservation law in the Uni- by, her paddles drumming an energetic tattoo on the sluggish river, her Another measure was the Public sharp stem carving and curling the School Land Sale and Leasing bill water into an open greenish scar, her (H.B. 358 by Wagstaff). This bill did bows throwing off brave, white whisaway with the old permit system of kers of seething foam. Rows of lighleasing the public school lands at ten ted cabin windows marched by him, cents per acre, and placed these lea- square ports exuding radiance and ofses upon competitive bids. The pass- fering glimpses of a strange interior age of this bill will result in an in- region of flashing light and conges-

A thought occurred to the boyhow he wanted to know those people. and towns was the Woodward-Wag- "Their names must all be diff'rent staff Water Priority bill. This bill But is there so many names?" He provided that cities and towns situa- spoke aloud, to himself, as he often ted upon rivers in Texas should have did. "They must be more'n a hundred

-I guess." The boy was nearly sixteen. Still the great gilt letters on the side of ferry boats were unfathomable to him. He searched his mind for a Another bill of importance was the meaning-but all letters were weird, call John-"

000.00 from the state highway fund Cavalier, the boy, John Breen, often thinking huge thoughts, heard the wharves. It was a fearsome neighborto the general revenue fund to pay off lay in his bunk, behind the dresser, state warrants for Confederate pen- listening to Mother Breen reading sions, schools and other purposes, aloud, or half aloud, her lips moving, "Speaking out of the paper." Captain result, state warrants have been paid Breen, who held all book learning in contempt, listened on such occasions, and smoked his pipe, shifting his short legs about in uneasy fashion, his eyes peering from under shaggy eyebrows. "Mother kin read!" Johnny Breen always said this to himself whenever he thought of reading.

Johnny Breen had been around the quires the state, counties and cities city many times, but each succeeding to prepare a budget showing how the trip around the Battery 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 metalic clang of fire engines, the clatter of horses, iron-shod hoofs on Belgian blocks; the harsh rattle of elevated trains-how fast they went! Would he ever ride in one?

Captain Breen was a dogmatic man, close on sixty, a squat, incapable man, seeing but a short distance through a veil of red. Harriet Breen, the woman

million dollars each year.

the county bonds. There is grave doubt side by the sudden impact and sank Gang, or part of them. A boy taller de this without a constitutional solidation of departments and bur- amendment authorizing this to be done down. and validating the act passed by the However, at least 80 per cent of the legislature. Under these circumstan- line of piers, his hands slipped from howled, his derby rolling at his feet expenses of the state is incurred for ces there would be no question as to the slimy cluster piles, he wahed up- in the gutter. The blow was utterly schools and highways, and I propose the legality of the diversion. Such a stream, swimming bravely. At the unexpected. It caught him in the to work for reduction in expenses bill and constitutional amendment next pierhead he made a desperate stomach, and he doubled it. The (a) The state's expenses for high- mately six million dollars per year.

be made by judicial redistricting. times found on pier ends; devices naliproximately 40,000 students at its During the past session I advocated a ed by the river rats-the thieves. and missiles gathered from the gutter state colleges and normals. The appro- reduction in the number of courts and Johnny Breen dragged his aching began to fly. "Kill im!" Suddenly LEE R. YORK

require a tuition charge in their in- public utilities by the railroad com-

Yours very truly, R. M. WAGSTAFF. (Political Adv.)

who married him, managed him. Six- ment of the wagon. Warm mist, filled with vague forms, teen years before, when the barge was riet came on board the Cavalier. She closed his throat. His torn shirt was cepted this gift without undue com- His bare feet and legs were bruised plaint. If he drank to excess, Mrs. and caked with dry mud and manure. younger than the captain, when the him. Cavalier rounded the Battery on that misty evening in spring.

> The years go fast on the river. John Breen became a strong and capable barge hand, an expert swimmer, a great help and comfort to his moth- friendly voice shouted at him. The er. Suddenly he had grown, grown al- face had a wicked mouth, edged with most over night, bursting out of his broken teeth, brown and green. Johnclothing. The fact that his laugh and ny saw a monster, a dragon, glaring a certain trick of pawing through his and cursing him. "Git tha hell out of hair reminded her of another wild im- there! Git out, ya crummy rat!" petuous boy caused Harriet Breen to flush. John's father had been only a the bales. His head bumped the ribs few years older, when she came to of the van. He rubbed dirt into his the Cavalier.

Mrs. Breen remarked to Captain mal sight. Breen, busy at the small coal stove, hem of her apron.

thick."

"Where we now?"

Johnny, his eyes drawn into the with the cobblestones. deepening blur of the warm envelop- The street was on a fringe of tene-Down in the little cabin of the ing night, hearing strange sounds, ments, where the Ghetto touches the talk below, coming up out of the hood. High houses loomed over him square of light. How he loved his strange smells and noises confounded mother! He was going to school-per- him as he slowly rose to his feet, haps to school in the city—the monu- standing in the midst of a curious mental city shrouded in the fog.

Suddenly there was a crash! column six, near the bottom of the boys-a gang. page, smothered on one side by a scant news item:

THREE DROWN ON BARGE.

Company, collided with an unknown stood defiant, legs apart, his trousers craft in the East River just south of torn and half down, covered with dirt. Brooklyn Bridge during the heavy fog his shirt ragged and streaked, his last night and sank. Captain Breen, matted yellow hair over his eyes. Hoswife, and son are missing. At the point where Manhattan him.

shoves an elbow into the river and the Brooklyn Bridge swings high sewer? Hey stinkey! Soak 'm! Lemabove the shipping, we must take up | me at 'im!" the story of Johnny Breen. His dreaming kept him on deck. The conversa- with the heartless ethics of the pack, tion below, the warm mystery above, kicked and cuffed as Johnny turned the river moaning and whispering, in torment. Idle men in shallow derblast was followed instantly by a sult in a saving of approximately four crash of rending wood, the snarl of rushing water, the panic cry of Moth-(b) A part of the highway gaso- er Breen-"Johnny!" It was the last line tax should be used for retiring word he heard; he was tossed over the tough boys were really the Grogan as to the power of the legislature to beneath the surface. The weight of than the rest, wearing a dented derby, water drummed in his ears as he went

ly nailed to the piling. It was the bot- Johnny. (c) I believe also that a saving can tom of one of those rude ladders somebody above the water, climbed to the there was a rush. Down by the river I also favor abolishing the fee sys- stringpiece and rolled exhausted in a blue coat moved toward them.

> For a time, Johnny Breen lay there | Cops!" stunned. His muscles were sore, his turmoil of the night melted away.

"Mama!" he cried with a start of new, he accepted a responsibility. The terror. The horror of the night burst owners preferred a married man. Har- upon him anew. A torturing thirst was an upstate girl. Breen rubbed his streaked with mud and grease. His eyes, but he was ready to accept any- hair was matted with dried slime. His thing, even a wife, for she demanded eye-lids stuck together, his swollen her papers. Four months later Breen lip were dry and hot and his pants became the father of a son. He ac- were hanging by half their buttons. Breen was not the one to complain. He began to cry, tears forcing through The detachment, and strangeness of the sticky eylashes, streaking down the broad river suited Harriet Breen. his pitiful face. He had the aspect of She sang to her baby boy. A calm in- a forlorn waif, only his bare body was sensibility possessed her. She was till brown and muscular, but his mouth a handsome woman, twenty years curled down and utter sorrow claimed

> His bed, among the bales of waste paper, was jerking and swaying, and, as he cried, a canvas flap was lifted. An evil face glared into the van.

"What tha hell!" A thick and un-

Johnny, still crying, sat up amid eyes and smeared the dried filth on "We got to put Johnny to school," his face wet with tears. He was a dis-

"Out ya git!" The driver reached turning a pan of biscuits with the for his whip; Johnny slipped back over the load of paper. "Out an' ta "All right, Mother, we'll send him, hell wit ya!" The team, fresh, full when we lay up this year." He began of fear, sensing the whip, started on filling his pipe. "It's getting mighty a gallop with the heavy load. The wagon reeled toward the curb and Johnny, sliding from the bales of "Turning up of the East River. paper, dropped to the tailboard out Them's the Fulton Ferry bells. I'll under the end flap. He let go and fell to the gutter, stunned by his impact

crowd of half-grown children who suddenly materialized, as if sprung In the Morning Advertiser of Sat- from the stones. It was an eager Saturday, May 12th, 1900, fourth page, urday morning crowd of waterfront

"Hully chee, lookit dat bum! What reading notice for Peruna, was a in 'ell's bitin' 'im? He's lousy. Whew -what a stink!"

The crowd rubbed near Johnny. He The brick barge Cavalier of Haver- turned as they milled about. He backstraw. McGurtney Brothers Brick ed to the center of the street and tile boys closed in and surrounded

"Doity. Where ja come, outta de

Several bigger boys, tough, daring, held him in a spell. Then a terrific bys, men in black coats, and bearded men such as John had never seen, paused to watch the boys.

"De Grogan Geng is out! Oy, what a business, de Grogan Geng!" The came close to Johnny and spat in his face. A hard dirty brown fist shot out He struck out boldly. He gained the with desperate force. The tall boy would result in a saving of approxi- effort, lifted himself on a cleat rough- crowd backed and then came at

> "He hit 'im below de belt. He fouled 'im." The crowd looked ugly, "Cheeze it, de cops! Cheeze it, beat it!

The crowd began to run, Johnny believe that the time has come for During the past session I served head throbbed, he was sick, nauseated, Breen at their head, having dashed the State of Texas to pass a law re- on the following committees: state from vile water he had swallowed. through the circle of boys under a

of the actual cost of their education. public lands and buildings; and con- strom of disaster. He stood, then By a supreme effort he distanced The situation in regard to these servation and reclamation. I feel that walked unsteadily in the dark. He saw the mob and the Grogans, long lost in state colleges is serious from another I will be in better position to serve the dim shadow of a covered van. It the rear and off for other excitestandpoint. If the state continues to my district during the next term by offered shelter, he climbed in. He ments, but the wave continued. Johnspend the taxpayer's money to fur- reason of my experience during my sank between two bales, the sounds of ny, running into newer and stranger the river were stilled. The water was crowds, suddenly was greeted by a it will mean the destruction of the de- I will appreciate your vote return- blotted from his clothing, a warm terriffic crash of noise as he dodged nominational colleges. When this oc- ing me to the legislature for a sec- glow crept over him; strong arms under the shadow of a cross street. seemed to enfold him. The terror and The maw of the city seemed about to grasp and grind him, body and soul. In a final effort to escape annihila-Johnny was awakened by the move- tion, he closed his eyes and plunged

headlong into a hole; a human rat was dark; many trains passed by a train thundered overhead and behind

his head doubled under his arms, in a the snap of a padlock. dark, damp corner among rubbish. All

seeking oblivion. He jumped into an he began to regain his breath an open basement doorway—an elevated sense. At last he determined to craw toward the light, when the trap door For a long while he lay in the hole, to the walk flopped down. He heard

(Continued Next Week.)

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Other Real Estate and Resources _	6,747.84
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Cash and Exchange\$21,778.12	
U. S. Bonds & Warrants 10,250.00	
Available Cash	32,028.12
Total 8	179.789.54

LIABILITES

Capital Stock	\$40,000.00
Surplus Funds	10,780.97
Bills Payable	39,112.13
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	89,896.44
Total\$	179,789.54

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Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

The entire community was made sad last Thursday when the news came that George Gafford of Hobbs, N. M., had died there after an operation for appendicitis. He was sick only a few hours. Mr. Gafford is well known here, having come to this place with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford, when he was only nine years old. He had been in business here until 1930 when he moved to Hobbs. He is survived by his wife and three children, his mother and father and four sisters: Miss Maimie Gafford, and Mrs. W. F. Steadman, of Trent, and Mesdames Keltz and Hardison of Vernon. A host of friends will mourn

Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson and son, Mark, C. T. Beckham and Mrs. B. Billings visited friends in Abi-

of Winters were visiting friends here heard. My opponent, John Camp, of Texas for the reasons so clearly Monday afternoon.

Pounds and Fowler, at Pampa.

ger for a visit with her sister.

the guest of her daughter, Mrs. D. V. whether he was do the same should he

their guest this week Miss Leona ted time and knowing that the law Lawrie of Abilene.

vention at Galveston. Miss Irene Dowdy of Abilene were answer the challenge made, whereup. yield is reported fairly good.

dy and wife. Mesdames M. G. Scott, R. B. Johnthe W. M. S. picnic at Anson Thurs-

Garnet Wilks returned to his home at Cordell, Okla., after a visit in the L. E. Adrian home here.

J. E. Bowers.

Mrs. Sidney Pass of Abilene underwent an operation at West Texas Bapmany friends here who wish for her promise as made by my opponent. Eli their four charming children of New and sweat while the boys fuss. One a speedy recovery.

RURAL SOCIETY

MT. PLEASANT DEMONSTRA-

TION CLUB. The Mt. Fleasant Home Demonstration club met Tuesday, July 5, at the M. E. church. The meeting was given to vote on the rules of the cooker. We are proud of the cooker and sealer. There has already been more canned in the community than there ever has been. People are more interested in the club since we have something to work with. The club voted to have a social at Mrs. Curb's Saturday night, July 16, to entertain the husbands. Miss Chambers presented to Mrs. Lida Anderson a dozen fruit jars for being the first to get up her quilt block.

-Reporter.

THE SUNSHINE CLUB. The Hebron Sunshine club met with Miss Mabel McRee on July 8.

Roll call was answered by naming "A Texas Governor." Subject of our program was "Texas Day."

Members present were: Mesdames Jim Williamson, W. L. Whatley, Ross Baker, Houston Clark, O. E. Harwell, Lige Harris, Melvin Jones and Misses Mabel McRee and Anna Mae Harris. Visitors were Mesdames Velmer Shelton and John Dunn and Miss Lola Shelton of Merkel.

The members agreed to postpone any more meetings until after the revival meeting of this community. ---

RINEY REUNION. The Riney reunion was held last Sunday, July 10, at the J. M. Toombs place, better known as the Harry Riney farm, about fourteen miles southwest of Merkel. In the group of .59 members were Grandmother and Joe Riney of Merkel, Mrs. J. M. Toombs and family, Warren Higgins and family, Joe Risinger, wife and baby, al lof Merkel; F. T. Hogan and family of Mt. Pleasant; Loyd Perry and wife of Dora; J. J. Riney, wife son and daughter of Slaton; W. A. ily, also Pat Neill and Walter Hen-Riney and family, Miss Katie Hark- slee. and Mrs. Lawrence Hayes and two music on string instruments was givdaughters, all of Abilene; N. C. en by the young men. All reported a

JOE E. CHILDERS

Candidate for County Judge



To the Voters of Taylor County:

Miss Lena Bright has gone to Bor- judge I will cut my salary in half and serve them in their public offices. give half of it back to Taylor county, Mrs. J. J. Wylie of Monahans is and I challenge Joe E. Childers to say be elected." After my opponent had Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers have as finished his speech, I spoke my allotprohibited the remitting of fees and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley left Fri- that such a promise to secure votes day to attend a rural carriers' con- was in violation of law, I ignored the challenge. When I started to take my Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dowdy and seat, my opponent demanded that I guests Tuesday of Postmaster Dow- on I told the several hundred people ary was the ex-officio salary as fix- the past years. Mrs. Victor Amos and son, Billy fixed by the commissioners court. Af- day. ed challenge, whereupon I told the au- time.

> tion in which my opponent placed me, and Mrs. Reeves. plain the law governing promises as Peggy, visited in the home of Mr. and tore the back end out of his jitney. made by my opponent for the purpose Mrs. Marvin Mayfield of Abilene of securing votes, I take this means Monday.

the case of State ex rel. Clements v. lie Peterson and family. such a canvass as was necessary to J. H. Doan. that, if elected to the office of coun- Malone, Sunday. the office, and without ex-officio Merkel were seen in our midst re-

The following are exact quotations from the Supreme Court in this case. requires every officer, before he en- last week. ters upon the duties of his office, to take an oath or affirmation which indefinite time with relatives in Merembraces the following language: kel. 'And I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I am elected.' It may be that an offer by a candidate for county clerk to remit, in case of election, his feds for ex-officio services, should be deemed an offer to contribute to each taxpayer his proportion of the taxes necessary to raise the sum so remitted."

The supreme court further said, "It is a matter for the legislature to fix the fees and emoluments of all officers to the end that honest, capable, and efficient persons may aspire to

rider, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hayes, Mr. A basket dinner was served and Bush and family, Roy Riney and fam- good time. At 6 o'clock they departed Morris Smith, wife and baby, to their homes, saying goodby and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riney and fam- good luck until next year.

and be chosen to fill them. To permit a candidate, in order to influence the voters, to hold out a promise that he will serve in case of election for less than the fees or salary fixed by law, is to thwart the will of the legislature, and to defeat the object of the law. It is unjust to honest aspirants who rely upon their merits for political preferment, and tends to degrade the public service by making the offices last week. not the reward of official capacity i and honorable conduct, but the prey of those who, by reason of incapacity to earn a livelihood in the common pursuits of life, are willing to undertake the duties of public service for a less sum than the legislature has deemed an adequate compensation for the work. It puts up the offices of the state to the lowest bidder, and conduces to influence the voters to lose sight of the personal fitness of the repective candidates, and to be gov- and bring your friends. erned by considerations of a false economy."

My friends, supporters and voters Mrs. Joe Reneau returned Monday On July 4th a picnic was held at the will see from the above high authority from a month's visit with her par- Butman tabernacle near Nubia in the that a candidate who would make such Misses Elliott of Moran and Cook lic offices of Taylor county were office under the laws of the State in '32. spoke in behalf of his candidacy for stated by our supreme court. Qualifi-Miss Nathalie Walker left Friday county judge and near the close of his cation, merit and character should be Bonds who is still on the sick list. for a visit with her sisters, Mesdames speech he stated in substance that the sole guide of the people in selec-"if you will elect me as your county ting those whom they would have to

Resepectfully. JOE E. CHILDERS Candidate for County Judge Taylor County (Political Adv.)

BLAIR ITEMS

The farmers are very busy hav- hurt. ing their small grain threshed. The

Elder Charlie Bankhead of Dallas noon enjoyed the singing very much. present that a part of the salary of is conducting a revival at the Church Ina Mae Childers and Mrs. Dewey the county judge was derived from of Christ for the week. The young ev- Ramsey and little son spent the weekson, Mangum and McRee attended fees which were fixed by the legis- angelist needs no introduction, as he end with their brother and uncle in lature of Texas and a part of the sal. has held a series of revivals here in Abilene while Elder W. D. Ramsey

were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. again started to my seat and my op- Clyde are the house guests of their day night, July 15. Everyone is inviponent again rose to his feet and de- sister. Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, ted to attend and take a part in the manded that I answer the above stat- and other relatives for an indefinite services.

Since many of my friends and s' p- Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell. Mrs. canning."

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stanford and I quote from the opinion of the children, Miss Marie and Jack, were Supreme Court of Texas as found in Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Char-

Humphreys found in Vol. 12, page 99, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cox, with their S. W. Reporter. In this case, Hump- attractive little son, Warren, of Clint, hreys said to the voters of Mills coun- are the house guests of their father, ty, "As I have been unable to make Sam Provine, and sister, Mr. and Mrs.

inform you in person of my views on Miss Ada Stanford and brother, E., the question of ex-officio services, of Merkel, were visitors in the home I beg leave by this method to say of their aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Mark

ty clerk, I will serve for the fees of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of

cently. Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Stanford of Merkel motored over and spent the "Sec. 1, Art. 16, of our constitution, day with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone

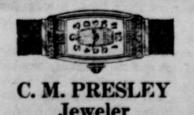
Mrs. Cynthia Hall is spending an

Several from here have been attending the M. E. revival at Nubia this week. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deavers enjoy-

ed a visit from friends of Rochester Sunday afternoon. Miss Vernie Derrick and little sis-

ters of Merkel were out riding in our midst recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ray of Abilene were passing visitors in our vicinity



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CANYON NEWS

eryone is too busy in the fields to go much. Crops are looking fine and most everyone is about through chop-

Mrs. D. M. Hill of Lubbock visited in the J. L. Perry home a few days

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dewell Mc-Lear and family dined with Mr. Hoyt Horton and children Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brobbin and children, Lola and Frank, of Arizona, who are visiting relatives at Castle Peak, attended church at Nu-

Rev. Marvin Williams of Abilene is conducting a revival at the Nubia M. E. church. Everyone is urged to come

COMPERE NEWS

Everything is progressing nicely since we have been blessed with sevents, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Martin, of western part of Taylor county. At this a promise before the election to secure eral days of sunshine. Crops will soon picnic many of the candidates for pub- votes would not be entitled to hold the be pretty and clean for the first time 2

The health of the community is very good at present, except Mrs. Grady Mrs. Bonds is with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Raymond Stout, at present but expects to return to the hospital soon for another operation.

Several of the youngsters from the community attended the singing at Noodle last Friday night.

Miss Neva Ely of Noodle was the week-end guest of Miss Flora Adkins. Jeff Chancey and Flora Adkins were thrown from the running board of a ca: Sunday but were not seriously

Those attending the four corner singing at Zion chapel Sunday after-

filled an appointment at Dewey, near ed by the commissioners court and Byron Morris of Hurley, N. M., was Lawn Sunday and Saturday before. that I would be their county judge for the interesting guest of his nephew, Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer of Truby the salary as provided by law and as Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown, Thurs- attended singing at Compere Sunday

Jo, and Charles Bowers of Abilene ter making the above statement, I Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan of The Baptist meeting will begin Fri-

The good eats are still going in tist hospital Monday. Mrs. Pass has dience that I would not make them the Mr. and Mrs. Omer Reeves with the cans. The women and girls can Cordell of the Nubia community was Jersey visited their grandmother, was heard to say, "you claim you're chairman for the occasion and can Mrs. Minnie Reeves, Monday. They al- canning to keep from starving, but give you all details of what happened. so visited in the home of their friends, we have to nearly starve while you're

porters of Taylor county were pres. John Dickerson and little sons of Syl- Dewey Ramsey and T. A. Tucker ent and saw the embarrassing posi- vester were guests accompanying Mr. are not grieved to tears yet even though Dewey drug off his brood sow and since many have asked me to ex- Mrs. O. L. Mayfield and daughter, and a heifer calf last week and T. A.

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SOUTHLAND GREYHOUND (Seal)

Reserve District No. 11 REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

News is scarce this week as ev- FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

of Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 30, 1932.

RESOURCES

1.	Loans and discounts	\$215,553.58
2.	Overdrafts	
3.	United States Government securities owned	22,000.00
4.	Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	2,250.00
6.	Furniture and fixtures	6,250.00
	Real estate owned other than banking house	
8.	Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	13,847.78
9.	Cash and due from banks	33,506.17
10.	Outside checks and other cash items	917.11
	Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S.	
	Treasurer	312.50
	Total	\$308,255.05
	LIABILITIES	
15.	Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
	Surplus	
	Undivided profits—net	
	Circulating notes outstanding	
	Due to banks, including certified and cashier's checks out-	
	standing	
22.	Demand deposits	
	Time deposits	
	Total	\$308,255.05

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:

I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

> Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of July, 1932. ROSIE LANEY. Notary Public

(SEAL) CORRECT—Attest:

J. T. WARREN, SAM BUTMAN, SR., G. F. WEST. Directors.

ORDER APPROVING THE COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

On this 11th day of July, 1932, the Commissioners' Court of Taylor County, Texas, in regular session, compared and examined the quarterly report of Austin Fitts, Treasurer, for the quarter ending June 30th, 1932, and find the same to be correct and the respective amounts have been received and paid out since the preceding report:

	Received	Paid Out
Jury Fund	\$ 3,418.66	\$ 4,899.45
Precinct No. 1	5,147.25	11,467.82
Precinct No. 2	2,443.90	8,385.30
Precinct No. 3		2,767.99
Precinct No. 4	1,422.96	8,865.75
Third Class General	11,511.68	8,924.68
Fifth Class Pauper	5,774.68	4,127.98
Court House Sinking	458.44	4,250.67
Road District No. 1	1,500.85	1,829.56
Road District No. 2	1,242.20	540.55
Road District No. 3	51.50	162.91
Road District No. 4		213.03
Road District No. 5	267.79	425.44
Road District No. 6	181.19	1,350.28
Road Warrant 6th Fund		
Precinct No. 2 Bond		5,061.38
Precinct No. 3 Bond	139.10	1,909.60
Light Testing Station		1,810.25
Highway 1 and 30 Sinking	2,482.25	8,518.74
Highway 1-A Hamby		8.10
Highway 600 M Account	2,830.93	1,095.38
600 M Sinking		
275 M Sinking	2,731.53	
Permanent Improvement Fund	627.72	125.00
Taylor County Jail Sinking	1,216.81	
Jail Building Account	1.82	
Total	\$ 50.207.00	\$76,739.86
Balance on Hand April 1, 1932	349,850.11	The second
Balance on Hand July 1, 1932	STREET EST	\$323,317.25

SECURITIES OWNED BY SINKING FUND Court House

Road District No. 1 Highway 1 and 30 600 M Account	18,500.00 3,000.00 8,500.00
Total Securities Owned	\$30,600.00
BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNES	3
Court House Bonds	\$ 52,000.00
Jail Building Bonds	98,000.00
Highway Bonds 350 M Issue	309,000.00

Court House Bonds	\$ 52,000.00
Jail Building Bonds	98,000.00
Highway Bonds 350 M Issue	309,000.00
Highway Bonds 600 M Issue	558,000.00
Highway Bonds 275 M Issue	262,000.00
Road District No. 1	73,000.00
Road District No. 2	15,200.00
Road District No. 3	6,500,00
Road District No. 4	8,500.00
Road District No. 5	12,000.00
Road District No. 6	12,000.00
Road Warrants 158 M Issue	54,000.00
Road Warrants 54 M Issue	49,000.00
Machinery Warrants	8,500.00
Total Indebtedness	81.517.700.00

The requirements of Article 401 P. C. have in all respects been complied with, and tabular statements have been filed as required. TOM K. EPLEN, County Judge.

G. B. TITTLE, Com. Prec. No. 1. P. A. DILTZ, Com. Prec. No. 2.

W. P. BOUNDS.

County Clerk.

J. R. TRAMMELL, Com. Prec. No. 3. S. H. McADAMS, Com. Prec. No. 4. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 11th day of July, 1932

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Demo- To the Voters of Precinct No. 2. cratic Primary in July.) For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5: HOUSTON ROBERTSON, (Re-

For Fublic 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

P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.) A. J. CANON.

L. L. MURRAY. For County Tax Assessor: C. W. BOYCE.

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 Dis-

MILBURN S. LONG, (Re-elec-HENRY L. DEBUSK.



FOR SALE

FOR SALE-Used lumber, fencing, windmills, etc. See Carl Thomas.

WANTED

WANTED-Reliable man between ages, of 25 and 50 to supply old esned demand for Rawleigh Profects in Taylor county. Other good ocalities 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.

SAWS FILED, lawn mower repair; furniture repaired and exchanged J. F. Campbell & Son, next door to Blake's Dry Cleaners.

FEED GRINDING, also threshed maize and bran for sale. E. H. Jowers at old Swa ford Feed Store location.

FOR LEASE-150 acre pasture; a man on my farm wants to break land with a tractor cheap; also three houses for rent, one with modern conveniences. S. F. Haynes.

LOST AND FOUND

STOLEN

A two-wheel trailer Monday night, July 4; first bed, a 2x6 bolted to frame work, second bed a 1x12 with standards set in loops attached to first 2x6; stock frames made of 1x6 tongue flooring; the top end gate was not with trailer; had two practically new 30x3 standard tires on it; the axle is a model "T" Ford front axle. Anyone reading this notice that has any knowledge of its whereabouts please notify the editor of this paper or address your information to P. O. Box 254, Merkel. Anyone leading to its recovery will receive reward. "Help enforce the law."

\$25.00 reward is offered for evidence leading to the conviction of the parties who stele my small turkeys from their roost about 25th of June. Any information will be kept confidential. Sam Butman, Sr.

STRAYED-White male pig about 2 Aths old. Notify J. S. Swann.

Soviet Russia bought nearly \$38,-00,000 worth of American industrial machinery in 1931.

Try a Classified Ad for Results. Use The Mail Want Ads.

The United States produced 78.6 per cent of the automobiles made in the world last year.

A whale, 29 feet long, has been found dead in Grand Haven bay, Gurnsey, England.

Seeks Re-Election as County Commissioner On Record in Office

Taylor County:

Pleas consider this a personal appeal to you for your vote and influence, as it will be impossible for me to see cach of you and at the same time attend to my work that I have going c. at this time. I feel that it is very important that you re-elect a man to represent your precinct that has had experience in that line of work as there is to be a new county judge and some new commissioners to take over your county affairs the first of January.

I am asking for re-election on my record as a servant that has tried to

thousand dollars in debt. I have paid prices. out this debt and have done the work and now at this time have a nice balance to the credit of my precinct and ing fund where it should have been and the other by Malone Brothers. and where I have insisted all the time that it ought to be we can lower your taxes for the next three years for about twenty-two cents on the hundred dollars valuation without having to let what roads and bridges we now have go to pieces for want of funds to keep them up.

Thanking you for your past cooperation in helping me and asking your earnest consideration as to FOUR REFRIGERATORS for sale, qualifications and ability to serve you next door to Blake's Dry Cleaners. commissioner I want your vote and streams flowing south. influence.

Phillip A. Diltz.

Office supplies-Mail office. Try a Classified Ad in The Mail. Picnic on July 20th

To Have Big Basket

Red & White Stores

An old-fashioned, all-day basket picnic is being planned by the Red and White Stores in the Abilene, Coleman, Sweetwater, Big Spring, Stamford, Spur and San Angelo units to be held at Buffalo Gap on Wednesday, July 20,

The affair is being arranged not only for the owners and employees of Red and White Stores but their customers as well are invited and all are requested to bring their baskets and a generally good time is in store.

Ft. Worth Livestock

do what I thought the best for every demand was fairly active in the cat- ville 41 of his 66 years, most of the body concerned and tried to be fair tle market at Fort Worth Wednesday time as owner and editor of the Stepwith the county and also the taxpay- and helped to maintain price levels. henville Empire, which he sold early ers. I have always been for running Packers were inclined to buy some of in 1930. His name has never been on the county government on as small the less desirable grades at slightly an election ticket before except in expense as was possible to do and in lower prices, and some of the steers 1908, when his party named him as these depressed times I believe in still that sold under the \$4.50 mark were one of the presidential electors for cutting the expenses to meet the in- a little lower in spots. Stocker cattle W. J. Bryan. He says if he gets one come as the only way that any busi- sold to a fair demand at steady pri- third as many votes this time as he ness or branch of government can go ces and the offering was a little more did on that occasion, he will be nomion is to not spend more than its liberal than usual. Hogs were steady nated without going into the run-off. to 5c higher. Yearlings wethers were When I went into the commission. 25c lower and lambs were 15c to 25c er's office this precinct was about ten lower; aged wethers sold at steady paper. There's a message in every one

Cattle Shipments.

Rabur, Ind., was the destination of don't owe one cent. If I can get the two cars of cattle shipped during and you also know the merchants apco-operation of the rest of the com- the past week from Merkel, Souer's preciate your patronage because they missioners in placing what money we Sale company being the purchasers. solicit your business and make specnow have in the bank into the sink- One car was sold by Collins Brothers ial offering of their goods.

> Record of Births. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bierra, months. residing south of town, Thursday,

July 7, 1932. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grantham, living west of Trent, Saturday, July 9, 1932.

There are approximately 2000 daily . newspapers in the United States. About 95 per cent of all rivers in

choice \$3.50. J. F. Campbell and Son, the next two years as your county North America flow south or into Adding machine rolls at Merkel

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Ex-Newspaper Man Seeks Place No. 2

W. H. Hawkins of Stephenville, interest of his campaign.

Temple, who has driven for her fath- | week. er on the last 1,700 miles of the 7,000 -an art shop in Temple-to campaign with her father.

He and Mrs. DeGrammond drove to Sweetwater from here an will invade the Panhandle of Texas.

Mr. Hawkins is a native of Texas, Fort Worth, July 14.-Order buyer and has been a resident of Stephen-

> Read the advertisements in this 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,

It cost nearly \$12,000,000 to supply London with water in the last 12

Mail want ads pay dividends.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be giad 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.

"It's Tom's Time" Say Hunter Workers

"It's Tom's Time" has been adopcandidate for congressman-at-large, ted as a campaign slogan by the workplace No. 2, was here Friday in the ers in behalf of the candidacy of Tom F. Hunter, Wichita Falls, candidate He was accompanied by his daugh- for governor, it was announced from ter, Mrs. Harry C. DeGrammond of the Wichita Falls headquarters this

he has covered by automobile in the ing distributed to regional and county lene, Texas. interest of his candidacy. Mrs. De- managers from Hunter state head-Grammond, a college woman and an quarters here. The slogan was adapartist has left her personal business ted to illustrate the fact, it was an- or 61.

nounced, "that the people of Texas want new blood in the governor's chair and that Tom Hunter's the

5 1-2 per cent Federal Loans are Better Loans. Longer time, lower rates; plenty of money; never come due. W. Homer Shanks, Sec'y.-Trees., Citizens N. F. L. A. Farms, Ranches, Business Property for sale or ex-Stickers bearing his slogan are be- change. Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abi-

If you have any visitors. Phone 29



SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY

FLOUR, Queen of the West	85c
SUGAR, 25 lbs., pure cane	\$1.15
SPUDS, No. 1, peck	22c
SPUDS, No. 1, 10 pounds	15c
MILK, Carnation, large, 4 for	25c
MILK, Carnation, small, 3 for	10c
SYRUP, Country Sorghum, gallon	55c
SYRUP, corn and cane	50c
COFFEE, Folgers, 5 pounds	\$1.70
COFFEE, Folgers, 2 pounds	73c
COFFEE, Folgers, 1 pound	37c
THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE	

Sale on Folgers Coffee sponsored by the Ladies of the Gleaners class of the Methodist Church

CANS, No. 2, per 100	\$2.80
CANS, No. 2, Lacquired	\$3.00
JARS, Kerr Mason, quarts	75c
JARS, Kerr Mason, 1-2 gallon	\$1.00

JULY CLEARANGE

On Ladies' Hats **And Dresses**

Reduced prices on our entire stock of ladies' hats and dresses-wash and silk—all this season's styles and patterns.



Any Hat in house your choice

Two lots of Silk Dresses to close out \$3.98 and \$2.98

Just right for the hot summer days, new Marcy Lee Wash Frocks, regular \$1.95 value to close out

\$1.49

Remember our entire stock of ladies' Hats and Dresses at greatly reduced prices for July Clearance

reasons for having a telephone



"They're opening the plant again? . . . sure I'll be there!"







"Please change my abpointment to Priday."



"Pieres burry, dector. We're worried alont

THE situations above suggest the countless wars a tola phone saves time and worry . . ways in which it makes life easier and more enjoyable It you haven't a telephone, we believe you're missing a lot of satisfaction, to say the least. And emergencies do come. At such times a single telephone call may be priceless.

For only a few cents a day, you can have a telephone of your own. No more trips to the neighbors, or the corner store. Cad the tecephone busines, office.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL



TELEPHONE COMPANY

Pictures of Young People's Assembly

people at McMurry college a movie tions to Ernest C. Dowell, Merkel, picture man was there to take pic. Texas. Help answer our prayer by He spent three days taking these pic-

pictures. No preaching.

cured to bring his machine and show win one soul to Christ during this rethe pictures. This is a rare treat and vival. Everybody welcome. a wonderful way to present the work the young people are doing in assembly work.

The regular services will be held at the morning hours.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

attendance last Sunday with a good er in charge. Large crowds are atattendance at the other services was tending and you are urged to come and Vera Walker in serving delicious a pleasure to all worshippers.

m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Our B. T. S. meets at 7:15 p. m. We invite you to worship with us. J. T. King, Pastor.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.

"A Flood, a Rainbow and a Prom-

"A Wicked World," De La Vergne "A Good Man," Lena Mae Moore.

"Noah Builds the Ark," J. A. Bar-

"Noah and His Family Go into the Ark." Charles Escue. "The Flood Comes," Lurline Tar-

"The Rain Ceases," Ora Derrick.

"The Rainbow," Bud Gambill. Poem, "Just Be Right," Horace

Boney.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday School at 10 a. m. Surely the weather will not prevent every Mail office. member of the Sunday School being

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:30.

Come and worship with us. W. M. Elliott, Supt.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

BUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. Due to the fact that the Presbyterians dismissed their Sunday School on account of the Buffalo Gap encampment, only five Sunday Schools are reported for last Sunday, the total being 831. This compares with 527 on the previous Sunday and with 674 on the same Sunday a year ago.

MEN'S PRAYER SERVICE.

The scripture lesson from the 9th chapter of 1 Corinthians will be read by Mr. Green at the next Sunday Afternoon Prayer service, with comment on same to be made by Tom Coats. A cordial invitation is extended to all the men in Merkel and surrounding communities to attend this service.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Our revival is near-July 24. We are expecting a great time in the Lord. We expect your co-operation and will appreciate that. "As your faith is, so be it unto you." We never saw a time that we needed to get close to God and render to Him our very best service as now.

You can't live a careless life six days and try to be a Christian on the seventh and win souls. Oh, for a Christian every day and Sunday that will make people hunger for a higher, nobler life than many are living today. Pray more than you ever did, live close to God and vote right; if

our heart is right, we will. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7:30 p. m. Preaching 8:30 p. m. We invite you, if you are not going to other churches, to meet with us and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend our

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

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

In the last five months the Lord has added to our church about 100 souls. We humble ourselves before Him and praise Him for the great success he has given us.

Our revival meeting will probably go on until we have a 50x75 foot tabernacle to move into. We wish to offer our sincere thanks to Mrs. Alice Rose for the two splendid lots she presented to our church. The lots are now ours, with not a penny against them,

and are being cleared getting ready to build

Subscriptions are already coming To Be Shown Here in on the tabernacle. If anybody who believes in the work we are doing will send us an offering we will soon Mary Eula, the hostess. At the recent assembly of young have money to build. Send subscriptures of the assembly and classes, sending in liberally to this worthy

Remember everybody be at Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Sunday. If you These pictures consist of three are a member or if you join Sunday rolls and will be shown Sunday night you will receive a nice "Acts of the at the Methodist church here. The pro- Apostle." All the young people and gram will consist of songs and the juniors remember to come and work faithfully and Sunday night we have Mr. Crosby of Abilene has been se- a "little surprise" for you. Let us all

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

FULL GOSPEL TENT.

A big revival under the auspices of the full gospel tent is now going on just north of Woodrum's Filling station on Kent street, with Evangelist scriptural program. The large increase in Sunday School | Maud Jolly, a forceful woman speakearly if you want to get a good seat.

Farmer Has Luck.

of August DiMauri there would be few properties sold for taxes. Two \$20 gold pieces, dated in the 1850's, were turned up by DiMaure as he was spading a section of his yard. He used the money to pay his taxes.

Pen Population Cut.

Austin, July 14.-There was light shrinkage in the Texas penitentiary population at the close of June as compared with May. The total number of prisoners decreased from 5634 in May to 5598 in June, a loss

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Typewriting and carbon paper at

HOUSE GUESTS HONORED.

Misses Vivian Sears of Abilene and Ruth Streater of Lake Charles, Louisiana, who have been the house guests of Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears this week, were complimented with a pretty party on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Miss

The house was artistically decorated with sweet peas. Tallies also stressed the flower, sweet peas, for games Coit. of bridge. At the refrehment hour a most refreshing salad course was served to Misses Ruth Streater, Vivian Sears, Mary Rogers of Abilene, Christine Collins, Mesdames Ted Nichols, W. T. Sadler, George Caple and Miss Mary Eula Sears.

WILLING WORKERS PARTY. Members of the Willing Workers class were most graciously entertained in the home of R. A. Walker on L. L. Murray co-hostess with Mrs. Walker. Mrs. John Russell led a most and each member participated in a

At the refreshment hour the hostice cream and cake to Mesdames Ethel Our Sunday School meets at 10 a. A hearty welcome is extended to all. Tucker, John Russell, S. A. Derstine, W. D. Butler, W. M. Elliott, Misses Dote Garoutte, Mary, Lizzie and Jen-Erie, Pa., July 14.-If every ama.. ny Keny, Mamie, Vera and Robbie teur gardner had the good fortune Walker, Mesdames Murray and Walk-

> SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION MEETS.

The Sweetwater Association of the Women's Missionary society held their quarterly meeting in Merkel as guests of the W. M. S. of the local Baptist church on July the 8th.

sure of the guests, also to expedite white heavies. the many businesses of the day's ac-

Mrs. O. H. Cooper of Abilene presided throughout the day: Mrs. T. E. bes. Collins welcomed the visitors; Mrs. Ensminger led the devotional; Miss Lucy Tracy was at the piano, and Mrs. Ann Brown led in the singing

of hymns. She also most graciously bers of the Gleaner class of the Methorendered a solo at the opening exer- dist church Tuesday afternoon, with cises of the meeting. An extensive plan Mrs. Eli Case co-hostess. of work was laid out and this meeting saw the fulfillment of many past undertakings just culminated.

A covered dish luncheon was served at high noon to sixty-five guests.

T. E. L. CLASS OUTING. The monthly meeting for members Mrs. Hail Lancater, preceded a picnic supper enjoyed by fifteen class members and one visitor, Mrs. Henry

SUBLETT REUNION.

The Sublett relatives held their annual reunion July 5 at the Sweetwater city park. Some spent the day in conversing while others of the group enjoyed playing on the playground fixtures in the park. At twelve o'clock a sumptuous picnic lunch was spread.

Those who attended were Mrs. Mace Sublett and son, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hedrick and five children, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hedrick, Misses Irene, Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 with Mrs. Pauline and Gwendolyn Sublett and Jack Sublett, al lof Sweetwater, and Geo. A. Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. Len inspiring devotional, hymns were sung Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. Verner Sublett and daughter, Mrs. Tye Sublett and two children, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes and three children, Mrs. S. son, Misses Mary Helen Lancaster, Julia Proctor, Wanda Hunter, Imogene Hayes, Ben Sublett, Ralph Hayes and J. B. Moore, all of Merkel.

> GLEANER CLASS. The home of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown on Oak street was opened to mem-

Cash for EGGS AND CHICKENS

Will pay 7c per lb. for fryers-Leg-The church was beautifully decora- horns and all under two pounds, ted with summer flowers and every including colors; 9c, 2 to 3 pounds, inconsideration was made for the plea- cluding reds, Plymouth Rocks and

Paying 5 cents for eggs; must be graded and candled. See me for Gillette Tires and Tu-

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

The devotional was given by Mrs. L. D. Boyd and prayer by Mrs. Underwood. The business was disposed of and a social hour followed after which refreshments were served to Mesdames Stanford, Largent, Boyd, Church, Hail, Underwood, Roberts, V. Sublett, Hunter, Gambill, Toombs, of the T. E. L. class was held at Shan- Ferrier, Vaughn, Latham, Patterson, non's pool on July 7 at 6 o'clock. A Hughes, Turner, L. Sublett, Briggs, business session, presided over by and one visitor, Mrs. R. L. Stewart,

LOYAL BAND.

The Loyal Band class of the Methodist church enjoyed a picnic at Shannon's pool Tuesday evening.

After a wonderful swim, a picnic lunch was served to the following members and visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Shelton, Melba Taylor, Janet Hayes, Opal Buzbee, Elna Tucker, Thelma Patterson, Pauline Lasater, Mollye Frank Touchstone, Robbie Walker and Rosemary Lassiter.

18c

18c

19c

19c

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

TOMATOES, fancy pinks, pound 5c COMPOUND, full 8 lb. pail 57c FLOUR, Extra High Patent, every sack guaranteed, 48 pounds .95c COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 2 lbs. 27c 22c LEMONS, extra fancy, 360 size, dozen VANILLA WAFERS, large size 23c DRIED PRUNES, APPLES, AND PEA-CHES, 2 pounds 23c BROOMS, a good one 23c PINEAPPLE, Del Monte, gallon 45c SYRUP, cane crush, gallon 57c

FOLGERS COFFEE SALE Sponsored by Gleaners Class of M. E. Church

BAKING POWDER, K. C., 25 c size

TEA, Tetley's Edglets, 1-4 lb. can

PEANUT BUTTER, 16 ounce jar

GRAPE JUICE, pint bottle

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TEXAS RAILROADS PAY SUBSTANTIAL PART OF STATE'S TAX BURDEN

Taxes is one of the large fixed charges connected with the operation of Texas railroads. From the standpoint of the welfare of state, counties and communities, railroad taxes are of much importance. This annual obligation must be met from the earning capacity of the rail carriers.

In 1931 the railroads of Texas paid a total of \$8,303,108.47 in federal, state, county, municipal and miscellaneous taxes. The distribution of this amount to the various tax funds is shown below:

Amount Paid	Per Cent of Total Tax Paid
U. S. Government \$ 61,270.13	.74
State 1,954,435.47	23.54
County 1,146,669.97	13.81
Reads 1,699,764.15	20.47
Improvement Districts 175,606.87	2.12
Schools 1,437,152.74	17.31
Cities	21.59
Miscellaneous	.42
Total\$8,303,108.47	100.00

It can thus be seen that railroad taxes represent an important and indispensable factor in the economic life of our state. They help in a large measure to pay the expense of our state, county and municipal government, build and maintain highways, pay the cost of drainage and other improvements, and support our schools and educational institutions.

It is the desire of Texas railroads to extend this helpfulness to Texas counties and communities in carrying this heavy burden. However, their ability to meet these obligations as they become due depends upon their ability to earn sufficient revenue with which to pay this and other heavy expenses connected with their operation.

• RAILROADS HAVE ALWAYS SHOULDERED THEIR SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE NATION, THE STATE, AND THE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR ABILITY.

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