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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY,

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AUGUST 12, 1932.
TWELVE RACES
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Oath Administered by Father's Old Friend
who won a decisive victory in the
July 23 primary race for justice of
the peace, place No. 1, precinet 1 ,
was appointed by the county co missioners in their regular secsion-
Monday to fill the unexpired term of Monday to fill the unexpired term of
M. C. Lambeth, deeeaspd
Merkel has especial interest in his Merkel has especial interest in his
installation in office, ass unge $W$. $W$.
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Cotton Jumps

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

Cotton showers continuing most of
Tuesday morning measured a half inch of rainfall, coming at just the
right time for the hot weather plant Added to the year's previous total
20.9 inches, the 1932 rainfall for Me kel now stands at 21.49 inche Car loadings for the past week, a reported
ress of
of of whe
barely, $\qquad$
J. W. Moore, $\overline{\text { farmer residing south }}$ of Blair, was exhibiting two ears of pop corn Saturday that lived up to about, but very few have seen. They out in his field
Beginning the circuit at Spring-
field, III., next week and winding with the Kansas City Royal in Novem ber, fourteen head of exhibition cat-
tle were shipped Monday night by tle were shipped Monday night by
C. M. Largent and Sons to the Ininois city. Willie Joe Largent went by
Plainview with his Plainview with his wife and family and from there has gone to be
Springfield for the first show.
Alfred Dickinson, 8-year-old son of City Marshal and Mrs. P. P. Dickin-
son, had the misfortune to break his left arm at the elbow joint, while playing with his brothers Saturday
afternoon. He was taken to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene for treatment.
R $\gg$ Hi-Jacked on Freight. enlisted Sunday night by four traia riders on a west bound freight, who isported to him that they, with four ithers, had been hijacked on the train. They went to Sweetwater and with assid the riders but could not find the offending party. The complainante were deeply gratefui to the MerIf you have any visitor.. Phone 20

PERSONALS No PRSONALS





## RITZ

abilene, texas Where It's Cool "Steady Company" Orman Foster-June Clyde asu Pitts-Henry Armett
J. Farrell McDonald

## ympic News-Cartoon-Serial

$\overline{\text { Mon.-Tues }}$ "By Whose Hand" Ben Lyon-Barbara Weeks neth Thom
Wed.-Thurs The Wonder Pctur "Hell Divers" Wallace Berry-Clark Gable

> THE COMMERCIAL USE OF TEXAS HIGHWAYS IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT

- The highways of Texas are the property of its citizens. They constitute a system of nearly 200,600 miles of road of which 20,000 miles are designated as State highways and "Comginder ome comentv roads. All types of road are represented in this zystem, less then $5 \%$ have o-called "permanent" surface.

The total cost of these highways is unknown but it amounts to many hundred million dollars. From 1917 to 1980 , inclusive, counties and road districts of the State issued $\$ 243,592.834$ in bonds for the construction and
improvement of roads and bridges. In the two-year period ending August 31, 1930, the State Highway Commission expended $\$ 89,032,825$, of which $\$ 22,488,426$ was for maintenence of ${ }^{+1}$. State highways.
In view of these tremendous costs the preservation of our highways from rapid wear and destruction is a matter of very vital interest to their owners, viz., the public. It is especially important that they be made to outlast

The use of the public highways for commercial purposes is not a right but a privilege which may be withheld or granted subject to such restrictions, regulations and charges as the Legislature may see fit to impose. and safeguard the interests of the public.

Texas Railroads, which pay the entire cost of construction and maintenance of their own roadbeds and, in addition, make substantial contributions to the cost of Texas highways, are thoroughly regulated with respect
to their services, rates, methods and practices. There is no good reason why to their services, rates, methods and practices. There is no good reason why the public, should not likewise be regulated to such extent as the publia interest requires and pay such charges as will represent proper compensation for the privileges granted them.

The statutes governing highway transportation as enected by the Foztysecond Legislature represent the wishes of the citizens of this State and express their desire to give equal rights to all and special privilegcs to none. These statutes should be given a fair trial and their value ascertained. Unless this is done, a chaotic condition in transportation as a whole will urely enseve.

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## "RED\&WHITE環 <br> SPECIALS for friday and saturday

AUGUST 12 AND 13

PEACHES, fancy eating, Elberta, doz $\quad 23 \mathrm{c}$
Lemons
fancy, Bridal Veil, doz. 29 c SPUDS, No. 1 Ree Triumph, 10 lbs $\quad 19 \mathrm{c}$ YAMS $=-=3_{2}^{2} C$ LETTUCE, fancy crisp, head Apricols $\begin{aligned} & \text { peeled, fine for } \\ & \text { preserving, No. } 10 \text { can }\end{aligned} 49 \mathrm{C}$ PINEAPPLE, No. 2 broken slice, 2 for 25 c PEAS, No. 2 Kuners Economy, 2 cans ....25c
Tomatoes ${ }_{3}^{\mathrm{Niot}} \mathrm{ior}$
25 c
HOMINY, medium can, 2 for $\quad 15 \mathrm{c}$
PORK \& BEANS, B \& W, med. can 2 for 15 c


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## RIRTHDPVIES

FIFTH INSTALLMENT SYNOPSIS: Johnny Breen, 16 years
old, who had spent all of his aboard a Hudson river tugboat plying near New York, is tossed into the river in a terrific collision which sinks the tug, drowns his mother and the
man he called father. Ignorant, unman he called father. Ignorant, un-
schooled, and fear driven, he drags schooled, and fear driven, he drags
himself, ashore, hides in the friendly
darkness of a darkness of a huge covered truck-
only to be kieked out at dawn-and into the midst of a tough gang of river rat boys who beat and chase him.
He escapes into a basement doorway
where he hides. The next day he i rescued and taken into the home of their second-hand clothing store.
He works in the sweatshop storeand is openly courted by Becka-the
young daughter ... The scene shifts to the home of the wealthy Van Horns
-on 5th Avenue, where lives the on 5th Avenue, where lives the
bachelor-Gilbert
Van Horn-in
whose life there is a hidden chapter. That chapter was an affair with his
mother's maid, who left the house when he was accused.
NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY Harriet had left with a man, her father or brother. Simmons did not
know: They walked down toward Park Avenue, and beyond, to the river, an to
the Cavalier. Tom Breen was glad to get her at any price.
As Gilbert left home his father
gripped him by the hand. "Well, Gia gripped him by the hand. "Well, Gill
bert, you are a Van Horn, not a Hal. again. I suppose she knows how to
take care of herself." The words, the this be a lesson to you.
At the club confidence, pouring out in the utmost ball of Sherwood, tossed it off and
told the whole story to Marvin Kelly, a gentleman who mingled politics with
law. "I recall the girl, Marvin, a hand:
"Wouldn't mind mixing in it myself The two friends strolled up the ave nue in the dusk.
nue in the dusk.
For a block or so each way. groups For a block or so each way. groups
the fiterers, and the curious, talked of
the crowd the fights. The crowd gradually thick-
ned before the doors of ened before the doors of the club. Now
and then some notable would appear; the McManus came; then followed the
district chief of an adjoining prince district chief of an adjoining princi-
pality in the close feudal system of
Tammany; or some sporting celebrity Tammany; or some sporting celebrity
would dash up in a cab. It was more would dash up in a cab. It was more
the attraction of the club than any drew these men. Pug Malone, the
trainer, generally put up a show. Boys and men, generally put up a show. Boys on, with the perpetual
and interest of expectation.
Gilbert Van Horn and Judge Kelly,
wearing silk opera hats, and with rak ish cloaks over their evening dress.
stepped from a red wheeled hansom. They had dressed the part, a bit of
convention in the old city, for the
Bowery, and the bums, expected it the quality.
As they alighted Sol Bernfeld,
holding John by the arm, passed the holding John by the arm, passed the
door of the club and entered the fight-
er's dressing room. It was crowded John had learned that he need only
fight one opponent at a time, and he knew that leather gloves were far less
damagigg than brass knuckles. His
point of view was typical of his exper. point of view was typical of his exper-
ience. Generally he got five dollars for
a fight, not an inconsiderable amount, "But you got to win. Remember
John, you got to win to money." John and Sol were being
pushed along a narrow aisle to the ringside as Gilbert and the Judge took
their seats, chatting with the Mc Manus. Blue smoke lifted in the air,
drifting in flat veils like unstedy drifting in flat veils like unsteady
saucers of mist. A hum of talk rose
between the seraps. It diencee; it was a time of hard heroic
fighting. A hush fell fighting. A hush fell over the hall as
the announcer appeared. John had the announcer appeared. John ha
climbed into the ring, and a million
fiere fierce little eyes, terribly close togeth
er, in pairs, seemed to be boring a him from all sides of an endless void.
Immediately about him, under Immediately about him, under
streaming light, was stark reality. streaming light, was stark reality.
"The next bout, gentlemen, an' I
hope it will be a bout,"-there was a slight pause filled with boos and peers
"is between"-and the stout man under the floodlights in the center of
the ring brought a piece of paper the ring brought a piece of paper
closer to his eyes-"is between Rasper (Jorgan", he waved his hand toward
a corner of the squared circle-a dark-skinned muscular youth rose to
the introduction, grinning at the the introduction, grinning at the
crow, "known as the 'Polack Wonder,
col ing at John Breen-"a fighting Lip vitch!"
The fighters had their bandages ex-
amined. The gloves were adjusted. amined. The gloves were adjusted.
The stools were pulled from the corn The stools were pulled from the corn-
ers. All but the roferee left the ring. ers . above the ressined canvas, The cold above the resined canvas. The cold
white light pelted down on them. White light pelted down on them.
Their bodies glistened, like animated
speeimens on some moaster oprating specimens on some monster oprating
table. The calls of the crowd roes more violent than ever. The Polack
Wonder was picked to win. Cries of Wonder was picked to win. Cries of
"Kill the whitewashed kyke! Knock "Kill the whitewashed kyke! Knock
his block off! Bust him up! Mix'er! Kill him!" interspersed with oaths,
greeted the senses of John, reeling greeted the senses of John, reeling
backward from a hard bow on the nose. The warm salty blood trickling
over his lips, sucking into his mouth,
filled him with an ungovernable rage. filled him with an ungovernable rage.
Dancing before his narrowed eyes he Dancing before his narrowed eyes he
saw the thing he was after. a cruel saw the thing he was after. a cruel
fighter who, in those red moments,
epitomized the enmity of man.
 During the as the fighters, by their actions, revealed a lack of science, many of the audience turned their backs to
the ring, preferring to discuss matters of greater interest while awaiting the main event of the evening, a much touted bout between third--rate heav-
ies. But, as the Rasper drew blood ies. But, as the Rasper drew blood,
and the fighting kyke showed spunk and the fighting kyke showed spunk,
the fans, alert on the instant, turned back to the ring. The tiered seats and the gallery bent over, glued to their chairs and benches. The mephitic air, heavy with stale tobacco and foul with
the fumes of whiskey breath, vibrated the fumes of whiskey breath, vibratig
under the impact of tight fighting . gloves pummeling human flesh.

The Rasper landed again and again
The Rasper landed again and again,
then John, seeing an opening, drove then John, seeing an opening, drove bare the lower teeth of the Polack.
Dand bare the lower teeth of the Polack.
Dark blood oozed from the cut lip in a sluggish stream. A quick left to the jaw, partly blocked by the Rasper
spattered blood over both fighter the gong sounded the end of the round
Cher Chers rose from the fingside, cat
calls and boos mingled with the dim calss and boos mingled with the dim.
The stamping of feet and the dust
and smoke that lifted attested their approval. They were
getting blood and action for their
Stools were shoved into the ring and
the Rasper wa.s rushed to his corner.
A towel tosser, gulping large mouth
fuls of water, from a bottle, sprayed
the contents over the face and body of
the contents over the face and body of
his man, while two others massage
his arms and legs, and advisers from
the Greenpoint section whispered
breathless instructions for the contin-
uation of the battle. Bets were being
laid laid on their man, and partisan fa
shouted encouragement. "Ya got hi
Rasp. Kill him in the . Rasp. Kill him in the next! He's white
-he is! Plug his wind! Look out for
his right: He's a nut reack him!"
Fighting Lipvitch also had his ad-
herents. Men yelled and howled





opponent. An angry murmur aro
rom the excited crowd
flose by the ringing of the gong for
the second round.
the second round.
The experienced Rasper ducked an
dodged in a waiting game to wind and
tire his opponent. Hoots and howls of rage greeted these unpopular man-
euvers. "The Polack's stall", euvers. "The Polack's stallin'!", some
one shouted and an empty flask whirl ed at him, missed, and crashed into
the spectators in the opposite ringsid seats. A great cheer for John swept
through the crowd as his right fist again smashed against the jaw of the thud of a perfect blow, rocking his man, for an instant, against the ropes.
John responded to the change of sentiment with a burst of speed, landing right and left against the body in
quick succession and jumping clear of a furious counter blow. Purple blotehes rose under the impact of his fists.
Then. after a running minute. a short Then. after a running minute. a short
hook to the wind ended the round. The hook to the wind ended the round. The
Rasper staggered to his corner, a look of doubt crossing his battered
face. John fell onto his stool, his nose again bleeding, a thick trickle of gore smearing down his throat and over his heaving chest. At a whistle from the
trainer two boys from the Samson rainer two boys from the Samson
Club elbowed Sol and his assistant out of the corner, stripped off their coats and began rubbing and blowing water ander direction of Pug Malone. A chird man swung a towel alternately
from his shoulders, fanning air into from his shoulders, fanning air into
John's face. They rubbed and kneaded
his legs, for fighters tire there first. his legs, for fighters tire there first.
"Play his wind," was the advice of Malone, "don't step-mind your
guard," and the third round was call-
R \& R RITZ
$\frac{\text { Sweetwater }}{\text { Sunday } 2 \text { and } \frac{\text { Monday }}{4 \mathrm{P}} \text { M. then }}$

Monday
Tom Brown
Tom Brown in
"Tom Brown of Culver"
News-Comedy

Tuesday-Wednesday Carole Lombard

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Chester Morris } \\
& \text { "Sirners in the Sun" } \\
& \text { News-Comedv }
\end{aligned}
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Thursday-Friday
"The First Year"
Janet Gaynor-Chas. Farrell

## Saturday Peggy Shannon in "After the Rain"

 NOTICE-August 14 to 20,inclusive is "GO TO SHOW

## WEEK.

If you are a movie fan you should go to show some one
day this week. All work and no play is not good for you.

## ed with gong.

 "Some is natural fighters, same assome is swimmers," Pug Malone was
expounding his views in the dressing some is swimmers," Pug Malone was
expounding his views in the dressing
room of the Samson Sporting Club, after the fight. "They just naturally
know how to fight, to put steam int a punch, an' kick, when it lands. Why dammit, ninety-nine fighters out of a
hundred hit like windmills. Now, that hundred hit like windmills. Now, that he's no kyke--that kid's a born natur-
al fighter." al fighter."
The Jorgan-Lipvitch fight, ending
by a elean knockout in the by sixth round, after a mill filled with fight from, start to the count of
ten, completely overshadowed the main event, in which the mixed-ale
pugilists, "Red Herring" "Hed pugilists, "Red Herring" "Hennessy
and Jeff Keegan, floundered around in elumsy buffeting while the crowd
dwindled in distut (Continued Next Week.)

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## Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS
Mr. MeCombs of Rotan, en route to
Abilene for a wisit with his son and
family, stoppedo over here son and family, stopped over here Saturda,
for a few days visit with Mrs, W. B. Goode.
John $\mathbf{C}$. Howel John C. Howell of Abilene was
business visitor here Wednesday.
Stanley Stanley Armour and family,
have been living an have been living at Rankin, have
moved here. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. .. Z. Titsworth and
little daughter, Peggy forle a daughter, Peggy, who visited
few days with relatives and friends. Sidney are a steen and little son Sidey are guests of her parents, Mr.
and Mr. . John Halrook
Miss Ida $V$. Estep is home after a visit at Longy.ew. She was accompan-
ied by her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roggie, who are moving Messrs. Dalbert Burk and Guy
Franklin of Lamesa were recent Miss Jean Terry of Clyde was the house guest of Mrs. J. E. Bowers and
visited with other relatives and
friends here from Wednesday till Marion Billings, who has been in Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wood return-
ed Monday from Taft where they
were called Thursday to attend the
bedside of a little nephew, Sonny Boy bedside of a little nephew, Sonny Boy
Rosson, who is seriously ill with lock Leona Laure of Abilene visited here
Saturday. Mrs. Bessie Billings reMr. and Mrs. John Strain an
daughters, Dorothy Jo and will
Dean, went to Greenvile Sat Dean,
a visit
mother
Miss

## ed home after a pleasant visit of sev- eral weeks at Pecos with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bigre

 Everett Biggs.Mr. Charles Huff of Dora was a
ending to business here. Saturda onio, who are visiting his brother
near Merkel, visited relatives her Mrs. Hale McRee and little son, H L., and daughter, Virginia Cloe, re
urned home Thursday of last week or a few days visit in Fort Worth
with her sister, Mrs. Clay Causseau and brother, Rochell McGowen.
Tyman Davenport of kla., is the guest of relatives.
Mesdames Annie Boone and Roye Dowdy left Thursday for a visit of a xander of Hobbs, N. M. Mrs. Alex week for a visit h Ming of Deming, N. M., are guests Mr. and Mrs. Will Duncan.
A protracted meeting will begin on Sunday, August 14, at the Baptist
church, conducted by Rev. Geo. W Parkg of Roscoe, assisted by Rev. J.
Perry King of Rule. Ewell Per UNION RIDGE NEWS The Union Ridge Methodist revival
meeting starts Friday night, August 12 Everyone is urged to come and Jother, Mrs M. A. Douggas.
Mis. mother, Mrs. M. A. Douglas.
Miss Lucille Jones returned home at Sidney last week
Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie
West of Merkel were Sunday guests in Jo home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H.
On the Goodman community. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes of Merkel
were Sunday afternoon visitors in the EM. Dean home
M. Dean hee Ponder left last Friday
for Rising Star for Rising Star where she will visit her mother.
Miss Mar
Mise Marybel Douglas was Satur-
day night's guest in the home of Mrs A. C. Boney of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Cly
Mass
Sucited
viciter
Barley. last week with Miss Gladys Mise Ruth Davis of Merkel was Fay Douglas. Phillip Skidmore of $\mathbf{G o}$ lan $i_{s}$ visiting in the M. L. Douglas Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin and daughter returned last week from ter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John
Meeks. They were accompanied by Meeks. They were accompanied by
Mrs. Irvin's brother, Mr. Otha

RURAL SOCIETY

 Mrs. J. C. Elmore celebrated her which were demonstrated.
inetieth birthday Sunday at the home The next meeting will be Aug. 1
oner daughter, Mrs. E. L. Frazier $f$ the Butman community All of Mrs. Elmore's children were
with her daughter for a number of
years. Mr. Elmore died September 2,
1927.
All of Mrs. Elmore children were
present for a big dinner. In the center present for a big dinner. In the center
f the table was a large birthday
ake with ninety candles on it. ake with ninety candles on it.
The children present were George
Elmore of Wichita Falls, Mrs. C. M.
 SALT BRANCH CLUB,
The Salt Branch Home Demonstra The Salt Branch Home Demonstra
ion club met Friday, August 5, at he home of 'Mrs. L. B. Meclain Punch and cake were served to
members and several visitors. The next meeting will be Frida
August 19, at the home of Mrs. Fre August 19, at the home of Mrs. Fred
A. Baker. The program will be "Ech-
oes from Short Course"" by Mrs. W. C.

Thursday, August 18, at Buffalo Gap.
All club members and their families
All club members and their families
are urged to attend.
Texon Oilers to Meet
Simms Nine in 3 Games
Abilene, Aug. 11.-West Texas
most famous semi-pro baseball team
winl pay its first visit to this part of
West Texas this week-end when the
West Cexas this week-end when the
Texon Oiiers invado Gardner park at
Abilene for a three game series with
the Mose Simms team. The Simms
nine also is known as oilers.
They will play a single. game Sat-
They will play a single game Sat
urday afternoon at 4 oclock and
double
urday afternoon at 4 o'clock and
double header Sunday afternoon,
starting at $2: 30$.
Snipe Conley, who starred many sea
sons as a pitcher for Dallas in th
Texas league, has won 26 out of 2
ztarts this year. Its roster include
the names of Flop Harris, Goldsbor
pitcher who had two
cessful hurling with Coleman in th
West Texas league; and Eddie Mc
West Texas league; and Eddie Mc
Millian, outfielder from Ballinger
who leads the team hitting with
One of every 10 motor vehicles now
One of every 10 motor
in France are American
Typewriting and carbon paper
of the pressure cooker, which belong
ot the club. Miss Nora Kelso will hav
Frazier of Mulberry Canyon.
There are twelve grandchildren and
nineteen great-grandchildren. Those
Netcen great-grandchidren. Mropan
Trazier, Mer Mr. Mary Ellen and Mrs. Johnie Fraz
the taberacle the night of A A gust
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DORA DOINGS This community enjoyed a nice cool
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ng shower Monday and Tuesday.

BLAIR ITEMS

| assisted by the pastor, Brother Walker, of Abilene, are conducting the revival at the Baptist church this week. The meeting continus with good interest and attendance under inspiring preaching. Be sure to hear these two men, as they will have messages worth hearing. <br> Mr. Thomas Christopher of Lamesa and Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett of Merkel were the interesting visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes recently. <br> Mrs. T. M. Corbin of Breckenridge is staying with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan, for an indefinite time. <br> Mesdames Alvin Bland and J. M. Moore and children of Sweetwater motored over and spent a pleasant afternoon with her niece, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield, the past week. <br> Mrs. Tom Melton, accompanied by Frice Bankhead and daughter of Sweetwater and Grandma Bankhead of Merkel, visited the former's brother, Will Bankhead, who was seriously ill at the Dallas sanitarium last weekend. <br> Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton have returned home after several days stay at Clyde with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Doan. Mrs. Doan and daughter, Otis Ray, accompanied them back home. <br> Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brooks of Winters spent several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks, recently. <br> Mr. and Mrs. Jett Rister and daughter of Tye spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore. <br> Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan of Clyde have moved into our community recently. We are proud to have this fine young couple with us. <br> Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mayfield have gone on an extended trip to Georgia and Oklahoma. <br> Mrs. W. O. Reeves and children of New Jersey, Mr. and Mrs, Ernest Hill and son, Boyd, of Burleson, Delois Graysor of Merkel, Floyd Cogburn of Fort Worth, Tom Maddox of Merkel and Mrs. Pat Patterson of | Trent were guests in the home Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell th past week. <br> Master John Clovis, the charmin little son of Mr, and Mrs. Purl San ford of Tuscola. is the house guest of his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Doan for several weeks. <br> Mrs. Riley James and daughter Joan, of East Texas came down las week-end to spend midsummer wit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore <br> Mr. and Mrs. J. M. MeSpadden an children from the Divide motored ove and visited their sister, Mr and Mr <br> Mrs. Beall and children of <br> Mexico have moved here to be with her husband, who is oun new Sant Fe agent. We are glad to have these people to move into our little town. <br> Melba Hunter spent the week-en with her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter, of White Church. <br> Mrs. .A M. Brown and daughter Mrs. Ruth Brown, and son, have re turned home after two weeks stay with the former's son, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown. <br> Mrs. Susie Doan has returned hom after two months stay with her two sons at Roscoe and Rotan. She wa accompanied back by her daughter Mrs. A. L. Farmer, of White Church whom Mrs. Doan visited the pas week. <br> Holiness Meeting. <br> Beginning Saturday, August 20 <br> Rev. J. Frank Runnels, assisted by Rev. Ba:ley Wilson, will begin a Holi nes ${ }_{\mathrm{g}}$ camp meeting at the Butman tabernacle, which will last about ten nights. Everybody is invited to come <br> Read the advertisements in thi 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 ap preciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make speeial offering of their goods. <br> Try a Classified Ad for Results. <br> Read Merkol Mail Want Ads. |
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Miss Edith Hollowell of Caps wer here visiting Mrs.' H. T. Mallon Mon-
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daughter, Mrs. Pete Rape.
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Electric power, to serve any commmunity adequatcl:, must be flexible. It must meet all require:nents, large or small-from a large factory to a small household-at any time and at any place.

Small local plants serving single communities lack this flexibility . . . they lack the variety of volume and demand which enables a larger system, serving a wide area by transmission lines, to op erate efficiently

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EARL HUGGHES, (Re-election.)
GRADY PARMELLY.
For County Tax
c. W. BoyCE.
H. F. (Henry) LONG.

For County Commissioner, Precinet
No. 2:
P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)
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FOR SALE
FOR SALE-Kitchen sink, with fit tings and stand. Mrs. Fred Latham
Phone 95 . Phone 95 .
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dition; sood rubber. Phone 9 dition; cooa rubber. Phone FOR RENT - OR RENT FOR RENT - One house with all conveniences and two four room houses;
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ducts in Taylor county. Other good localities available. Surety contract required. Company furnishes every-
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dise plows to trade for wheat, oats or good milk cow. West C

Ft. Worth Livestock
Fort Worth, Aug. 11.- With the ex Ttion of cows, trading in all classes ply active and prices were about line with those paid on Tuesda cows were about steary with others
drawing bids that were weak around ${ }^{15 \mathrm{c}}$ lower. Not very many stocke cattle included in the rec
morning sales were steady. Recipts, cattle, 1,500 ; butcher cows tending weak to lower other cattle about steady to strong spots higher on better heavies; good fed steers 6.25; grassy sorts 4.50
dowa; good fat cows 3.25; butcher dowa; good fat cows 3.25; butcher
grades 2.00 ; bulls scarce; good stock yearlings 4.60 ; good heavy fat calves up to 5.00 and 5.25
averages 4.50 down.

Cotton Premiums

The names of the firms and the
amount of merchandise subscribed fol
por the pirgt bale.
Farmers and Merchants National
Bank, cash, $\$ 2.50$; Merkel Drug com-
pany, \$1.00; Bragr Dry Goods com-
pany, merchandise 81.50 ; Petty and
West Sanitary Bap er shop, hair cut and shampoo, 40 c ; Wheeler, and Vau
Vat shn, roast, $\$ 1.00$; Bob Martin Gro ery company, 10 pounds sugar, 50 c ,
$\mathrm{W} . \mathrm{J}$. Sheppard, W. J. Sheppard, one pair men's Hawk
Brand overalls, $\$ 1.00 ;$ Max Mellinger Brand overalls, 11.00 ; Max Mellinger
dress shirt, $\$ 1.00 ;$ Merkel Dandy Bak dress shirt, 81.00 ; Merkel Dandy Bak
ery, merchandise, 70 c; Farmers State Bank in Merkel, cash $\$ 3.00 ; A ; R$
Booth Booth, 24 pounds flour, 60 c; G. M.
Sharp, 20 pounds meal, Sharp, 20 pounds meal, 30 c; ELi. Case
grocery, 3 pound can Woman's Club grecer $\$$ s.00; Bob McDonald Barber
coffee shop, s0c; "M" System grocery, 48 pounds Yukon's best flour, \$1.00; Barrow Furniture company, merchandise
$\$ 1.00$; Merkel Motor company, mer 1.00; Merkel Motor company, mer-
chandise, $\$ 1.00$; J. T. Dennis, work
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one pair 200 pound cotton scales,
43.50 Burton-Lingo company. one qu $O$. D. enamel, $81.25 ;$ Rodden
St Jio, kodak finishing, $81.00 ; \mathrm{J}$. M. Collins, Conoco agent, one quart Germ Processed oil; Merkel Mail, one year's zubseription, $\$ 1.00$; Blake's D Cleaners, clean and press, suit, soc;
Weat Texas Utilities company, cash, 2.50; Palace Barber shop, hair cut and shave 40c; Busy Bee cafe T-
Hone steak ahd drink, $35 \mathrm{c} ;$ Brown's Bargain store, one single blanket, s1.00; W. O. Boney, insurance, eash,
11.00; Patterson's market, steak, 81.00; Slo Hamm Drue company,

THE MERKEL MAI
1.00 bottle tonic; J. H. MeDonald |blacksmith work; Merkel Iee company /Texas Uilter rocery, 48 pound sack La France lour, \$1.10; Magnoila Filling station, pounds ice

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chandise, 50c ; Hughe C. handise, 50c; Hughes Chevrotet com- a
pany, smoker kit, pany, smoker kit, 22.50 ; Sinclair Re-
fining company, J. D. Portar no gallon Opaline motor oil, S. M.
Hunter, batteries and tires, battery re-charged, 75c; Conoeo station 55.1 -1,
(T. L. Hamblet,) 5 gallons gas; High.
 ton, one capsule radiator cement, cery, 1 pound Woman's Club coffee, Porter, agent, one-half. gallon Sin
50 c ; Cotton O wiches and coffee, 50 c in trade; A. R. "M" System store, 1 pound Maxwelt and batteries, radio battery charged
Sharp Sharp, sandwich shop, 25c in trade; House coffee, 35c; Barrōw Furniture 50 c ; Conoco Station $55-1$, (T. L
Gulf Station 7121, (Morris Horton,) company, merchandise. 75e; J. T. Den- Hamblet,) gallons gas; Wood grocery, 24 nis. sugar, 50c: Merkol Mrtor com- il; Highway Service Station, (a) pound sack flour, 50 c ; Pence cafe, T- pany, merchandise, 75 s ; West com- I. Middleton) 1 pound cup grease;
bone steak, 40 c ; City Dry Cleaners, pany, 48 pound sack Red and White Cotton Owens . Plape suit cleaned and pressed, 50c; F. E. flour, \$1.05; Burton-Ling. company, coffee, 25ce; A. R. Sharp Sandwich
 Merkel Lumber company, one quart R-dder studi. kodnk finthing, 50c; (Morris Horton, euart oil; Wood
varnish stain, \$1.00; Clay Lumber J. M. Collis, Conoco aqeent. one quart grocery merchandise, 50c; Pence
company, one box shotgun shells, Germ Procesed oil: the Morkel Mail, cafe. one plate lunch; City Dry Cleancompany, one box shotgun shells, Germ Proces-ed oil: the Mor Mail, cafe, one plate lunch; City Dry CleanWes ers, cuit cleaned and pressed, 50e; $F$


## CHURHES




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 W. D. Haynes, General Jones, J. M.
Arrett of Anson, H. H. Anderson of
Abilene, C. M. Largent, Ed McCrary,


Official Figures Give
Blanton 3,271 Lead Orficial figuru-s of the July, priPponent, Joe Jonese of Eatatitand, E.
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Voters for Support In as much as it is not poasile to inge this emitod of thanking them fort
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sincerest thanks.
Two years from now it shall be my Two years from now it shall be my
rivilege to again ask consideration at the hands of my friends and sup-
porters.

Sincerely,
Olin Culb
Joins F. \& M. Staff.
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MEN'S PRAYER SERVICE.
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& \text { BUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. } \\
& \text { With no report from the Nazarene }
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## Hawkins Family Has 10th Reunion

 Members of the C. C. Hawkinsfamily met Saturiay and Sunday in
their tenth annual reunion at the
Fresbyterian encampment grounds

 y and Sunday of August at Burfalal
and
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Taking part in this year's, meeting Taking part in this year's meting
were the followng guests and their
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Guy Hawkin of Tuscol, Harvey
Hoosier of Ale Spring, Garrett Hew.



Allen McGehee Buys Bakery at Ranger Last, Friday Allen Me Gehee, , with
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