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SEED AND CROP LOAN DEBTS TO BE DEDUCTED

Latest Ruling Reverses Earlier Decision; Checks for Farmers in This County to Be Distributed Soon.

Reversing the decision of the farm credit administration, announced last week, payments due the government for seed and crop production loans will not be waived on benefit payments to cotton and wheat farmers for agreements to curtail their production.

Instructions to this effect were received the first of the week from Owen W. Sherrill, regional director at Dallas, by H. L. Johnston, crop production loan field supervisor for the Abilene district.

Payment will be required in full on all 1933 obligations, if the benefit check justifies it, and on all prior balances where no commercial liens have been given on the crop since government liens were taken, he said.

In consequence, County Agent C. Metz Heald has announced that no benefit checks will be distributed to Taylor county farmers until he and Johnston have checked all contracts for government loans. Farmers owing government loans not listed on the plow-up agreements will also be contacted.

When checks on which the government has claim have been separated, distribution of unhindered drafts will proceed as fast as they arrive from Washington, he said, but in view of the fact that he expected to be absent from his office in attendance on a conference at Mineral Wells to map plans for wheat acreage reduction, several days will be required after his return on Friday before delivery of checks can be made.

Farmers owing 1933 loans or non-exempt prior balances for 1931 and 1932 cannot get their checks until they have made arrangements for payment, Johnston said. In no case does the field man have the authority to waive for partial settlement, he emphasized.

Prizes of \$86.50 Given For First Three Bales

Following receipt of Merkel's first bale Thursday morning of last week, E. Barnes brought in the second bale the same afternoon, with the third arriving Friday, raised by H. Stallo.

The Farmers State bank bought the first and third bales, paying 9 cents in each instance. The second bale, raised by Mr. Barnes, was bought by G. M. Sharp at 8.75.

Prizes aggregating \$86.50 in cash and merchandise were offered by Merkel merchants for the first, second and third bales this year. The first bale drew approximately \$40.00, the second, \$27.50 and the third, \$19.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 22, 1913.)

The new fire horses, "Damon" and "Pythias," with just their good looks, intelligence and their record of faithfulness, have already won the friendship of every fireboy, man, woman and child in our town and here is hoping that good treatment will make them live another long life of usefulness.

Mrs. J. M. King and son, John, left last week for McKinney where they will spend a few days visiting relatives.

The Twentieth Century club has placed an order with The Mail for their year books and we are grateful and will do our best.

Misses Jennie and Marie Keny returned home this week from a short visit with their brother, Steve Keny, at Crowell.

H. C. Burroughs, Jr., left Sunday night for Dallas where he will purchase a new and up-to-date soda fountain for the Burroughs store here. This addition to the Burroughs drug

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The first loan to be granted in the Southwest through the Home Owners' Loan corporation was made Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Bert J. Jones of Dallas.

Max Bentley of the Abilene Reporter-News was elected president of the West Texas Press association at its annual convention in Sweetwater last week and Spur won the 1934 meeting place.

Hai Sevier, journalist of Corpus Christi, has been named ambassador to Chile by President Roosevelt, having been favored with the joint approval of Senators Tom Connally and Morris Sheppard.

Two of four youth, Willard Scott and Grady Applegate, accused of the ax murder of Will Leonard, blacksmith of the Gatesville reformatory for boys, on June 21, have been sentenced to prison terms.

Two men, R. A. Thyman of Eagle Pass and L. B. Johnson of Waco, were burned to death at Huntsville when a truck in which they were riding crashed into a filling station and ignited gasoline pumps.

A severe electrical storm in the Blackwell section brought death to Lester Hartmann, 28, late Thursday afternoon, a bolt of lightning striking him as he sought shelter under a tree during the rainstorm.

Given the death penalty for strangling Mrs. Leona Buchanan with a silk stocking in her Dallas apartment the night of December 1, last, R. T. Bennett, Dallas negro, was electrocuted at 12:13 a. m. Friday at Huntsville.

William W. Dean, Jr., 25, Pecos insurance man, who suffered an attack of infantile paralysis Saturday, died in an ambulance about nine miles northwest of San Angelo as he was being rushed to a Houston hospital.

Ervin Conway, 23, and former student of Baylor university, was charged Tuesday night at Bryan with murder for the death of his fiancée, Miss Ladelle Hammond, whom he had reported slain by robbers on the night of June 16.

Local NRA Honor Roll Of Employers Now 91

Three additional lists of firms, totalling fourteen, were posted at the local postoffice since the publication last week of the roster of 77 names on the NRA honor roll here, bringing the grand total to 91 signatures.

Names of firms, not already published, are:

Blackburn & Perry, A. R. Booth, Eullock Hardware company, W. H. Dunning, King's Blacksmith shop, Orchid Beauty shop, A. B. Rose Tin shop, Sam Swann, Woods and Wenzelcraft Filling station, Missie's Floral shop, Price's garage, C. E. Shouse and Son, Ward's Service station, Ferrier's Service station.

Dr. Hunt Addresses Rally of Pro Forces

Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry college, addressed a prohibition rally at the tabernacle on Friday night of last week, this having been the last of the public speaking arranged by the local committee of the United Forces for Prohibition.

Supt. R. A. Burgess, as vice chairman of the local committee, presided. Besides Dr. Hunt, the only other address was by Grady Morton of Abilene, secretary of the pro forces of this district, who explained how to mark the ballot.

Friday Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Keith on Bettis Heights served a beautifully appointed noonday dinner in honor of Mrs. I. S. Allen of Denton, who is here visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Parten. The guests were: Mrs. H. L. Propst and Roy, Mrs. Arthur Thornton and Don, Miss Fort Smith and Mrs. W. Parten and children.

TEXAS DAY AT FAIR ATTRACTS WIDE ATTENTION

Texans Celebrate With Presentation of Opera, "Aida;" Exhibits Range from Art to Mounted Rattlesnakes.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Horned toads and opera shared attention Wednesday as Texas celebrated her day at a Century of Progress international exposition.

In a program, short and "wise-cracky," Texas late Wednesday afternoon dedicated her exhibit, and it includes in addition to displays of art, history, natural and industrial wealth of the state, a collection of mounted rattlesnakes, centipedes, scorpions, tarantulas, armadillos—and five live horned toads.

The opera, a presentation of Verdi's "Aida" by a cast composed mainly of Texans, was given at night and closed the day's program, which attracted 20,000 residents of the Lone Star state according to Claude Carter of Harlingen, one of the dedication speakers.

Col. Joe Edd Winfree of Houston, a member of the staff of Gov. Miriam "Ma" Ferguson which officially represented the state, was accorded a military reception when he and his party arrived at the entrance to the fair.

A troop of United States cavalry, stationed on the fair grounds, was lined up in honor of the executive.

After inspection of the troop, the Texans were welcomed by Rufus C. Dawes, president of the exposition.

The exhibit of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce shows a large relief map of its own territory—beautiful, symmetrical, exact in detail and of semi-permanent construction.

Wheat fields, cotton farms, grazing land, oil fields, valleys, mountain peaks, plains, prairies, rivers, highways, railways—all are shown, in colors. The map also shows location of each of the 168 member towns. Horizontal scale is one inch to 3.94 miles. More than 1,300 hours of work went into the making of the map, which weigh a half-ton. The WTCC plans to use it for years in future exhibits.

Interesting Revival Themes Announced

The Young People's revival, sponsored by the Methodist church and being held at the tabernacle, with services twice daily, has been the center of interest for the young people of the city during recent days and the services are marked with all the spontaneous sincerity and enthusiasm of youth. Rev. Ray N. Johnson is doing the preaching.

The service Friday morning, however, is to be for all the church members of every church and every Christian of Merkel. The message will be "Pentecost, the Need of the Church Today." Although the attendance has been good the people of the town have not been supporting the morning services as they should and they are urgently invited to attend the remaining morning services.

Friday night there will be some special pre-election, red hot, red-headed truths followed by a message entitled "How a flapper danced a preacher to death."

Saturday night there will be a big rally service with the young people as special guests and the older folks on the side lines. The evangelist will preach on "Playing the game of life." This message is illustrated from games of actual combat or observation and will appeal to young and old. Come out and attend a football game before the season opens. Rev. E. L. Yeats will referee the big game; Miss Ethel Hamilton will furnish the music and "Red Bird" Johnson will call the signals for the squad. (Continued on Page Five.)

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NO BONDS, NO FEDERAL AID, SAYS HOPKINS

U. S. Emergency Relief Administrator in Last Minute Appeal To Texas to Vote \$20,000,000 Relief Bond Issue.

Austin, Aug. 24.—Harry L. Hopkins, federal emergency relief administrator, told Texans in a speech here Wednesday night that unless they authorize the issuance of \$20,000,000 in bonds to augment government funds, they cannot expect a continuance of succor from Washington.

Hopkins, who flew here from Washington, spoke to an audience of state officials, including Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, and several hundred business men and county administrators from all over the state.

He noted that there were approximately 150,000 families, or 750,000 persons, in Texas at this time receiving relief from the federal government.

"The federal government does not propose to let these persons even half starve to death; we have no intention of standing for that," Hopkins said.

He explained that 25 of the states now are paying two-thirds of the relief bill.

"We are prepared to see Texas through up to the date of the bond issue election next Saturday, but we do not have any intention of paying 95 per cent of the relief bill in Texas after that date," he said.

Hopkins said the government was willing to match Texas dollars on a basis of one-third of the amount necessary to tide the needy over the emergency.

He complimented Lawrence Westbrook, director of the Texas rehabilitation and relief commission, and said the government was willing to back him "to the limit."

Governor Ferguson, Congressman J. P. Buchanan, Roy Miller of Corpus Christi, Westbrook, William Strauss of Houston, chairman of the bond issue steering committee, and others spoke in the interest of the issue.

Fiddlers Contest at Queen Proves Success

With Charlie Jones as master of ceremonies, the fiddlers contest at the Queen theatre Saturday night afforded rare entertainment for a large number of friends of the competing musicians as well as regular patrons of the show.

Ben Houstings, F. D. Lawson and J. D. Malone were winners, respectively, of first, second and third prizes. Decision, based on the amount of applause, was made by three judges: P. P. Dickinson, John Shaw and T. J. Bird.

For first prize, Ben Houstings was the recipient of \$2.50 in cash and a season ticket to the theatre; as second best, F. D. Lawson received \$2.00 in cash and a pass to January 1st. Third prize winner, J. D. Malone, was awarded \$1.00 in cash and a pass for one month.

Due to increased cost of pictures and certain contract conditions, the management of the Queen announces that regular prices of 25c for adults and 10c for children are in effect from now on, superseding the reduced prices for the summer.

Attractions for the coming week are:

Friday and Saturday—Johnny Weismuller as "Tarzan the Ape Man;" also chapter No. 7 of "Hurricane Express" and cartoon.

Monday and Tuesday—James Cagney and Alice White in "The Picture Snatcher;" also Abe Lyman's orchestra.

Wednesday and Thursday—Clark Gable and Helen Hayes in "The White Sister;" also "Maida a la Mode."

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Turner, residing south of town, Tuesday, August 22, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Moreno, Wednesday, August 23, 1933. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Hewitt, residing southwest of town, Thursday, August 24, 1933.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hamblet, Thursday, August 24, 1933.

LIGHT VOTE FORECAST IN REPEAL ELECTION SET FOR TEXAS VOTERS SATURDAY

Sam Swann Names His Election Assistants

Polling place in the Merkel voting precinct for Saturday's election will be the Rainbolt building, on Elm street, formerly occupied by Blake's Dry Cleaners. Sam Swann will serve as election judge, with the following assistants: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Mr. and Mrs. Holland Teaff, Comer Patterson and Miss Pauline Johnson.

Three separate ballots will face the voter: one on the repeal of the 18th amendment, one with four state amendments and the third, county option as to beer in Taylor county.

Ownership of Property Not Issue in Voting

Austin, Aug. 24.—The Texas attorney general's department Tuesday ruled that any qualified voter, even though not a property owner, is eligible to participate in the election next Saturday on the proposition to issue \$20,000,000 in bonds of unemployment relief.

Walter A. Koons, assistant attorney general, held there was no property test that could be applied to voters in the election. The ruling states the question was not one primarily of issuing bonds but of amending the state's fundamental law to empower the legislature to authorize bonds.

Miss Yeats Elected to Fill Teacher Vacancy

To take the place of Miss Nell Swann who resigned from the Merkel teaching staff to accept a position in the Tyler schools, Miss Doris Yeats of Abilene was selected by the Merkel school board at a called meeting last Friday afternoon.

Miss Yeats is a graduate of Abilene Christian college and has taught two years in the El Paso schools. She will teach writing and drawing in the intermediate grades.

Farmers Gin Meeting.

Those interested in the movement to build a Farmers' Gin here are urgently requested to be present at the tabernacle at 8 o'clock Saturday afternoon, August 26, when a final decision will be made in the matter. It is stressed that this meeting is of the utmost importance.

Poll Tax Payments Off This Year; Other Problems Have Engaged People's Minds; Senator Sheppard Leads Fight.

Austin, Aug. 24.—The campaign for repeal of the eighteenth amendment neared its climax in Texas today, with the voting populace prepared to express its views on the proposition next Saturday.

Speakers on both sides continued to wage an aggressive speaking drive, although the public generally appeared to be little excited over the question.

The lack of interest was attributed particularly to the comparatively small number of persons qualified to vote. Problems of the National Recovery Administration codes and pressing economic conditions also were having the effect of taking the voter's mind off the proposal to revise the method of handling the liquor problem.

A light vote was anticipated. Thousands of citizens have been disfranchised through the failure to pay poll taxes. It was unofficially estimated that the total vote would be approximately 500,000, some estimates being higher and some lower. This was in contrast to the almost 1,000,000 votes that were cast in the democratic primary last July.

Poll taxes in most Texas counties are \$1.75 and many persons found it inconvenient to qualify in this respect. Many also did not anticipate that a vote would be taken this year on the prohibition issue when the poll tax payment period expired February 1 last.

United States Senator Morris Sheppard, who steered the 18th amendment through many a congressional storm as its co-author, planned to finish his statewide tour Friday night. Sheppard has told his hearers that if Texas refuses to ratify repeal a sufficient number of states will follow Texas' lead to block the repeal drive.

To date, 22 states have ratified the twenty-first amendment, which repeals the eighteenth amendment. Thirty-seven states have made provision for the sale of 3.2 beer. Texans also will decide Saturday if their constitution is to be amended to allow manufacture and sale of beverages of this alcoholic content.

BRUCE BARTON

...writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

Supplying a work-to-work inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human trial purified, until the expression of "The Man Nobody Knows."

SIX GREAT MEN.

Here is another business principle, seemingly equally impracticable.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We came perilously near to losing those words. They are not recorded in any one of the four Gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all forgot them. But Paul did not. He who had abandoned a social position and an assured career for the service of the Gallean, he who had given more than any of them, he heard the words and remembered. He understood.

Are they empty words? Do they bring destruction upon a business which regards them seriously? Is a man a fool to let them be a guiding influence in his life? I talked one day with H. G. Wells after his Outline of History had appeared. I said:

"You have stood upon a mountain and viewed the whole panorama of human progress. You have seen the captains and the kings, the princes and the prophets, the scientists and the adventurers, the millionaires and the dreamers—that have lived and loved and struggled their little hour upon the earth. In this vast army what heads rise above the common level? Among all those what half dozen men among them all deserve to be called great?"

He turned the question over in his mind for a day or two, and then gave me a list of six names, with his reasons for each. An extraordinary list!

Jesus of Nazareth, Buddha, Asoka, Aristotle, Roger Bacon, Abraham Lincoln.

Think of the thousands of emperors who have battled for fame, and fashioned their immortality into monuments of brick and stone. Yet there is only one emperor, Asoka, on the list; and he is not there because of his victories but because he voluntarily abandoned war, after his success, and devoted himself to the betterment of his millions of subjects. Think of the hosts who have struggled for wealth, fretting over figures, denying their generous instincts, cheating and grasping and worrying. Yet no millionaire is on the list, excepting again Asoka.

The tumult and the shouting dies, The captains and the kings depart.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Frank Sears is enjoying a visit from her brother, A. L. Douglas, of Denison.

Miss Arliss Whitworth of Albany was last week's guest of Miss Ola Ellen Smith.

Mrs. S. W. Curtis and son, Leo, of Sweetwater, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Smith.

T. M. Smith made a week-end visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, at Stanton.

Miss Bertha Moreland left Tuesday for a visit with relatives and friends in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Porter Whitaker spent the week-end in Nocona, visiting her husband, who is yet working there.

Harold Reese returned Friday from a three weeks' visit with his aunt, Mrs. C. H. Thomas, in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith have returned from a week's visit with friends and relatives in San Antonio.

After a visit with her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Blake, Mrs. Julia Presley returned Tuesday to her home in Abilene.

Mrs. Carson Miles and children of San Angelo have been guests this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Miss Mary Collins has returned from an enjoyable visit with her brother, friends and other relatives in Lamesa.

While Elbert Lowe will remain at Conroe, Mrs. Lowe has returned home for the winter so that Jack can attend school.

Mrs. N. D. Cobb left for Fort Worth Wednesday on receipt of news of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. George Coker.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, accompanied by Mrs. Eli Case, were week-end visitors with Mrs. Case's parents in Winters.

Max Mellinger, who was accompanied by his two sons, Isadore and Meyer, on his trip to market this season, returned Friday.

Mrs. E. Q. Warren of Knox City, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams, is spending this week in Abilene.

Rev. R. A. Walker returned Monday from East Texas where he conducted a two weeks revival at Rock Ford in Lamar county.

Miss Louella Hughes, who went to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium for a tonsilectomy Tuesday morning, is reported as doing nicely.

Miss Jessie Margaret Berry, who accompanied the Walker party to East Texas, where she visited with relatives at Detroit, has returned home.

Miss Grace Baxter and Messrs. Raymond Grey and Clyde Smith of San Saba were week-end house guests of Misses Lorena and Lovee Dry.

Selma Snow and John D. Hughes and others of the Canyon have gone to inspect the recently opened government land in Northwest New Mexico.

Messrs. A. J. Tucker from Kerrville and Taylor Tucker from Monday are spending the week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker. Miss Venice Bell left Sunday for Commerce where she will fill the position of book-keeper at the Hendrix gin, the same position she held last season.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker and two children, John Robert and Marjory Ann, returned Monday from a two weeks' visit with relatives in East Texas.

Bob Martin and daughter, Miss Julia, have returned from a visit with his brother, Finley Martin, and sister, Mrs. M. G. Parker, and families, at Stanton.

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Craig, accompanied by Mrs. Craig's mother, Mrs. Hanna, of Winters, were visitors this week with Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter and others.

Mrs. J. S. Swann enjoyed a visit this week from her brother, O. W. Dean, and his daughter, Miss Maud Dean, of Slaton who were en route home from San Saba.

After a summer visit with her daughter, Mrs. Wade Darsey, in San Angelo, Mrs. H. P. Hulsey and two daughters, Misses Ouida Mae and Emogene, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp returned Thursday from a several days visit in Erath county. They were accompanied to Stephenville by their niece, Miss Beulah Walker, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones and lit-

le son, Marvin Estes, and Miss Ola Ellen Smith were visitors this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, at Stanton.

Mrs. Dubb Johnson and little daughter, Mary Faye, have returned to San Antonio, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Frank Golladay, who will visit there for a few days.

Mrs. J. B. Davis and little son, Jeff, and Mrs. Aycock, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Roy Edwards and little daughter of Anson were guests Saturday of Mrs. John Shannon.

Mrs. Hayne Hughes of Jones county and her daughter, Miss Ruby Hughes of the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, are visiting relatives in Merkel and the Canyon.

Mrs. Tom Durham, Miss Nelle Durham, and Wren and Neil Durham, left Wednesday for a visit with Mrs. Durham's mother at Wellington. They were joined at Albany by Mrs. Bob Echols.

Mrs. J. E. Richardson and Mrs. A. J. Canon and their daughters, Misses Mildred Richardson and Margaret Canon, left Thursday for Stephenville to see about entering the young ladies in school there.

Mrs. John Toombs and children, H. C. and Louise, of Abilene, who are visiting a few days with relatives here, have just returned from Corpus Christi, where John is buying cotton this season.

Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears had as dinner guests Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Munger and daughter, Miss Marjorie Munger, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Clark, of Houston.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Owen Sunday were his father, Rev. L. B. Owen, former pastor of the Baptist

church here, who was accompanied by his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Owen, all of Eastland.

Guests Saturday and Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann were Mrs. Swann's niece, Mrs. George White and her husband and their daughter, Ruth, of Los Angeles, who were en route to St. Louis and the World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock and two daughters of Stanton were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett. On their return, they were accompanied by Miss Iris Garrett, who will make an extended visit there.

After attending the 100th birthday celebration of Mrs. Jones' grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Curry, at Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Jones and two children, Thelma and Ruby Grace, went on to Fort Worth to visit Mr. Jones' sister.

Mrs. Jack Anderson, operator of the Modern Beauty Shop, spent last week on a vacation visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sudderth, at Leonard. During her absence, Miss Eunice Richards was in charge of the shop. Mrs. Anderson was joined by Mr. and Mrs. Claud Young of Abilene on her visit home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Click and children, Billie Joyce and little Sonny Boy, and Mrs. Click's brother, Arthur Beadle, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Click, on Route 3. They returned Sunday to their home in Fort Worth accompanied by Miss Mary M. Click, who will visit them a few weeks.

BRUCE BARTON

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And when the historian, looking over the field where they contended for the prize, seeks for something which has endured, he finds the message of a teacher, the dream of a scientist, the vision of a seer. "These six men stood on the corners of History," said Wells in his picturesque way. "Events hinged on them. The current of human thought was freer and clearer because they had lived and worked. They took little from the world and left it much. They did not get; they gave; and, in the giving, gained eternal influence."

Next Week: Decisions and Rewards.

Attends 100th Birthday Celebration of Mother

Mrs. Elizabeth Curry, who visited with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Pogue, here about three weeks ago, celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary in a picnic gathering last Saturday at the Holland lake park at Weatherford, at which more than 200 members of her family were present.

Those going from Merkel, besides Mrs. Pogue, were the latter's daughters, Misses Connie and Alzada Pogue, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Burks and three children, of Odessa, W. H. Pogue, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pogue and two children of Wellview, Concho county, joined them at Weatherford.

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F. Y. Gaither, Ass't Cashier

NOTICE: We will observe Election Day, Saturday, August 26th, as a legal holiday and will not be open for business.

Firestone AUGUST TIRE SALE

Save the Cotton Process Tax (Effective August 31)

AS LONG as our present stock lasts we'll sell you tires at today's low prices. Rubber is up 150% and cotton has advanced 50%. Judge for yourself the course that tire prices must take.

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LIBERAL TRADE-IN ALLOWANCE DURING THIS SALE

Table with columns: SIZE, TODAY'S PRICE, JAN. 1933 PRICE, 1929 PRICE. Lists various tire sizes and their corresponding prices.

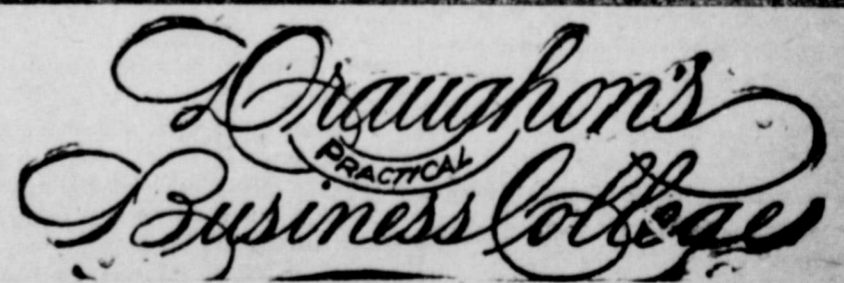
Table with columns: Firestone Super Oldfield Type, Firestone Oldfield Type, Firestone Bestial Type, Firestone Courier Type. Lists tire types and prices.



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West Company

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SECOND INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS: . . . Ruth Warren, living in the East, comes into possession of three-quarter interest in an Arizona ranch, left to her in the will of her only brother, reported to have died while on business in Mexico. With her ailing husband and small child she goes to Arizona to take possession, thinking the climate may prove beneficial to her husband's weakened lungs. Arriving at the nearest town, she learns that the ranch, "Dead Lantern," is 85 miles across the desert. Charley Thane, old rancher and rural mail carrier, agrees to take them to "Dead Lantern" gate.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—
"Listen!" commanded the girl suddenly. Her face was white, tense with dread, and her lip quivered. "Oh, Kenneth!" she cried hysterically. "There's not a sound—not a sound—it's too much, I tell you! It's deathly—nothing moves, not a living thing! It's too b-big!"

Old Charley put down his sandwich and stepping on the starter, kicked open the muddler. Ancient Lena broke into an unsteady roar. To give color to his action the old man got out of the car, threw back the hood, and stood staring skeptically within.

In the back seat the husband and wife were locked in each other's arms. Little David watched them with solemn eyes, not quite sure of his proper course. "It'll be all right, dear," the man's voice came to her in a strained whisper above the grateful noise of the car. "We'll just have to stick it out—you'll get used to it—all—"

Again the thing in his chest began to flutter madly.
To Old Charley's mild surprise the young woman sat beside him for the rest of the afternoon. Her manner had changed. Silently, she looked about her. There was no pleasurable interest in her face as her eyes studied each detail of her surroundings—it was as though she felt it incumbent upon her to understand this strange country. After half an hour she began to ask questions:

"Will we see any cowboys today?"
"We passed one an hour back."

"That man on the horse? He didn't look like a cowboy. Oh, but don't they wear those—those fur rug things on their legs and high-heel boots and big hats and revolvers—forty-fives?"

"Hair chaps are all right on a fashion plate cowboy, or in a cold country. The man was wearin' the useful kind—plain cowhide. He was probably wearin' ridin' boots—high heels. But nobody packs a gun nowadays 'ceptin', hi-jackers and peace officers. Oh, it's kinda usual to carry a gun in your car for coyotes and such, but I ain't seen a cowpuncher with a holster on for fifteen or twenty years."

"Why, according to you, this wild country must be as safe as a town with a good police force."

"Lots safer. We got rattlesnakes and a few other things, but in town you've got high school kids scootin' around in stripped Fords."

For the first time in many hours the girl laughed. She relaxed in the seat, and pulling her tight-fitting hat from her head let the dry wind do as it pleased with her short amber hair. "We've been awfully rude," she smiled, "we should have introduced ourselves—my husband's name is Kenneth Warren; I'm Ruth."

The old man nodded. "I figured maybe you might be. I think my son, Will, wrote you about—Mr. Grey."

"Oh!" The girl's face went sober. "I see, of course. Mr. Will Thane's letter came from Los Angeles and I didn't think of there being a connection when I learned your name this morning. Did—did you know my brother?"

"Yes, pretty well. He and Will used to ride the country together quite a bit whenever Will came out. Will was here when the news was brought about your brother Harry."

"Please tell me what you know about Harry's death," asked the girl quietly.

Old Charley shook his head. "There ain't much I can tell you. I expect Will wrote about all anybody knows. Your brother went down into Mexico last fall. After the fall cattle sellin', it was. He and his partner, Jep Snavelly, had been figurin' or lookin' over some stock down that way—so Harry went. Snavelly heard from him a time or two and learned Harry was goin' further into the interior. After that Snavelly didn't hear from him. For a couple of months he didn't think nothin' about it because mail's mighty uncertain in some parts of

Mexico. Then he commenced gettin' worried—he even come over to my place and asked me what should be done. Well, just about then a Mexican came into Palo Verde and told about findin' Harry. Close to two hundred miles below the line, it was. The Mexican knew the body was American and he brought some letters—one of them was from you. He described the clothes and so from the story the Mexican brought back and the letters and other personal things, everybody knew it was Harry. Snavelly was notified and he seen the Mexican and told all he knew about it, which is about what I told you."

"Was there anything to show what caused Harry's death?"

"Nothin' exact. The Mexican said it looked like he'd been thrown from his horse and dragged—but it's hard to tell."

"Was Harry buried?"
"Yes, the Mexican did that and he marked the grave. He told them at the next rancho he come to about where to find the grave and all."

The girl's eyes filled. "That was kind," she murmured.
"I expect Will told you it wouldn't hardly be possible to have the body brought over the line?"

"Yes. And I'd rather have things the way they are—I'm the only one who cares, anyway," she finished bitterly.

Old Charley changed the subject. "Are you folks plannin' or stayin' a spell?"

"Yes—I suppose so." She answered slowly, with a nervous glance at the gaunt range of mountains they would soon be entering. "Aren't we nearly there?"

"It's quite a piece yet—we've only come about forty-five miles. We cross this range and then we're in the San Jorge Valley. The Valley's a long one—runs way down into Mexico. The Dead Lantern's about forty miles down the valley and up against the mountains on the west side. My place is along there too—lies between the south Dead Lantern fence and the Mexican line—kinda over an elbow in the mountain range."

"Why in the world is the ranch called the Dead Lantern?"

"Well, you see, the brand is the outline of a lantern an' folks got to calling it the Dead Lantern—I reckon because there wasn't no light in it. A man makes a brand and puts it on his cattle, and then folks get to calling it whatever it looks like to them. By and by, some name sticks and from then on everybody calls the ranch that." The old man paused. "I expect this'll be your first trip out this way?" he asked.

"I may as well tell you," said Ruth, "my husband hasn't been doing well in business for some time—his health, you understand. Harry knew how things were and—well, he's always been my big brother. My husband and I were very young when we mar-

ried and he kept his eye on us. He felt that we had no one to fall back on but him—my father and step-mother weren't"—she paused. "When Harry came West and bought his part of the cattle ranch, he willed it to me. He wasn't married, you see, and he wanted us to have something to fall back on if anything happened to him. Now that he's gone, we've come out here to the ranch. We also think the climate will benefit Mr. Warren."

Old Charley was silent for a moment. "Well, well," he said at last "so you're part owner of the Dead Lantern." The car covered a hundred yards of road. "Don't suppose you've met Jep Snavelly yet?"

"No. I hardly know anything about him. Harry used to mention him in his letters. Are you a friend of his?"

The old man pursed his lips. "I'm a neighbor. In fact, a real close neighbor to the Dead Lantern. It's only about six miles over the mountains from the Dead Lantern house to my house."

"Ah—what sort of man is Mr. Snavelly?"

"He's about fifty—a good deal slimmer than me"—the old man smiled—"He's an old cattleman; but he ain't been in this country more'n twelve years or so. Originally from Texas, so Harry said. But he knows cattle and ranchin'."

"I'm glad to hear that," laughed the girl; "it will be rather necessary to have some one around who knows what to do on a ranch."

"Well, yes—I expect it will."

Nearly two hours after they had

passed through the range of low mountains and had turned southward, a wire fence came down from the mountains on the western side of the valley.

"That's the Deal Lantern fence," said Old Charley noncommittally. "There's twenty thousand acres of the Dead Lantern, feed enough to run two thousand head, and land's all fenced, and there's heaps of browse up in the hills."

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Some delinquents who own homes in the City of Merkel are not paying taxes because they have an erroneous idea that a homestead cannot be sold for taxes. If you are of this opinion, you had better advise with an attorney and save paying penalty, interest and costs of court. Suits will be filed and homesteads will be sold where the owner is able to pay part of the delinquent taxes and is not cooperating with the City in its tax drive.

TAXES A FIRST LIEN

The law makes taxes a first lien on the assessed property. If you have a lien against property it is to your interest to see that the owner of the property pays the taxes. If the property is sold for taxes you will lose your lien and security.

LIST TO BE PUBLISHED

As soon after September 1st, 1933, as possible, a list of the delinquents will be published in the Merkel Mail once a week for three consecutive weeks as provided by law before suits are filed.

Joe E. Childers will be at the City Hall Friday, August 25th, and Wednesday, August 30th.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. Dekel, of Memphis, Tenn., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson for the past three weeks, left last week. He will spend several days at Mineral Wells before returning home.

Mrs. G. Boswell had as her guest the first part of the week a friend, Mrs. Ferch, who is moving from San Angelo to Tye.

Mrs. A. Williamson went to Mineral Wells Tuesday and is expected to return Sunday.

Jim Armour of Del Rio came over last week to visit with his parents. On his return last Monday he was accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armour, as far as San Antonio, where Mrs. Armour will be under the care of doctors there.

Miss Fannie Aldredge of Abilene was the Sunday guest of relatives here and attended the revival meeting. She was accompanied home by Miss Mattie Scott who had spent the week here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Patton and children left Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Patton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brazleton, who live in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Bryan of Merkel were in town Saturday. While Dutch played ball, Bessie May visited with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner of Wink are visiting in the homes of their parents, W. E. Hamner and Mrs. J. A. Brown, this week.

Mrs. Joe Alexander and son, of Hobbs N. M., are guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Annie Boone.

The Home Demonstration club of White Flat entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McElmurry last Monday evening with an ice cream supper, the entire community being invited; one hundred and eighteen attended. A glorious, good time was had, games were played, jokes told and plenty of good home made cake and ice cream were served. The guests wished the ladies much success on their departure.

Ben Quattabaum who has been visiting in Arkansas, has returned home.

Miss Ida V. Estep has returned home after spending several days as guest of her sister, Mrs. Rogge, at Sweetwater.

Mrs. W. B. Goode, who has been on the sick list, is reported as being improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Bondie Vessel and little daughter, Annetta, of White Flat, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessel.

Mrs. Erle Billington of Goodman is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone of Memphis visited from Saturday to Tuesday in the home of the former's mother. They visited with other relatives and friends also.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith and daughter, Miss Maurine, were week-end guests of Mr. Smith's parents in Stanton.

Mrs. Dave Hinds is this week's guest of Mrs. Hale McRee.

Misses Helen and Vera Bright had as dinner guests Sunday Misses Dimple Knott of Vivian, Mo., and Elizabeth Winn and Messrs. Cullen Tittle, Henry Bright, Robert Worth Williams and Foy Elliott of Breckenridge. The young men from Breckenridge returned Monday, accompanied by Cullen and Henry who will visit there for a few days.

Thurman Jones, who underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Grimes sanitarium at Merkel, is reported to be improving.

Jack Reneau made a trip to the Plains last week.

Chas. Bowers and daughters, Misses Bonnie Lee and Mary Jo, of Abilene, were guests last Friday morning of his brother, J. E. Bowers, and family. Miss Bonnie Lee was leaving the following day for Chicago to make her home.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson and R. B., Jr., accompanied by Dorris Gay West of Merkel, visited recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Randel in Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor and R. E. Dowdy have returned from a pleasant trip to the valley. The Taylors visited his mother at Weslaco while Mr. Dowdy attended business at Mission.

Mrs. Twyman Collins of Merkel was a guest last week of her mother, Mrs. J. I. Leamon, and attended the revival meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Watson, Miss Lola Johnson and L. M. Watson of Sweetwater were guests in the home of Mrs. Annie Boone Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Harkey, Mr. Sam Harkey of Sherwood, Texas, and Miss Maurine Evans of Spauldings, Okla., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey and daughter visited at Cross Plains Sunday.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. The children of Mrs. Annie Boone

gathered at her home Sunday to help her celebrate her birthday. A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour with a beautiful angel food cake topped with 54 candles for a centerpiece. Friends dined during the afternoon until dusk, then a watermelon feast was enjoyed.

Only one son-in-law was absent, Joe Alexander. Those present were: Mrs. Joe Alexander and son, Winston, of Hobbs, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone of Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone and son, Jack, of Hermleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Winn and children, Edwin Earl and Martha Ann, and the honoree.

HEBRON NEWS

The meeting is progressing nicely. Several from Merkel and other places attended the service Sunday night.

Will Moore of Blair spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere, also of Blair, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and baby, Mary Tom, of Mt. Pleasant were also Sunday afternoon guests in this home.

We are glad to report that Leo and Annamae Harris are recovering from a slight illness.

Dale Bureson has returned home from the East where he has been visiting relatives.

A. L. Rogers and family are enjoying riding in a new Chrysler sedan.

RURAL SOCIETY

MT. PLEASANT CLUB. The Mt. Pleasant Home Demonstration club met in its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Jesse H. Morgan. Pickling relish was the project for the afternoon. In a round table discussion several designated their intention to attend the club picnic at Buffalo Gap on Thursday, the 17th.

After the business session watermelon was served to Mesdames F. T. Hogan, C. R. Roland, E. Roland, Mary Click, R. S. Darden, Jr., Craig Humphreys, Garrett, Lilly and the following children: Joyce Humphreys, Winnie Merle Click, Euna Merle Garrett, Helen Nancy and Martha Nell Morgan.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson of Mt. Pleasant entertained on Friday evening, August 12, in honor of Miss Emma Campbell's and Mr. Odell Anderson's birthdays. Delicious ice cream, cake and watermelon were served to Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, Misses Emma and Laura Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Campbell, Bobby Glenn and Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell, Homer, Jr. and Billie Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Morgan, Helen Nancy and Martha Nell, Miss Nola Mae Ardean, J. T. Anderson, Mrs. Myrtle Scott and Miss Ida Mae Berryman.

BIRTHDAY SUPPER.

Complimenting Miss Hazel Blair on her birthday, a supper was given at Shannon's pool Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Chicken sandwiches, ice tea, joy pop and ice cream were served to Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore and children, Irene and Laverne, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair and daughters, Clarice Fay and Hazel, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. George Crow, Jr., and son, Milton Ray, Mr. and Mrs. George Crow, Sr., and son, Odell Mrs. Will Toombs and children, Willie B., Stanley and Peggy Joyce.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The children of Mrs. Annie Boone

Whispering Rock

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"How big is twenty thousand acres?"

"Sizable. The skyline of those mountains is the western boundary; to the south where that ridge runs out into the valley is the southern line. My place is 'round on the other side of that ridge—'bout twenty miles by road. But there's a trail over the ridge from the Dead Lantern home ranch to my place, that makes it about six miles."

"And all that land from here to the mountain tops belongs to the Dead Lantern?"

"Yes. And there's a heap more of it you can't see tucked away in them canons. If you followed the line fence on horseback it would take you about four days to ride 'round the ranch."

"No wonder it can hold two thousand cows! What do cattle sell for apiece—I mean how much a head?"

"Forty to fifty dollars lately."

She made a quick calculation. "My heavens! Could we get a hundred thousand dollars for the cattle?"

Old Charley smiled. "It's not quite as simple as all that." Old Charley remarked gravely as he turned from the road and stopped by the Dead Lantern mail box. Just beyond the mail box was the gate; a newish sign, nailed on the middle bar. Anybody coming on this ranch is liable to get shot.

When the old man heard the girl gasp he knew that she had seen the sign, and with averted eyes he began to rummage in the government mail sack.

The girl watched her husband's face as he read; their eyes met blankly, then turned to the old man.

"What in the world does that mean?" asked Warren.

"Nobody thinks it means anything," answered Old Charley reassuringly. "Just Jap Snavelly's way—he's a little eccentric," he pointed to a faint cloud of dust far up the two wheel paths which led from beyond the gate toward the distant mountains. "I'll be going along now—I reckon it would be best for you folks to meet your new pardner alone, anyways."

He looked into Warren's eyes. "And if something should come up sudden-like that you'd want to get to town in a hurry just ride over the mountain to my place. This old car ain't much, but she still rolls."

While they were billing the baggage by the mail box, both the girl and her husband glanced frequently at the sign.

They watched Old Charley until the car disappeared over a hill a few hundred yards south of the gate, then turned their attention to the approaching wagon on the ranch road.

When the wagon stopped at the gate, an Indian boy of ten slid cautiously to the ground and, with his wide eyes fixed on the three by the mail box, sidled to the gate and opened it. This done, he speedily re-joined the family in the wagon. Kenneth Warren went forward. "Can you tell me," he addressed the two-hundred-pound Indian on the wagon seat, "where Mr. Snavelly is? Are you his man?"

The Indian looked at his two-hundred-and-fifty-pound squaw, glanced back among his numerous progeny, and then turned his black eyes on Warren. "No sabe." The horses started forward.

"Mama, letter for the man!" David, the letter from the box outstretched, started toward the retreating wagon.

"No, David, not to that man. Mama will tell you when the man comes to whom you are to give the letter." An instant later she whirled about to her husband, the letter in her hand. "Kenneth! This letter—it's the one I wrote over two weeks ago to Snavelly—he doesn't know we're coming!"

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BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. N. E. Rogers of Anson who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Susie Doan, for the past week and who has been real sick for several days, is convalescing nicely. Mrs. Dovie Barnett, Don Myers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Billie Myers of Anson came over to be with their mother for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lackey of Post City motored over and visited in the home of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons, Mrs. Jessie Wilson and son, Jessie Earl, and Hayne Blackburn of Red Spring have been visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Elie Brooks, for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill and son, Boyd, of Bureson and Misses Ruth Pinckley and Alta Grayson of Merkel were the interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell recently.

Miss Catherine Phillips of Itaan enjoyed several weeks stay with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gardner of Swenson have returned to their home after several months stay with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer with their attractive little son, Milburn, visited with Rev and Mrs. John Walker of Abilene recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hague Wood are enjoying a visit from their brother, Hague Wood, of San Angelo for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Logan enjoyed a visit from their mother, Grandma Logan, of Mt. Pleasant one day the past week.

Mrs. O. W. Walker of Merkel is spending several days with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield. We are sorry to report that Mrs. Malone was burned while operating a pressure cooker the past week. This is the second time Mrs. Malone has been burned in the past month and we hope for her early recovery.

Charlie Peterson is on the sick list at this writing, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stanford and family of Merkel were week-end visitors in this home.

Miss Clara Lee Peterson is enjoying a stay for an indefinite time with her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Peterson, of Caps.

Deon Brown of White Church spent

the week-end with his cousins, Madalene and Orval Brown.

A. L. Farmer and sons, accompanied by Miss Lois Roth, of White Church, visited relatives at this place last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan visited in the home of Sam Horton at Trent Sunday.

Pat Addison enjoyed several days visit with friends at Ballinger the past week.

Mrs. Hunter of Weatherford is staying with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Bell, for several weeks.

Elder M. J. Richardson of Robert Lee, assisted by his brother, O. B. Richardson of San Angelo, of the Primitive Baptist faith, just closed a successful three weeks meeting here. They are men of much ability, with a manner that is simple and impressive, and did untold good at this place. They will be with us once a month.

Large crowds of people from surrounding towns and communities attended these services and we invite those people back as often as they can come.

GOLAN NEWS

The union revival closed Sunday night. There were several conversions, four new members joining the Baptist church and others, the Methodist church.

Little Miss Marjorie Down Hill of San Angelo is visiting her uncle, W. C. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fox have returned to their home in Amherst.

Mrs. Odie Stribley visited her mother, Mrs. Holland Dean, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lawlis are at home again after a month's visit with relatives.

Misses Mary Lee and Florence Hughes of Abilene have been here visiting their sister, Mrs. Cecil Stevens, returning home Monday.

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Cross Roads News.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernell Crow have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair and family.

Miss Ethel King spent Saturday night with Miss Beulah Wilson of Trent.

Mrs. Will Toombs and children, Willie B., Stanley and Peggy Joyce, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Bryant visited Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale West and children, D. C., Jack, Mary Dale and Jimmie Nell, are visiting in Oklahoma. They were accompanied by F. T. Hogan.

A number from here attended the speaking at Abilene Saturday night. Laverne Moore has been visiting Stanley Toombs the past week.

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FOR RENT—Two south rooms, nicely furnished, all conveniences. Mrs. T. J. Toombs.

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FOR RENT—The Kirby Beckett place. See J. T. Warren.

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QUILTING AND COMFORT packing wanted. Get ready for winter. Mrs. S. L. Grayson, on Largent road.

SCHOOL CLOTHES—Learn to make your own in the girls' classes each Saturday. Free discussion each Tuesday, 4 to 6. Home of Mrs. L. D. Boyd.

WANTED TO BUY your pigs, from 25 to 100 pounds, biggy sows, weight 275 and up; will buy Friday, Saturday and Monday. Jap McCoy or J. A. Patterson, Jr.

LEGAL NOTICE.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas County of Taylor: Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale, under writ of attachment and judgment issued out of the Honorable Justice Court of Prec. No. 5, Taylor County, on the 15th day of Aug., 1933, by W. W. Wheeler Justice of the Peace of said Prec. No. 5, Taylor County, Texas, for the sum of one hundred eighteen and 41/100 (\$118.41) dollars and costs of suit, under an attachment writ of judgment, in favor of Farmers State Bank in Merkel, in a certain cause in said court, No. 420 and styled The Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Texas, vs. H. H. Hand, placed in my hands for service, I, N. A. Dowell, Constable, Prec. No. 5 of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 13th day of June, 1933, levy on certain real estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: the S 1-2 of Lot No. 11 and the N 1-2 of Lot No. 10, in Block No. 13, in the town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of H. H. Hand, and that on the first Tuesday in Sept., 1933, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the court house door, of Taylor County, in the town of Abilene, Taylor co. Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said judgment and order of sale, under writ of attachment, levied, 6/13/33, I will sell above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said H. H. Hand.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 15th day of August, 1933.

N. A. Dowell, Constable Prec. No. 5, Taylor County, Texas.

Shiloh Happenings

As a token of appreciation of the Shiloh Junior Sunday School class for learning a large number of verses from the Bible, Mrs. Tom Greene entertained with an ice cream feast Sunday afternoon, August 20.

Members of the class present were: Selma and Thelma Winter, Dorothy and Donald Rutledge, Odell and Mildred Swinney, Charlene James, Joye

West Texas Utilities Co. Signs NRA Code, Covering 161 Offices

Abilene, August 24.—Signing the NRA code for the 161 West Texas cities and communities in which it operates the West Texas Utilities company Tuesday at the local postoffice pledged its support and cooperation to the program and plans of the National Industrial Recovery Act. Pledges also were signed locally in each of the towns in which the company operates.

Changes in personnel and hours are being made at the present time and all provisions of the agreement will be placed in effect as rapidly as possible, it was learned.

Price Campbell, president of the West Texas Utilities company, in commenting on his company's participation in the Blue Eagle program said:

"The West Texas Utilities company feels that the NRA program actually will increase purchasing power in an amount sufficient to stimulate general business. While this program adds a large new responsibility to already heavy payroll, due to the hours required to give continuous service, we feel that the communities we serve desire that we try to carry this additional burden, together with the summation of the extra 3 per cent tax payments to be taken off the collective shoulders of our consumers and placed on our single shoulders.

"This and other added taxes, together with the increased payroll and increased cost of supplies, create such a very large additional burden that it can be carried only by increased income from increased consumption or increased rates. So we issue a plea to our customers to help by taking increased service, at least to the extent of the 3 per cent decrease in cost of service by which customers will benefit when we take over the payment of the tax.

"Much of such service will come on the low steps of the rate schedules, and must occur quickly as we have only until the first of September before taking over this tax and the other additional burdens.

"The department of labor reports that living costs are nearly 25 per cent above normal, or above 1913 prices while electric rates instead of being above the normalcy line of 1913 are between 40 per cent and 50 per cent below that line—and nearly 70 per cent below average living costs. General living costs now are increasing so the difference between cost of electric service and the cost of other items of family expense soon will be far greater than at the present time.

"Few customers realize that our present rate schedules are so arranged that they can increase their service several times with only a very small addition to the bill. The problem we must meet at once is to have our customers see this important fact, and realize the comforts and convenience this increased service will provide at very low rates."

Blue Eagles were posted on the company's windows throughout the properties Tuesday.

Revival

(Continued from Page One.)

Sunday morning at the Methodist church, the message will be one of devotional interest and evangelistic appeal on "The Name of Jesus." At the evening service the evangelist will discuss the all-important question, "What Does It Mean to be a Child of God?"

Some of the subjects that will be discussed next week are as follows:

Morning services: a series of messages on the power, personality and office work of the Holy Spirit; how to obtain and retain the power of the Holy Spirit; the Christian secret of a happy life; the joy of the Spirit and the satisfied life.

Evening services: "Amazing Grace;" "The only message that ever came back from the other world;" "Conversion, What is it, how it is brought about, when it takes place and how it is confirmed;" "Wages, and what I learned in a state prison;" "A dramatic tragedy turned into victory" and "Onward, upward, downward."

Rutledge, Sible Jo Winter, Robert Grimes Seago and Hardy Grayson.

Others present were: Lillian Grayson, Gene Rutledge, Nordell Grayson, Katharine Grayson, Weldon Rutledge, Hattie Bob and Hazel Swinney, Garl Bonneau, Edward Hugh Seago, Donald Greene, Mrs. Lottie Greene, Messrs. and Mesdames Hugh Grayson, Bob Swinney, Bert James, Edgar Grayson, C. W. Seago, Mr. Mansard, Tom Greene and the hostess.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

Byron Norrell, newspaper man of Ada, Okla., and a resident of Merkel when a boy, was a visitor at The Mail office last week. He had not been back to Merkel since 1893, at which time he said the population of the city was about 450. His father was the late Rev. A. B. Norrell.

Having purchased the home of Mrs. T. V. Touchstone on Oak street, Mrs. J. H. McDonald removed there on Monday of this week. The J. H. Cooks are occupying the stucco cottage vacated by Mrs. McDonald.

New residents in Merkel are Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Dunn, formerly of Slaton, who are making their home with Mr. Dunn's brother, M. A. Dunn. Vernon Dunn has been added to the sales department of the Hughes Motor company.

Alvise Yeats left Monday for Hobbs in Fisher county where he has accepted a position in the consolidated school there. He will teach mathematics and have charge of the Glee club.

Attending the district meeting of Chevrolet service and parts dealers in Abilene this week were Fred Hughes, George White and M. A. Dunn. A feature of the meeting was a banquet for a tonsillectomy Tuesday morning.

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Fireboys Mourn Loss Of "Mother Ferris"

In addition to sending an appropriate floral wreath for the funeral of "Mother Ferris" of the Texas State Volunteer Firemen's association at Brownwood on last Saturday afternoon, five members of the Merkel Fire department and two past members attended the last rites for this beloved woman. Those going from here were: Chief James B. Toombs, Spencer Bird, Bernice Tucker, Morris Horton, Comer Patterson, N. A. Dowell and J. E. Tucker, the last two being past members.

"Mother Ferris," who was 63 years of age, died in Fort Worth Thursday, August 17. She was given the title a number of years ago by the state organization as tribute for the services of her husband as chief of the Brownwood fire department and because of the death of a son in department service there.

"Mother" Ferris had for several years been an honor guest at state conventions, and showed great enjoyment in the 1933 program, held June 15, 16 and 17 in Corpus Christi.

R. O. Pearson is New Local Manager, Gas Co.

With the transfer of Raymond Neal, for the past two and a half years local manager of the Community Natural Gas company, to the company's Sweetwater office, effective Monday morning of this week, R. O. Pearson is being welcomed here as the new manager.

Mr. Pearson has been connected with Hamlin office of the Communi-

ty Natural Gas company. He is a married man and has leased residence here.

It is with much regret that Merkel loses Raymond Neal to Sweetwater. As successor to Slaton Bourn, who was transferred to Winters, Raymond has proved a most satisfactory representative of his company in dealings with the public and, besides, has required a large circle of personal friends, who predict for him a most promising career.

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Scratch the column giving list of delegates under heading: "For ratification of the above amendment." Which means that you are voting against the 21st amendment that repeals the 18th amendment. Please be sure to scratch this list of delegates, if you favor the 18th amendment.

On the state ballot, scratch the section reading: "Against the amendment to the Constitution of Texas authorizing the sale of vinous or malt liquors, etc."

A third ballot provides for your vote against legalizing 3.2 per cent beer in Taylor county.

TO THE OLDER VOTERS:

If you do not have a way to go to the polls and vote, please call Herbert Patterson, Bill Haynes or W. O. Boney, who will provide a conveyance.

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Snap Beans	home grown pound	5c
CARROTS, 3 bunches		10c
Spuds	No. 1 5 pounds	18c
ORANGES, Red Ball, dozen		20c
Lemons	fancy dozen	20c
PEACHES, fancy Elberta, dozen		25c
Sugar	pure cane cloth bag, 10 lbs.	50c
PRUNES, Raybrook, No. 10 can		39c
PINEAPPLE, No. 1 R & W, can		10c
Peaches	No. 1 R & W can	10c
CORN, No. 2 R & W, 2 cans		25c
Pork & Beans can		6c
GRAPE NUTS, package		18c
CAKE FLOUR, Swans Down, pkg.		33c
Baking Powder	Calumet 1 lb. can	25c
COFFEE, Sun Up, package		20c
Oxydol	Washing Powder large pkg.	19c
SOAP, Lady Godiva Toilet, bar		5c
WASH BOARD, Silver		39c
Compound	4 lb. carton	33c
BACON, 1 lb. sliced		18c
JOWLS, dry salt, pound		7 1-2c
Bologna,	lb.	15c



SWIM SUPPER.

The Shannon's Pool was the meeting place for a gay group of swimmers on Monday evening when Miss Grace Baxter, Messrs. Ramond Grey and Clyde Smith of San Saba, who were house guests of Misses Lorena Dry and Loyce Dry, were guests of honor for a merry swim and supper at the home of Mrs. J. M. Dry.

Following a most delectable summer menu served buffet-style, card games were enjoyed until a late hour by Miss Grace Baxter, Messrs. Clyde Smith, Ramond Grey, Misses Mary Eula Sears, Christine Collins, Lorena and Loyce Dry, Mrs. J. M. Dry, Messrs. C. J. Glover and Wrenn Durham.

STUDIO PARTY.

The summer studio of Miss Christine Collins was the scene of a gala event on Friday afternoon when Brooks Havins of Abilene was guest entertainer at the monthly class lesson. He entertained first with "Piano Moods;" following this medley, Miss Anne Lee Blake sang two sprightly numbers, finishing each off with a tap dance. Miss Helen Heeter cleverly interpreted a rural song and dance number. Beatrice Rone's contralto appeared to advantage in "I Can't Remember." Miss Dorothy Lee Shannon engagingly sang two popular numbers, preceding Mrs. Myrtle Patterson's "Street O' Dreams." She and Miss Rone sang a group in harmony, culminating with a trio, using Mr. Havins' tenor voice as the third part. Beautiful medleys of "Rio Rita" and "Rose Marie" were followed by a request program on the accordion by the guest artist.

The hostess passed chicken salad sandwiches, chocolate macaroons and punch to Misses Edith Baker, Eleanor Tucker, Eloise Mansell, Missie Dye, Beatrice Rone, Christine Collins, Helen Heeter, Anne Lee Blake, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Mesdames John Shannon, Fred Hughes, Myrtle Patterson and Norman King and Brooks Havins.

DELTA-HAN-AROUN.

Mrs. Harold Boney most delightfully entertained members of the Delta-Han-Aroun bridge club on Thursday afternoon of last week. Following an afternoon of enjoyable bridge games delicious refreshments of cream and cake were served to Misses Laura Barnett, Nelle Durham, Lou Largent, Dorris Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Mesdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., Bob Mayfield, Ed McCrary, Milton Case, Ernest Higgins, Charlie Largent, L. C. Zehnpfannig and the hostess.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

The golden wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker, starting Saturday noon and ending Wednesday evening, was the occasion of much rejoicing by the celebrants, their children, relatives and friends. Sumptuous noon day meals were served on both Sunday and Wednesday.

The cake—a golden angel food, iced in white and decorated with golden wedding bells and the dates, 1883-1933, was sliced and served with punch to visitors who dropped in during the Wednesday afternoon open house, Wednesday being the anniversary date. Married in Johnson county on August 23, 1883, they came to Jones county 35 years ago, settling at Anson. The couple have resided since 1905 on the same place southeast of Merkel.

Those partaking in the celebration with Mr. and Mrs. Baker were: Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Watters and daughters, Ouida and Juanita and Mrs. Ramsey, of Cleburne; Mrs. W. T. Lain of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Majors, of Morgan; Mrs. Jewell McLaughlin and son, Bruce, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude McLaughlin and daughter, Evelyn Joyce, of MeAdoo; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dennis and son, Wayne, of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson and son, Byron; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Baker, Miss Edith and Fred A., Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn and Terrell, and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Baker.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

The Fidelis Matrons class of the First Baptist Sunday School gathered in the basement of the church on Thursday afternoon for a business and social meeting. Miss Valerie Dye gave, as the devotional, a very interesting

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

With 901 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, a gain of 25 was shown over the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago, the attendance was 779.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Brother C. R. Joyner, our pastor, will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. B. T. S. at 7:15 Sunday evening.

There will be no Sunday or Wednesday evening services, as we are turning out for the Methodist meeting.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

Twenty ladies were present at Bible study Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Brother Joyner taught the 4th chapter of Revelations, which is "John's vision of God's throne." Next Monday we will study the 5th chapter of Revelations. This is a wonderful book and everyone will be greatly repaid by attending these studies.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The pastor has returned from holding a revival in East Texas and will preach at the morning service. No Sunday night service because of the Methodist revival.

Sunday School 10 a. m. No prayer service during the Methodist revival.

J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Singing is doing fine, with a splendid teacher, W. W. Wood. Community singing each Tuesday evening from 7:45 to 9:30.

Sunday School each Sunday 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Saturday evening 8:15 for next two weeks. We changed for singing school benefit. N. Y. P. S. is doing fine work with an enrollment of 47. Society meets each Sunday at 7:15 p. m., with a good program. Everyone has a hearty welcome to come and worship with us at all our services.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study at 9:45, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. each Lord's Day, young people's program at 7:30 p. m. each Lord's day. Preaching at 8:30 p. m. each Wednesday.

A cordial welcome awaits all who come.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

We have many things to rejoice over. Last Sunday we had the greatest attendance in our Bible School in the history of our church, in the last two Sundays an increase from 88 to 150.

A great spirit of love and fellowship is manifest in all our services. As a pastor in Merkel, I am happy and love my people beyond words to

talk on "How to Build a Good Sunday School Class."

A refreshment plate of delicious angel food cake and punch was passed to Mrs. T. E. Collins, class teacher, and the following members: Mesdames Charlie Largent, Ted McGehee, Jesse Davis, H. Snell, B. E. Smith, Virgie Hassey, Louis Rister and Wade Campbell, and Misses Valerie Dye and Lenora Kimmey, visitors.

AYES AND EYES

By
DR. O. B. STANLEY

There are four general types of errors of vision, hi-per-o-pe-ah (far sightedness), mi-o-pe-ah (near sightedness), as-tig-ma-tism and pres-be-c-pe-ah. The variations of these defects run into thousands, even in an individual. One eye may be hi-per-op-lo (far sighted), or hi-per-o-pic combined with as-tig-ma-tism, while the other eye is mi-o-pic (near sighted), or mi-o-pia combined with astigmatism. Each eye has to be carefully examined to determine its error; and after each eye is corrected individually they have to be so adjusted that they will work in harmony with each other.

This is the reason it is impossible to buy ready made glasses that are not actually harmful.

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express. It is my great joy to be pastor at a place where the church and pastor stand united as one against the evil forces and for the cause of Jesus Christ.

Next Sunday we expect 200 in Bible School. If we have that many we shall be happy to announce a date for the whole Bible School to meet at the pastor's home and sing and "eat plenty of ice cream." Everybody work hard and be there with several new members.

We have Stamps 1933 song book for our Sunday afternoon singing. If you love to sing, come help us. If you are not going to church and want a church home where there is love and fellowship, we invite you to come our way.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to thank every one who by their kind words, sympathy and assistance helped us to bear our grief in the loss of our dear wife, daughter and sister.

M. A. Dunn.
Mrs. Irene Elkins.
Mrs. Francis Lee.
Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Dunn.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

On account of Election Day, the undersigned banks will remain closed all day Saturday, August 26. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

The Farmers State Bank.
The F. & M. National Bank.

Our STAR VALUE SALE continues in full swing through Monday — Brown's Bargain Store.

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Alice White a Star When James Cagney Was Just Starting

In the two years that Alice White was away from the screen, many new faces appeared to take top rating in stardom. Two years is a long time in movie circles, and on her recent return to Hollywood she found stars who weren't even dreamed of when she was at the top of the ladder of fame.

One of these is James Cagney, opposite whom she now plays in the Warner Bros. picture, "Picture Snatcher," coming to the Queen theatre Monday and Tuesday. Cagney's entry into filmdom came just about the time that Alice White temporarily bowed out. Now he is rated as star of the first magnitude with an immense following.

The first picture she made on her recent return was "Employees' Entrance," in which she played opposite a still newer star, Warren William.

The cast of "Picture Snatcher" also includes Patricia Ellis, Ralph Bellamy, Robert E. O'Connor, George Pat Collins, Tom Wilson, Ralf Harold and Robert Barratt.

Queen Theatre

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Johnny Weissmuller as
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Also Caroon

Monday-Tuesday
James Cagney-Alice White
"Picture Snatcher"
Also Abe Lyman's Orchestra

Wednesday-Thursday
Clark Gable-Helen Hayes
"White Sister"
Also "Maids a la Mode"

On account of increased cost of pictures and contract provisions, prices from now on will be: Adults, 25c, children, 10c.

Cemetery Working.

On September 2, everybody is invited to meet at White Church cemetery in the Canyon, with good sharp tools and well filled baskets, for a day's pleasure in beautifying the cemetery yard.

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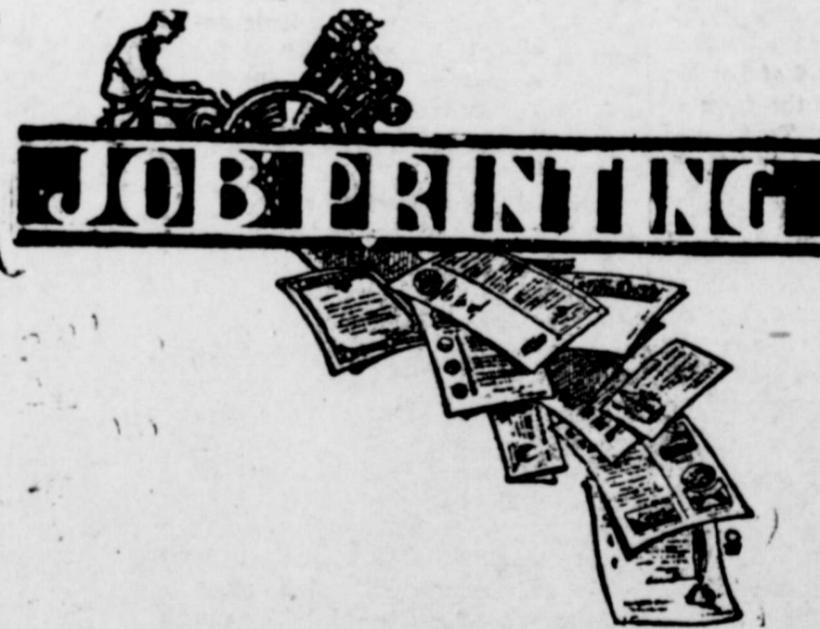
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