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## 4-CENT PRICE ON COTTON TICKETS BOOSTS INCOME

**Taylor County Farmers May "Cash In" on Short Crop, by Ruling of Department as to Transfer of Certificates.**

Washington, Sept. 6.—Secretary Wallace Wednesday set a price for a tax exempt certificate upon cotton production at 4 cents a pound on the cotton they represented. A farmer who sells his excess certificates will be paid roughly on the basis of \$20 per bale.

The exchange of certificates will operate to aid farmers in the drought area by permitting them to realize at least some cash on their excess certificates and at the same time will help others in more favorable production areas by enabling them to avoid paying the heavy penalty tax on production above the quota.

Sale of surplus cotton tax exemption certificates on the plan announced by Secretary Wallace will mean approximately \$106,000 to Taylor county farmers, County Agent C. Metz Heald said Wednesday.

With an original allotment of 22,570 bales for this county, it is estimated the drought has cut the yield to 17,000 bales, leaving approximately 5,570 tax exemption certificates that cannot be absorbed by producers in this county. At \$20 per bale, this would approach \$106,000.

## Merkel Girl Winner Third Place at Show

Abilene, Sept. 6.—Champion horsewoman of the fourth annual American Legion-Labor Council rodeo is Mrs. Ardeth Copeland of Blackwell. Mrs. Copeland was declared winner in a field of 16 contesting cowgirls after judges put the group through 75 extra minutes of extra routine before the grand stand Tuesday night and made their selection on the basis of fractional points.

Miss Clara May Jones of Stamford was tied with the champion on the first scoring, and took second place by the mere matter of a sixteenth of a point. Third was Miss Mamie Walker of Merkel; fourth, Leta Fae Barbee of Noodle, and fifth, Miss Annie Lee Spiers, San Angelo. Only three points separated the five.

## Ginnings in Territory Now Total 1,667 Bales

Ginnings for the current week at five local plants and at those at Stith, Blair and Noodle, up to Wednesday night, were 1,252, bringing the total for the season to 1,667 bales.

Only five gins are now operating in Merkel, the Texas Cotton Growers gin having shut down Thursday of last week.

## Ex-Merkel High Star Asst. Coach at Fabens

Blanton McLean, former Merkel High and Sul Ross athlete, left August 29 for Fabens where he will take up his work as assistant football and head basketball and track coach.

During his athletic career, from 1926 to 1932, McLean won nineteen letters and captained four teams, one of which was a runner-up in the T. I. A. A. He still holds the honor of being the only Lobo to earn four major or sport letters in one year at Sul Ross.

Fabens, a class A school in district 4, is reported to have the best material they have had in years and is expecting its team to make a strong showing.

### Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Seymour, residing north of town, Saturday, September 1, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stribling, Trent, Monday, September 3, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lucas, residing north of town, Monday, September 3, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Vick Stewart, Mt. Pleasant, Thursday, September 6, 1934.

### FOR NEXT WEEK.

Fourth and last of the series of articles on "Along the Coast of Alaska," contributed by Miss Mary Kate Campbell, will appear in next week's issue of The Mail.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

W. L. Fletcher, Jr., of Hamlin, has been elected treasurer of the national Rural Mail Carriers association. The Edison hotel, 20-story Beaumont structure erected in 1929 at a cost of about \$2,000,000 complete, was sold at a foreclosure sale Tuesday for \$430,000.

An aggregate deficit of \$13,530,813 in the general fund, Confederate pension fund and school funds was reported by the Texas treasury as of August 31, close of the fiscal year.

Mrs. Frisella Wilson, who would have been 102 years old in November and the widow of John Wilson, who constructed the Sabine Pass lighthouse, died at her home in Orange Sunday night.

H. T. O'Bar, former sheriff of Taylor county and who has for the past several years been serving as chief deputy to Sheriff Frank Mills of Coleman county, has been appointed police chief of Coleman.

Ed Bigler, San Antonio high school football player, suffered a fractured skull at Barton Springs, near Austin, practicing a double back-flip dive in preparation for a swimming meet and died at a hospital without regaining consciousness.

During a cloudburst Saturday afternoon at Clarendon, Alfred Walker, 16, was struck by lightning and killed as he rode into Clarendon on a truck. Five other persons on the truck, including the driver, were dazed but not seriously hurt.

Carl L. Estes, widely known East Texas editor, has resigned as editor-manager of the Tyler Courier-Times and Tyler Morning Telegraph to devote full time to his oil magazine and other East Texas publications in which he is interested.

## Three Merkel Men On 42nd Grand Jury

Three Merkel men, D. H. Vaughn, W. O. Boney and Z. V. Moore, are on the grand jury of the 42nd district court impaneled by Judge M. S. Long Monday morning.

T. A. Buford of Ovalo was chosen foreman and Homer Scott, Abilene, secretary. Other members of the body are: Pink Wooten, C. E. Bradley, J. W. Foul, C. R. Pennington and T. J. Willis, Abilene; Pat Mullins, Tuscola, and C. M. Hunt, Bradshaw.

## Stanford Residence Destroyed by Fire

The large frame house, belonging to J. A. Stanford and located in South Merkel, was totally destroyed by fire of undetermined origin at 2:30 Tuesday morning. The house was occupied by Paul Stanford, who, with his wife, were away from home, having gone to visit Mrs. Stanford's mother in New Mexico. The contents were also a total loss.

Insurance in the sum of \$1,500 was carried on the house and \$1,000 on the furniture and contents.

Owing to a strong south wind, the Dee Grimes home, just north, was in line of the path of the blaze but escaped with only slight damage, mostly blistering of the paint. In appreciation of the splendid work of the fireboys, Mr. Grimes sent his check for \$5.00 to the Firemen's association.

## W. J. Hayes Receives News of Sister's Death

Upon receipt of a message telling of the death of his sister, Mrs. Mollie Dodd, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes and family left at once for Weatherford to attend the funeral, which was to be held at 3 p. m. Thursday. Other relatives were expecting to go Thursday morning.

Mrs. Dodd, who had frequently visited her brother here, died of a paralytic stroke Wednesday morning.

## Convalescing Satisfactorily.

Mrs. Floyd Davis, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium Monday morning, is reported as getting along satisfactorily. Her sister, Mrs. J. M. Bickley of Chatfield, who came to be with her, has returned home. A brother, Homer Laney, was also here from Bronco.

## Fireboys Enjoy Social.

Members of the Volunteer Fire Department and their wives and families enjoyed an ice cream supper at Shannon's pool on Thursday night of last week.

## FIRST GAME SCHEDULED THIS SEASON TO BE PLAYED WITH CLYDE ON LOCAL GRIDIRON

The football boys will have hot showers this season. At the meeting of the school board this week Supt. Burgess submitted a bid of the gas company for installation of hot showers in the bath house and the board decided to install these showers, using equipment that can later be transferred to the new gymnasium without loss.

Repairs to the bath house were authorized, just enough to get by until the new gym is built, as the board hopes it will be only a few months until the state allots the labor so that the gym may be built.

Although school does not start until Monday, football practice got under way in good shape this week. Coach Irvin issued suits to 24 Badger tryouts last Saturday.

The schedule for the season follows: Sept. 21, Clyde at Merkel. Sept. 28, Anson at Merkel. Oct. 5, Stamford at Merkel. Oct. 12, Haskell at Haskell. Oct. 19, Roscoe at Roscoe. Oct. 26, Winters at Merkel. Nov. 2, Roby at Roby. Nov. 9 (Armistice), Hamlin, place undecided. Nov. 16, Rotan at Merkel. Nov. 23, Snyder at Snyder.

## PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Elliott and two sons, of Lanessa, who formerly lived here, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lowe have as their guest this week Judge R. E. Darby of Conroe.

Miss Berdelle Adeock left Thursday for Menard where she will teach in the Menard schools.

Mrs. Mose Cauthen of Alamogordo, N. M., is visiting her mother, Mrs. T. J. Toombs, and other relatives.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. S. J. Roberts, who has been seriously ill, is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McRee and little daughter of Lubbock are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell leaves Friday for Amarillo to resume her duties as teacher in the schools there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell left Wednesday for Cortez, Colo., where they will visit Mr. Campbell's brother, Sylvan Mellinger left Tuesday for Big Spring to visit his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mellinger, until the week-end.

Miss Paralee Patterson of A. C. C. was the guest of Miss Berdelle Adeock Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hassey and little daughter, Betty Joe, left Tuesday for Sacramento, Calif., where they will visit relatives.

Rev. P. H. Gates and Mrs. Gates and family left Tuesday for San Antonio to attend the Centennial of Methodism in Texas.

Miss Irene Thompson and Miss Mettydell Crowder and W. P. Thompson of Snyder, visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell last week-end.

Following a minor surgical operation Ed V. Lancaster has been confined to his home this week, but is reported getting along nicely.

Mrs. Walter Cabelitz and daughter, Miss Alva Jean, of Dallas, were weekend guests of their brothers-in-law, C. P. and F. E. Church, and families.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald left Tuesday for Junction where they will spend several days at Randolph camp fishing.

Bob Martin and daughter, Miss Julia Martin, have returned from a visit with Mr. Martin's brother, Finley Martin, and sister, Mrs. Parker, at Stanton.

After a visit with Mrs. Maedgen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Maedgen and daughter have returned to their home at Lubbock.

Mrs. A. H. Finley returned Thursday to her home in Greenville, Ala., after a three weeks visit with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson.

L. C. Ellis, vice-president of the Lubbock National bank, accompanied by his son, were visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis, returning home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lowe accompanied by Judge and Mrs. A. S. Mauley of Sweetwater on a trip to Houston last week. Judge Mauley is an uncle of Mrs. Lowe's.

Miss Katherine Cozzens, member of the teaching staff of the Fort Worth schools, is the guest of Miss Iris Garrett. Miss Cozzens has been teaching during the summer at the State Teachers college at San Marcos.

Mrs. C. P. Church and two sons, Charlie and Bonnie, accompanied by her father, B. N. Wheeler, left Monday for Ada, Okla., to visit Mr. Wheeler's brother, R. O. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan of Tyler were week-end guests of their mother, Mrs. J. C. Calvert, in the C. K. Russell home, having come to bring Miss Anna Lou Russell home.

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## MISS AGERTON OF WACO ELECTED TO SCHOOL FACULTY

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Dorris Yates was filled by the election of Miss Ella Mae Agerton of Waco, at the regular meeting of the school board on September 3.

Miss Agerton will teach writing and drawing in grades 5, 6, and 7. She is a graduate of the College of Industrial Arts of Denton, majoring in art.

Miss Yeats resigned to accept a position in the Albany schools at a very substantial increase in salary.

**FACULTY PERSONNEL.**  
The faculty of the Merkel Public schools for 1934-35 follows:

First grade—Mrs. Elsie Sharp Nash, Mrs. Holland Teaff.  
Second grade—Miss Alzada Pogue, Miss Evelyn Curb.

Third grade—Mrs. Spencer Bird, Miss Vennie Heizer.

Fourth grade—Miss Imogene Hayes, Miss Emma Joyner.

Fifth grade—Miss Ella Mae Agerton, writing and drawing; Miss Alma Morgan, English.

Sixth grade—Mrs. Elmo Collins, reading; Miss Stell Ledger, geography.

Seventh grade—Ralph Duke, history; Mrs. Len Sublett, arithmetic, principal.

**HIGH SCHOOL.**  
Miss Julia Martin, history, algebra, Miss Helen Patterson, mathematics, physical education.

Tom D. Riddle, science.  
Mrs. R. B. Irvin, English.

Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, English, public speaking.  
R. B. Irvin, Spanish, coach, principal.

R. A. Burgess, superintendent.

## Mulberry Canyon Bus Route Changed

At the September first meeting of the county board, the bus routes in the Mulberry Canyon region were again changed. This time the change was made necessary by the board being unable to get a driver for the Mt. Pleasant route, Sam McLeod, who had agreed to take this Route 4 by Mt. Pleasant, asked the board to relieve him because of his finding that the route would not pay enough so he could afford to operate a bus. The board agreed to release him and to award a contract to U. T. Richie over a route which is the same as last year with the exception that the route this year will turn south at Butman school and go around the section by Wade Ensminger's home. Mr. Richie already has his bus and will operate it on Monday morning.

The schedule will be about as follows. Changes will be made as actual driving makes it necessary. The bus will start at the corner where the Nubia-Mt. Pleasant road crosses the Castle Peak road at 7:15, passing the other points at the time named: I. N. L. school 7:25; Cross Roads church 7:30; Butman school 7:38; White Church school 7:55; Blair school 8:10; arrive Merkel High school at 8:30. Students should be out on the route Monday morning, September 10, a little before these times mentioned.

**WILL PREACH AT NOODLE.**  
W. G. Cypert will preach at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday at the Church of Christ at Noodle. Everyone is cordially invited to hear him.

**Former Resident Dies At Hayward, Calif.**  
Friends of the family here have been advised of the death of Mrs. J. W. Daniels last Saturday in Hayward, Calif. The funeral was held there Tuesday.

Mrs. Daniels formerly lived here, the family home having been on the site of the present T. G. Bragg residence. She was connected with Woodroof Bros. dry goods store prior to her removal from Merkel.

She is survived by two children, John R. Daniels, El Paso, and Mrs. Annie T. Miller, Hayward, Calif., also a step-daughter, Mrs. T. D. Compton, who lives here. Three grandchildren also survive. A sister of Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Ed Vickers, lives at Pecos.

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**Palace Theatre to Show "King of Wild Horses"**  
Lighting difficulties, which affected the showing of the film on opening night, having been overcome, large crowds enjoyed the presentations of "Carolina" and "David Harum" at the Palace theatre the first part of the week.

For Friday and Saturday Manager Wood will show "King of Wild Horses," also the first chapter of a new serial, "The Wolf Dog," with Rin Tin Tin, Jr.

"Such Women Are Dangerous," starring Warner Baxter, will be screened Monday and Tuesday night, the latter night having been announced as "Bank Night."

## Two West Texas Towns Let Contracts for Gyms

Contracts for renovating old buildings and constructing a new gymnasium for the Novice school district will be let within the next few days, according to County Superintendent Joe L. Beard of Coleman.

Novice is a consolidated rural high school on highway 7 between Abilene and Coleman, some 40 miles southeast of Abilene. The improvements were made possible when the state permanent school fund furnished the money for the purchase of Novice school bonds totaling \$7,600.

During the past week contract was let for a new building and a new gymnasium at Talpa, east of Ballinger. This structure is to cost approximately \$17,000 and is to be a combination auditorium-gymnasium, seating some 700 when used for auditorium purposes. Talpa has about 300 students in attendance.

Among some of the visitors to Abilene Wednesday were H. C. West, J. A. Provine, Byron Thomas, H. M. Rose, H. M. Warren, Chas. Hughes, T. H. Spears, W. D. Woodroof, J. D. Gaither and R. L. Bland.



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Artilee Pannell, 27,  
Drowned in Arizona

News was received here Wednesday morning by his mother, Mrs. M. E. Baucus, of the death of Artilee Pannell, age 27, at Buckeye, Ariz. He was drowned when his car struck loose dirt on the abutment of a bridge and turned over into an irrigation ditch.

Artilee, who formerly lived here, left Merkel about six years ago. He was foreman of the Hollywood corporation, engaged in irrigation work. His mother and a half-brother, Roy Baucus, left Wednesday morning for Arizona.

He is survived by his wife and one little daughter, Mary Ellen, also another half-brother, Carl Baucus, and a half-sister, Mrs. Pearl Brabbin, of Buckeye, Arizona.

Former Superintendent  
Of Schools Visits Here

Ed. V. White, superintendent of the public schools here some thirty years ago and now dean of Texas State College for Women at Denton, was a visitor here Wednesday morning, shaking hands with old friends and renewing acquaintance with former pupils.

After serving as superintendent here, he was also Taylor county superintendent for several terms.

Rural Mail Carriers  
Meet at Buffalo Gap

Merkel was represented at the meeting of the Taylor County Rural Mail Carriers Association at Buffalo Gap last Friday by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adecock and daughter, Miss Frances, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, their two daughters, Miss Mary Kate Campbell and Mrs. H. C. Reid, their grandson, Billy George Reid, and their niece, Miss Ona Campbell.

On Monday Mr. Campbell and members of his family attended the district meeting of rural mail carriers at Lueders.

RURAL SOCIETY  
SALT BRANCH CLUB

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club will meet at Mrs. W. J. Higgins' home on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 2:30. Important business is to be transacted.

PARTY AND SHOWER

Mr. and Mrs. Dewel McLean entertained the young people of the Nubia community Saturday night with a party and shower in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Stout.

After games were played, the bride and groom were presented with many beautiful gifts, which they admired with delight. Everyone reported a grand time.

CROSS ROADS CLUB

The Cross Roads home demonstration club met Monday in the home of Mrs. Dee Teaff, at Tye, where members heard a talk by a former Tye resident, Mrs. Dark, of Lendora, California. The next meeting was announced for September 17, and will be held in the home of Mrs. J. J. McCartney.

At the meeting were: Mesdames Dark and Opal Bane of Lendora, California, and members, Mesdames Earl Baze, R. F. England, J. J. McCartney, Elmer Mattingby, W. C. Newton, Myrtle Pitts, Ernest Teaff, Misses Dorothy Pitts and Bobby Geneva Pitts.

NOODLE CLUB

The Noodle Home Demonstration club will meet in its next regular meeting on Wednesday, September 12, in the high school auditorium.

Reports on the Short Course will be given in detail. All members are urged to be present. Especially do we invite visitors from other clubs.

**C. M. PRESLEY**  
Jeweler  
Watches—Diamonds—  
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210 Cypress 200 Pine  
Abilene, Texas

TRENT NEWS AND  
PERSONALS

Miss Ida V. Estep spent last week in Abilene visiting with her sister, Mrs. Fred Rogge. Returning the latter part of the week, she was accompanied by her niece, little Miss Billie Mae, who will visit the week with her.

J. S. Armour motored to Eastland Saturday to attend the golf tournament, also looking after some business matters while there.

Miss Estelle Terry has returned from Lubbock where she attended summer school.

Miss Imagine Mangum spent several days last week in Sweetwater as guest in the home of her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Steadman and children were week-end guests of Mrs. Walker Steadman last week.

On Monday afternoon at a conference conducted by Congressman Blanton, with about 100 citizens present, John Strawn was unanimously elected postmaster at this place. Congratulations, Mr. Strawn.

Jack Frost of Scott grocery attended the rodeo at Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock were rodeo attendants on Monday and a number of others went all three days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estep and daughter, Miss Ida V., in company with Fred Rogge and family of Abilene, spent an enjoyable day in Sweetwater Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rencau and son, Bruce Andrew, of Littlefield, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott a few days last week.

Mr. R. C. Duncan, who has been attending the bedside of Mrs. John A. Woodard, has returned to her home in Sweetwater. Mrs. Woodard is much improved.

Mrs. Jack Childress and three daughters of Anson spent the week-end with the former's sister, Mrs. Curley Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Norton and daughter have returned home after a visit here with Mrs. Norton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian, for the past few weeks.

Wes Terry visited relatives here last week.

Charles Pierre of Post is here for a few days visit with his sister, Mrs. W. B. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collas, after attending church at Merkel Sunday, motored over and were guests in the home of Mrs. Collins' mother, Mrs. J. I. Leamon, the remainder of the day.

Monday morning A. N. Gordon, in crossing the highway at the west railroad crossing, was struck by a passing car and painfully injured, his car being damaged considerably. His condition is not thought serious.

Leonard Quattlebaum has been in Odessa for the last few days with the Phillips company, who are drilling there.

Mrs. Sam Jones, who has been in the home of her son, Oscar Jones, for the summer, has returned home, bringing her little granddaughter, Bobbie, with her. The latter will remain for a few weeks.

Mrs. M. G. Scott and two daughters, Dorene and Gene, spent last Thursday with the former's daughter.

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ter, Mrs. Robert D. Martin, of Abilene.

Mrs. Fred Hale had as her guest this week her niece, Miss Husband, of Greenville, and a friend, Miss Taylor, of Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Strubling are announcing the arrival of a fine baby boy, who made his appearance Monday morning at 3 o'clock. They are calling him Leonard Carlton, Junior.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Matthews and daughter, Willie Pearl, accompanied by Mrs. J. I. Leamon, motored to Collins ranch Tuesday and on their return they were accompanied by Mrs. Matthews' mother, Mrs. Lou Dowdy, and granddaughter, Elizabeth, who had visited with friends and relatives for the past week.

Hubert Beckham attended to business at Lamesa and Vernon the past week-end.

L. W. Dekle and daughter, Mrs. Hazel Williamson, of Memphis, Tenn., have returned home after visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson.

Isom Burks of Odessa was a week-end guest with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burks. He is an employee of the Texas Electric company.

Sallie Freeman, who has completed a beauty course in Abilene, returned home Monday. She was guest of a friend in Seymore last week.

TERRY-HOWELL

On Sunday night after filling his regular appointment at the Baptist church, Rev. W. H. Howell spoke the words that solemnized the marriage of his daughter, Miss Leora Howell, to Bill Terry of Lueders. The bride and groom were both attired in navy blue. After the ceremony they motored to Sweetwater and were guests in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Elliott Rudd.

Mrs. Terry is the accomplished daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Howell, who moved here from Abilene some few months ago, and has won the friendship of many. Having taught school the last term near Sweetwater, she became very popular in educational ranks and also made many friends in that community. The groom is a prosperous young man of Lueders and owner of the Terry cafe at that place.

They will make their home in Lueders.

Williams Thanks  
Voters of County

Although defeated for renomination as your county superintendent in Saturday's primary, I desire to express my appreciation for the loyal support of my many friends. I especially wish to thank those who took so great and active part in my campaign.

I appreciate greatly the loyalty and splendid cooperation of the teachers, trustees and others during my nearly twenty years of service as county superintendent. I earnestly solicit a continuation of this support during the remaining months of my tenure; I shall do my utmost to merit your approval.

Sincerely,  
M. A. WILLIAMS.  
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ers. We wish them a long and happy married life.

**METHODIST W. M. S.**  
The Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church met at the church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock after a month's vacation.

Mrs. W. B. Reeves gave the devotional from the thirteenth chapter of 1 Cor. Mrs. E. B. McRee, Sr., presided over a short business session when plans were made for fall work and to begin fall study.

CARD OF THANKS.

In this time of sorrow and trouble, we wish to thank the doctors and nurses for their patience and kindness, and our many, many friends for all the kind deeds, words of comfort, love and sympathy in the illness and death of our darling baby and brother, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings be upon each and everyone of you in our prayer.

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**TOM McGEHEE THANKS VOTERS**

I am more grateful to the good people of Taylor County than they will ever know for their confidence in me as manifested in Saturday's run-off primary in which they nominated me County Superintendent. I shall do my best to prove myself worthy of your trust.

I need your help in putting over a great school program.

Sincerely,  
**TOM McGEHEE.**  
(Political Advertisement.)



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## Otis Miller Thanks Voters of District

More words are inadequate to express to the people of Taylor, Jones and Fisher counties my sincere thanks for the splendid support accorded me in the recent election. The narrow margin of 91 votes by which the race was decided shows, too, the high esteem in which the people hold Senator W. J. Cunningham, the outgoing District Attorney.

I have already forgotten the incidents of the race not worthy of remembrance, and shall remember only those incidents worthy of recollection.

My deepest concern now is that

when I take office I shall have the full and sincere co-operation of every good citizen of the district, in order that we may, by such co-operation, continue to safeguard the rights of society and build up that respect for law which will make for peace and security in a safe and sane social order.

Cordially and gratefully yours,  
OTIS MILLER.  
(Political Advertisement.)

**New Conoco Station Agent.**  
Announcement is made in this issue of The Mail of a change in management of the Conoco station on the Highway, T. T. Davis being now in charge of same.

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If Paid in November	Principal Plus 14%
If Paid in December	Principal Plus 15%

After January 1, 1935, no further deductions will be made. So you are requested to pay now and save the difference. The above plan applies only to those who take advantage of same as petitions are being prepared to file additional suits in the near future.

**JOE E. CHILDERS, Attorney.**

# Specials at THE RED & WHITE STORES

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School Size	<b>ORANGES, each</b> .....	1c
Jonathan	<b>APPLES, dozen</b> .....	29c
Tokay	<b>GRAPES, pound</b> .....	10c
Fresh	<b>TOMATOES, pound</b> .....	10c
Firm Green	<b>CABBAGE, pound</b> .....	4c
Idaho	<b>SPUDS, 10 pounds</b> .....	25c
Quart	<b>PEANUT BUTTER, each</b> .....	25c
Red & White	<b>POTTED MEAT, 4 cans</b> .....	15c
Sun Spun	<b>SALAD DRESSING, pint</b> .....	19c
Red and White	<b>MEAT SPREAD, per can</b> .....	9c
Lady Godiva Toilet	<b>SOAP, 4 bars with wash cloth</b> .....	19c
Red and White	<b>PEARS</b> No. 1 can .....	14c
	No. 2 1-2 can .....	23c
Sun Up	<b>COFFEE, pound</b> .....	19c
Blue & White	<b>OLIVES, quart</b> .....	35c
Blue & White	<b>PINEAPPLE, broken slice No. 2 can</b> .....	15c
Crystal	<b>SPINACH, No. 2 can</b> .....	10c
Brown Beauty	<b>BEANS, No. 2 can, 2 for</b> .....	25c
Pinto	<b>BEANS, 3 pounds</b> .....	23c

Red & White	<b>SOAP, Giant Size, 5 bars</b> .....	19c
Red & White	<b>PIMIENTOS, 4 ounce can</b> .....	10s
Red Pitted	<b>CHERRIES, No. 2 can, 2 for</b> .....	25c
Blue & White	<b>PORK &amp; BEANS, 4 cans</b> .....	25c
Red & White	<b>MILK</b> 3 tall cans .....	20c
	6 small cans .....	20c
Post	<b>BRAN FLAKES, package</b> .....	10c
Calumet	<b>BAKING POWDER, pound</b> .....	24c
Grape Nut	<b>FLAKES, package</b> .....	10c
Yankee Doodle	<b>MACARONI or SPAGHETTI, pkg.</b> .....	5c
Nile	<b>SALMON, tall, 2 cans</b> .....	25c
Seedless	<b>RAISINS, 2 pounds</b> .....	18c
Bottle	<b>CATSUP, 14 ounce</b> .....	15c
Red & White	<b>SOUPS, per can</b> .....	10c
Sour or Dill	<b>PICKLES, quart</b> .....	19c
Bulk	<b>VANILLA WAFERS, pound</b> .....	15c
Climax	<b>SLICED BACON, pound</b> .....	23c
Cream	<b>CHEESE, pound</b> .....	20c
Picnic	<b>HAMS, pound</b> .....	20c





DOWELL-CALLAHAN.

The wedding of William Edgar (Bill) Dowell and Miss Nola Mae Callahan was solemnized Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Northside Missionary Baptist church, with Rev. Ernest C. Dowell, the groom's brother, performing the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Callahan. She attended school at Lamesa and since she has been in Merkel has been active in church and choir work of the Northside Baptist church.

Bill Dowell is the son of Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Dowell of Madisonville, Texas, and is himself a licensed minister.

They will make their home in Merkel.

TUCKER-FUQUA.

On August 31 at the home of the bride, 1401 West Third street, Pecos, the Reverend A. G. Hobbs solemnized the marriage of Mr. Roy Tucker and Miss Annie Fuqua. The wedding was informal. The bride looked very sweet in a simple little dress of white crepe; the groom wore a dark suit. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Ruth Fuqua, and by Mrs. Ione Caldwell.

Shortly after the ceremony a delicious course of pink ice cream and white cake was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tucker, Rev. A. G. Hobbs and Mr. Hobbs, his brother, Mrs. J. L. Morrison, Mrs. Everett Biggs, little Miss Dagmah Biggs, Mrs. E. E. Crow, James Crow, Edward Crow, Mrs. Ione Caldwell, Mrs. E. F. Fuqua and Miss Ruth Fuqua.

The bride is well known in Pecos, which has been her home for the past eleven years, and is well loved by all who know her. She graduated from the Pecos High school in 1925 and since then has attended Southwest Texas State Teachers college at San Marcos and also Draughton's business college at Abilene.

Mr. Tucker's home is here in Merkel and his friends are numbered by his acquaintances. He is a Christian gentleman, an ardent church worker and a leader among the young people.

The young couple will make their home here and their many friends wish for them a future filled with overflowing with prosperity and happiness.

KINGS DAUGHTERS.

The lovely town home of Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., was opened Tuesday afternoon to members of the Kings Daughters class with Mesdames W. A. McSpadden and W. D. Hutcheson co-hostesses with Mrs. Butman in entertaining. Mrs. Harkrider led the devotional, which was followed by the Class History, read by Mrs. Hutcheson. Mrs. C. K. Russell then gave the Class Prophecy. Vocal numbers that were very much enjoyed were "Whisper a Prayer," sung by Miss Ethel Hamilton, and "Without a Song," sung by Mrs. Homer Patterson.

A business meeting for the election of officers was presided over by the outgoing president, Mrs. Lee Cox. Parlor games, supervised by Miss Lottie Butman, concluded the social hour and delicious ice cream and cake was passed to Mesdames Sutherland, Dry, Russell, Hutcheson, Sears, Watts, Curb, Mitchell, Pee, Richards, Armstrong, Black, Cobb, Harkrider, Walker, Ellis, Durham, Campbell, Cox, Butman and McSpadden.

VOTA VITA CLASS.

The members of the Vota Vita class delightfully entertained their husbands with a picnic, supper on the lawn of the Joyner home on Tuesday evening, September 4.

A picnic supper, which consisted of chicken, potato chips, rolls, pickles, olives, salads, cake, ice tea and cream, was spread on tables on the lawn and served picnic fashion. During the social hour various games were played and everyone departed declaring they had had a wonderful time.

Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Joyner, Messrs. and Mesdames Bill Fugat, Ervin Jowers, Bill Haynes, Ted McGehee, Jonathan Wilson, Deht Gibson, John Weaver, Byers Petty, W. S. Slayden, Mesdames Warren Smith, Dean Higgins, Comer Haynes, Florence Berry, Easter, and Mrs.

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CHURCH SERVICES

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

The revival under the leadership of Tice Elkins of Alamogordo, N. M., will continue through Sunday night.

Subjects for the night services as announced by Brother Elkins are:

Friday: "The Doctor's Prescription, or The Great Physician."

Saturday: "How to Be Saved Out of the Church."

Sunday: "Why I am Not a Christian—Saved!"

Your in Love, The Elders.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The attendance at the six Sunday Schools here reached 756 last Sunday, highest for some time. On the previous Sunday 707 were present and the attendance a year ago was 833.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. There is a place for you—who will fill this place next Sunday? Let's have a great number, and this will depend upon how you respond.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. For the next few Sunday night services.

Roxie Weaver and Miss Estelle Ayres, visitors.

GLENER CLASS.

Members of the Gleaner class met in called session Tuesday afternoon in the parlors of the Methodist church for the purpose of electing officers for the forthcoming year. At the culmination of the business meeting iced melons were served to the following ladies: Mesdames Case, Brown, Hicks, Iddings, Patterson, Vaughn, Church, Mashburn, Burgess, Guitar, Richardson, Stanford, Gaither and Latham.

MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Home Demonstration club met Wednesday, August 29, in called meeting in the home of Mrs. George White, when several important questions were brought before the club.

After the business meeting, Mrs. George White, an ex-president of the club, was given a kitchen shower. When refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, Mrs. Alice Church Wallace was presented a large basket of gifts for the kitchen.

Members present were Mesdames C. F. Church, Lake Renfro, R. A. Burgess, Charlie Jones, Watt Blair, R. H. Matthews, Sr., F. A. Polley, E. O. Carson, Frank McFarland, J. Ben Campbell, Herbert Patterson, R. H. Matthews, Jr., Alice Church Wallace, George White, Misses Luna White, Thelma Matthews, Clara White and Maurine White. Visitors were Misses Maxie Banner, Connie Pogue and Pearl Matthews.

ces we will preach on "The Prodigal Son." We would like for you to come and be in the services. Come and worship with us.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic, "Brothers in Black." Hymn, "Jesus Calls Us."

Leader's introduction: "The Sesqui-centennial of American Methodism."

Talk: (1) "Once Upon a Time, (the Early Days of Our Church.)"

(2) "A War and a New Church."

(3) "The Years Between, (The Story of Our Two Churches.)"

A negro hymn, "Standing in the Need of Prayer."

Closing prayer and benediction. League starts at 7:15 o'clock.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday afternoon the baptismal service of the Hebron church was observed at the Merkel church. Brother Ted McGehee is pastor of that church and is doing a good work. Brother McGehee was ordained by this church last Wednesday evening.

Thursday, September 6, the workers meeting convened with the Ovalo church.

Brother Joyner will bring us a message from Romans each Wednesday evening at prayer meeting.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. BTS at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45. WMU 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. It was gratifying to teachers and officers to have an increase in attendance last Sunday and it is hoped attendance

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will return to normal with the opening of the public schools.

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Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

The session has named Charlie Jones as delegate to the fall meeting of presbytery to convene in Baird next Tuesday, with Mayor W. M. Elliott as alternate.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

A good audience listened to the former pastor, Sister Bolls, last Sunday at the morning hour. Her message was soul-stirring and everybody enjoyed it.

We also had her son, Jeff Bolls, his wife and daughter visiting from Berger.

The pastor took charge Sunday night.

We are inviting everyone out for our services: Sunday School 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m., NYFS 7:30 p. m. and preaching 8:15 p. m.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

We invite everybody to be at singing Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This singing is for everybody. We will have the 1935 Stamp class book next Sunday.

Our revival meeting will begin in the very near future. We are calling on everyone to make a special effort to be prepared to enter into the revival in the spirit and power of the Lord, praying as though everything depended on the Lord, and working as

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Saturday night we preach on "Preparing for a great revival in Merkel." Sunday at 11 a. m. we preach on "The

Devil and His Tricks."

We wish to give a special invitation to every pastor and every member of every church in town or out of town to attend and feel welcome in our revival. The purpose of revival will be "the winning of lost souls."

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

WOODMEN CIRCLE MEETING.

I respectfully request the members to be present at the meeting Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Garner will be with us and it is her purpose to organize a degree team for Merkel Grove No. 563. All candidates who have not been initiated also be present.

Lila Ren, Guardian.

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Pickles Sour or dill Quart jar 20c

Mustard Prepared Quart jar 15c

Catsup 14 oz. bottle 25c

Sunbrite Cleanser Per Can 5c

Coffee Maxwell House 3 lb. can 85c

Salad Dressing Miracle Whip 16 oz. jar 20c

Picnic Hams Per Pound 19c

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