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T. W. C. GIRLS AGAIN IN SPOTLIGHT.

Misses Elizabeth Matthews and Ruth Doty of Texas Woman's College took three straight matches from Misses Mildred Smith and Mirty Price of Southwestern University at Georgetown Monday afternoon. Both local girls played fast tennis and had no trouble in winning. T. W. C. won two straight sets in doubles, 6-1, 6-3. Miss Matthews won in singles in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3. Miss Doty kept up the good work and defeated Miss Smith in straight sets also, 6-2, 6-0.

Both T. W. C. girls used a hard straight overhand serve. Miss Matthews uses the lob from the back line on the return and Miss Doty the liffard stroke. Miss Doty has excellent command of the backhand stroke and used it to advantage. The teamwork of the T. W. C. girls left nothing to be desired and very few balls went through to the backstop.

O. W. Peterson, manager of T. W. C., is leaving no stone unturned to arrange a game with the University of Texas woman's team for the woman's intercollegiate championship of Texas. Miss Lena Pettit and Miss Elizabeth Buddy, both of Dallas, are the Texas letter girls in tennis this year. Texas students are in the midst of examinations at the present time, but it is hoped that a match can be arranged when these young ladies come home.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

New Opera House for Graham.

Work begins next Monday on the remodeling of the old rock stable in the western portion of the business district of the city which is to be made into a modern opera house for the use of the New Electric Theatre. It is to be thoroughly overhauled and rebuilt, and when completed will have one of the best stages of any opera house in this section of the country. We have not been informed of the exact dimensions of the stage, but Mr. Casburn, manager of the New Electric, informs us that it will be ample to accommodate any company that may come to Graham.

The seating capacity of the place will be large enough to give comfortable seats to as large a crowd as the town will be called upon to seat for some time.

The work of remodeling is to be completed about the first of July.

Christian Endeavor Program, Presbyterian Church.

Topic: Body Under, Soul on Top.—I. Cor. 9:24-27.

Leader—Fred M. Hudson.
Song—He is Able to Deliver Thee.

Scripture Lesson read in concert.

Talk by Leader.

Prayer.

Song—Just When I Need Him Most.

"How does the choice of companions affect our struggle to keep the body under?"—Mrs. C. B. Jones.

"How can we grow strong in soul?"—Mrs. Z. A. Hudson.

Song—Take Time to Be Holy.

Roll Call.

Offering.

Mizpah.

Misses Sallie and Vernie Hawkins of Lone Oak were in Graham Monday to take the train for Denton, where they will attend the Denton Normal during the summer. Their father, J. G. Hawkins, accompanied them as far as Graham, and while here paid The Reporter a pleasant visit.

6.51 Inches Rainfall in Archer County.

A rain that has been equaled by none in the history of Archer county, according to the testimony of the oldest settlers, fell here Saturday afternoon and night and Sunday morning. It began to rain about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and for more than an hour the water came down in torrents. This was the first of three distinct storms, the other three coming between the hours of 10 p. m. and 4 o'clock Sunday morning, and were separated only by brief intervals. Hundreds of people went into dugouts and those who failed to go were, for the time, sorry. Strong winds and incessant lightning accompanied each storm and increased in fury as the hours went by. The electric display reminded one of some great panorama—it was grand and beautiful. We have often heard of cloud-bursts and water-spouts, but we are persuaded that to burst and spout was about the least thing that happened during this storm.

Sunday morning after all evidences of a fearful night had passed, there was much speculation as to the amount of water that had fallen. It was finally settled by the court of last resort which met upon one of the prominent corners and decided that ten inches would be a conservative estimate. Later, it was agreed as a matter of courtesy to consult the government gauge, a little insignificant instrument that could not have cost more than two or three dollars at the outside, and in the face of the foregoing decision, it had the nerve to show a precipitation of only 6.51 inches. We still believe in the court of last resort.

Much damage was done to gardens and growing crops in and around Archer City, but the damage that is felt most keenly by our citizens, and which almost reaches the proportions of a calamity, was the washing away of some fifty feet of the big municipal dam west of town that held the city's water supply. As a result, the town is now without water and at the mercy of any fire that might start.

The dam has been built about three and a half years and has gone out four times. What the trouble is, no one seems to know, but it is quite evident that something is radically wrong with its construction.

All the streams in this section of the country have broken previous high water records by many feet. The Little Wichita bottom has been under water for four days and five out of the seven bridges across the river on the road to Wichita Falls are gone, and it will be some time before a vehicle of any kind can pass over.

The Wichita Falls & Southern and the Southwestern railroads were put out of commission and traffic of all kinds including mail service cut off. Tuesday, thru the courtesy of the Southwestern's gentlemanly and accommodating train crew, our mail reached us on a motor car.

Seven hundred feet of track was washed out of the line near Olney and 2000 feet north of this city was washed from the dump and twisted like strands of wire. A large force of men on both sides of the river is at work putting in cribbing for temporary service and regular trains will likely begin running today or tomorrow. All telephone lines are down through the country and as yet it is impossible to ascertain the amount of damage done to crops.—Archer Dispatch.

Chas. Widmayer spent Wednesday in Wichita Falls.

BRYSON

What we liked last Saturday afternoon of having a storm was not very much. The wind sure blew for a while and my! the sand! A big rain followed the wind. After the big rain the rain fell slow all night and until late Sunday morning.

The rain was very much appreciated as the ground was getting real dry. All the farmers were just about up with their work.

Messrs. Clayton had lots of alfalfa laying on the ground.

The Clayton boys are preparing to ship a car load of cattle Tuesday.

Messrs. Bill Nichols and Griffith Hughes attended the meeting at Perrin Friday. The fifth Sunday meeting which began Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peel Robinson and son, Gilbert, spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Robinson, of Keyser.

Rev. Gaines B. Hall of Graham preached at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m.

The ball boys crossed bats with the Jermyn boys Saturday afternoon. Don't know how the score stood but it was a tie.

Saturday was big trades' day here I suppose, for it looked like all the farmers came to town.

Gray-eyed Girl, I guess your age to be "sweet sixteen" years, and six months, and still your papa's pet. Now don't laugh.

Gray-eyed Girl, we didn't get very much hail here the day you all got so much but the next day it hailed here just enough for us to make ice cream. The hail didn't hurt anything. Now wasn't that fine? I sure was afraid the hail would ruin everything.

Miss Nellie Criswell has returned recently from Crum, where she has been visiting friends. She reports an enjoyable visit.

Pansy, I saw a very natural photo in the Dallas news the other day. You can guess who it was.

J. W. Sampley left recently for Mineral Wells for his health.

The section foreman, Mr. Huddlestone and family, will leave Tuesday for Ringgold, Texas. Carl Helvey will take the section foreman's place.

Joe Clayton got his foot hurt recently by stepping on an old cow yoke.

Misses Stella Lee Stevenson, Stella Chambers, Artie Cutlers, Ruth McKelvy and Lydia Birdwell left Monday morning for Denton to attend the State Normal.

Mrs. Cora Moore returned home Monday, after spending several weeks here visiting relatives and friends.

Will Jones of Jermyn was a caller at S. M. Jones' here Sunday.

Griffith Hughes was looking blue Monday. Wonder why.

Here, Pansy, take my pencil and I'll go. Trixie.

LES HIBOUX

Mrs. Bruce Street entertained the Auction Bridge Club last Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. There were three tables of Bridge and one of Rook.

After playing several games the hostess, assisted by Mesdames Q. Street, Wadsworth and E. S. Graham, served a delicious ice course.

Mrs. Wadsworth won high score prize, pretty beauty pins; Mrs. Stovall won as cut prize, a handsome box of stationery.

The high score prize in Rook, a bottle of toilet water, fell to Mrs. Horace Tidwell.

Guests present: Mrs. Horace Tidwell, Misses Mayzelle Morrison and Nelle Graham.

INDIAN MOUND

Mrs. A. Bird called on Mrs. G. W. McComas Thursday afternoon.

W. W. Hoggard went to Newcastle Thursday.

H. H. Stephens went to Graham Wednesday and brought out lumber to build a granary.

Mrs. W. W. Hogard and children visited at R. G. Taylor's Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ernest Price returned home Wednesday, after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Beard.

J. S. Fisher, Wesley Taylor and Fred Hightower were all at Graham Wednesday.

N. M. Newman and sons, W. R. Dollins and son were hauling lumber from Newcastle Thursday.

The attendance at the exercises Wednesday was small owing to the threatening condition of the weather.

Mrs. G. W. McComas and little Grace Taylor visited Mrs. Rhea Cox of Newcastle Saturday.

G. W. McComas and F. C. Borchardt were callers at Newcastle Saturday afternoon.

E. H. Stockings was working for W. R. Dollins the past week.

Gray-eyed Girl, according to promise last week I'll try to answer your question, for two weeks ago you said "Fess up, Kid, can you show me Sunday school in the Bible?" No, not the word 'Sunday school, but I can show you, if you can or will be shown that the Bible is to be taught. I gave you a few references some months ago and kindly asked you to tell me their meaning, and, after some months' rest, you come again trying to upset Sunday schools with I. John 2-27; Psalms 32:8. This reference does not touch your argument anywhere. 27:11 does not help your case very much. Please read these references and then tell me whether you are right or not. Psalms 34:11-14; Col. 1:28-29; Acts 5:42 15:35. This verse says teaching and preaching the word of the Lord. What was the word of the Lord? Was it the Bible or not.

I. Cor. 12:28-29, Eph. 4:11; L. Tim. 4:11-16. Please learn the 11th verse by heart. I. Tim. 6:2-3; H. Tim. 1:11; Titus second chapter, and when you reach the 11th verse you had better go a little slow for you might find something you don't believe from there on down. Hebrews 5:11-12. Now Miss Gray-eyed Girl, if you know any reason why the Bible or Sunday schools should not be taught please come forward and stay until you show why they should not. What was those teachers to teach? There is but little difference between teaching and preaching if they are both carried on right. What is there taught in Sunday schools that makes you so against them? I wish you would please read these references and tell me just what you think. I am not expecting you to do that at all, yet I wish you would.

I hope that you have never become offended at the Kid over our Sunday school chat, I never have, nor do I aim to, it makes no difference what you might say. Please remember you have an invitation to Indian Mound to the Children's Day the second Sunday in June, just the same as all the other Correspondents, and if you want to see Jack o' Diamonds now is your time, because Jack told me he was sure coming.

Jack, I wondered why you didn't write last week, but after visiting your community and seeing one of your young lady friends not in a good humor, and after asking her the trouble what do you reckon she said? "I don't see why Jack didn't

buy a buggy instead of that old bicycle. Didn't he know that we couldn't both ride that old wheel at once?" Jack, you must not get too busy practicing riding that you can't take time to write.

W. N. Fisher, H. H. Stephens, Austin Bird and John McComas went to Graham Saturday. John never came back till Sunday evening.

Floyd McComas and Miss Lena Humble of Graham attended the practice exercises here Sunday evening.

Miss Minnie Fisher visited her sister, Mrs. Cordie Bird, Saturday evening.

There were only twenty-three present at Sunday school Sunday owing to showery weather.

We heard some old people talking Sunday afternoon and they said they had never seen a bunch of little tots do any better than our Sunday school children are doing considering the time they have been practicing.

W. W. Hoggard and Mr. Dollins were at Newcastle Monday.

R. G. Taylor, D. W. Beard and Fred Hightower were at Graham Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Huckaby are the proud parents of a girl baby.

E. G. Williamson is building a new granary.

G. W. McComas had the misfortune to lose a fine mare the past week.

Mrs. D. W. Beard and children visited at the home of G. W. McComas Monday afternoon.

Bob Taylor is dragging the road today (Tuesday).

G. W. McComas went to Graham today (Tuesday).

We had a fine rain Saturday and some hail, but it didn't do much damage. Kid.

HENRY CHAPEL

A good shower Saturday which was beginning to be needed.

Among those who are home for vacation are Cornice Ribble and Miss Ruth McLaren of Graham, Mrs. Callie Shannon of Red Top and Miss Mattie Shannon of Denton. Glad to have them home again.

Despite the rain and threatening weather we had 166 at Sunday school Sunday. Bro. Patterson preached at 11 o'clock after which a bounteous dinner was spread and enjoyed by all, and they took up of the fragments enough for supper.

Quite a number from Salem, Connor Creek and Finis were present. We were glad to have them with us, and extend them a hearty welcome back again.

Harvest is close at hand, and the grain promises a good yield.

It is not necessary Salemite to bother about any witnesses as to the rain you spoke of. When it was raining in one end of that barrel faster than it could run out at the other why didn't you slam both ends in the thing and no doubt you would have had water enough packed and jammed in the barrel to have lasted you all summer. Maybe you were afraid of spontaneous combustion.

It frequently rains so hard down here we have to knock every other stave out of the barrel until after the hardest rain is over. You know Salemite, that keeps the water from becoming packed so tight it would burst the hoops. But you know these showers are very necessary. It helps to keep down dust mulch and is very essential to good crops. Let 'er rain.

It has been announced we will meet and work the Finis Cemetery Saturday afternoon, June 5. Come and bring rake and hoe.

Rhyme Wade is home from Callahan county. His brother,

Anderson, came with him to visit his mother who is quite sick at her daughter's, Mrs. Gene Martin, of Flat Rock.

Quarterly conference here second Saturday and Sunday in June. Come and bring your dinner. Don't forget to tie old Shep before you start.

Many thanks to our commissioner and road crew for the great good being done on the road between here and Graham. Wish we had an auto.

Mrs. J. G. Crow is still confined to her bed most of the time. Hope she will soon be up again.

Jno. Kisinger and family of Salem took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Tipton Sunday.

Anyone needing repair work on their buggy tongues call Bill Williamson 103-lls.

Mrs. N. C. Anderson and daughter, Inez, of Waco are visiting her son, Louis, at Finis. Miss Inez is in poor health. We wish for her a speedy improvement.

The fruit crop is quite promising just now.

Mrs. Gilmore and mother, Mrs. Wright, attended school closing exercises at Graford last Friday, returning Sunday.

Eddie Ribble expects to go to Megargel this week where he will unload his new thrasher.

Success to The Reporter and its many readers. Dago.

Mrs. M. D. Wallace Dead.

Mrs. M. D. Wallace, aged 73 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Perry, in Clifton, Arizona, at 3:30 a. m. Wednesday, June 2nd. The remains will be brought to Graham and interred in the Oak Grove Cemetery Sunday.

Mrs. Wallace was for many years a resident of Graham. Her husband was the sheriff of this county during some of its most stormy periods. About two years ago she left for Arizona to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Perry.

She leaves several children and a host of friends here to mourn her death.

W. O. W. Decoration Day.

The Woodmen of the World and auxiliary society, the Woodmen Circle, will hold their annual decoration day exercises in this city next Sunday, June 6.

Appropriate exercises have been arranged, and the graves of all deceased Sovereigns will be decorated with flowers.

Dr. R. A. Duncan will deliver a memorial address at the cemetery in the afternoon. Appropriate music will be furnished by the Graham Band.

J. H. Thomas, local manager of the Southwestern Telephone company, received an emblem this week from Mr. C. A. Gates, general manager of the company. Accompanying the emblem was an engraved card worded as follows: "The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company, 'J. H. Thomas.' This emblem of service is presented in recognition of loyalty." It bears the signature of C. A. Gates, general manager of the company. Mr. Thomas is justly proud of the honor, he having remained in the lead of all the local managers for the company in the Fort Worth district for the past three years, with the exception of one month, when the Arlington manager led. The Reporter extends to Mr. Thomas its congratulations for this signal honor.

Johnson-Staples.

W. B. Johnson of Newcastle and Mrs. Pauline Staples of Westover were married in Graham Tuesday night, Justice of the Peace C. D. Brewton performing the ceremony.

Live News from our Correspondents

WHITE ROSE

Crops are fine. Most all of the cotton is chopped, and many of the farmers are cutting grain.

Mrs. P. C. Walker of Graham spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. W. C. McCombs.

E. W. Babb spent last week with Buddie McCombs.

A crowd of young people enjoyed a singing at W. C. McCombs Sunday night.

J. O. Stripland was in Graham Saturday.

P. C. Walker was transacting business in Newcastle Monday. Albert Elliott spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks.

Quality, Salemite, would have been the means of us knowing the value of the goods. What did King's or Armour's name add to the quality of them? We would just as soon have your's or Plow Boy's. Probably they would have been cheaper, for these are costing us six billion dollars a year. I believe that is the cost of advertising.

Private ownership is too expensive. We want to economize hence we are going to establish socialism. U. S. stamped upon a commodity will suit us just as well as John D. Jr. and save \$67.00 a minute.

We are concerned more about why there are so many men in the penitentiary than taking care of those there, for if we can keep them out we have the task complete. We don't claim that we can keep all men out, for some are naturally criminals. "Idleness is the devil's work shop." So give them work.

You are waiting for us to say something are you? I am giving you the platform and it is at your disposal now so tear it up.

"In addition to this legislative juggling and this executive connivance the courts of America have sanctioned and strengthened the hold of this plutocracy as the dread Scott and other decisions strengthened slavery power before the Civil War. They have been used as instruments of the capitalist class and for suppression of free speech and free assembly.

"We declare, therefore, that the longer sufferance of the conditions is impossible, and we purpose to end them all. We declare them to be the product of the present system in which industry is carried on for private greed instead of for the welfare of society. We declare furthermore, that for these evils there will be and can be no remedy and no substantial relief except through socialism, under which industry will be carried on for the common good and every worker receive the full social value of the wealth he creates.

"Society is divided into warring groups and classes, based upon material interest. Fundamentally, this struggle is a conflict between the two main classes, one of which, the capitalist class, owns the means of production, and the other, the working class, must use these means of production on terms dictated by the owners.

"The capitalist class, though few in number, absolutely control the government, legislative, executive and judicial. This class owns the machinery of gathering and disseminating news through its organized press. It subsidizes seats of learning, the colleges and schools, and even religious and moral agencies. It has also the added prestige which established customs give to any order of society, right or wrong.

"The working class, which includes all those who are forced to work for a living, whether by hand or brain, in shop, mine or on the soil, vastly outnumber the capitalist class. Lacking effective organization and class solidarity this class is unable to enforce its will. Given such class solidarity and effective organization, the workers will

have the power to make all laws and control all industries in their own interest."

Plow Boy, your argument has no reasoning or logic to it. You will not accept our platform will you? Neither will you accept the definition of socialism. Now let's trace this course and see where we land and see what your foundation is. I will admit that you have as much right as Webster to say what socialism is, but have the people as much confidence in you as they have in Webster? You can say the world is flat and probably prove it by the Bible, that is, by your way of proving. But does that make the earth flat? You can say that trees grow with their branches in the ground and their roots in the air, but does that make it a fact? We are too intelligent to believe such dope. We are also too intelligent to take your definition of socialism. If I were a betting man I would wager that all of your anti-socialist doctrine came through the Catholics.

Now back to the foundation that you are going to condemn socialism on. It is hear-say, individual writers' opinions and anti-socialist literature. Would you go to a spelling book if you wanted information on English history? Would you go to English history if you wanted to work an algebraic problem? Now I will show you how unfair you are. Would you risk your future home after death to what people say about the Bible? Or would you take the Bible in preference to all opinions? I think you would take the latter. I am sure I would. While on the other hand you take everything that anybody says that even claims to be socialists and use it as evidence.

"The socialist platform is made to fool the workers" you say. Did you ever make a table, chair, or write anything to fool yourself with? Now, the socialist platform is made by every member of the party. Each clause is voted upon by the members and the majority rule. Why would they adopt something to fool themselves with? Plow Boy, your argument is childish.

"Free love" has been charged against virtually every advanced movement since antiquity. The crafty old Romans turned a crooked finger at the early Christians and called them "free lovers." Honest old Abe Lincoln had to put up with the sneering words of "free love" and negro equality. I say that the system that charges us with "free love" harbors more than we. I have before me now a clipping from an English paper admonishing all young girls of England to raise war babies and it will be legalized or not considered immoral. What would have been the effect if some socialist paper should have advocated this?

Plow Boy, you think you have your evidence on free love from Bebel's writing, but read something besides the Catholic version on it. Bebel goes so far as to state it to be his personal idea on women and, further states that he doesn't think that the socialists as a whole will accept it. Any marriage without love is only a legalized form of prostitution. You know Plow Boy that we have under this system girls who marry men because they have money. You also know that mothers try to marry their girls off to well-to-do families. Good mothers and good girls do this, but they are only victims of the system that makes a few millionaires and many paupers. Now socialists claim this strongly akin to prostitution. When we get a system where each man will get the full product of his toil no man will be living off the labor of another. No girl will, or be coaxed, to marry any man for money. Love will be her choice. Surely the marriage tie will be stronger than now.

Yes, we realize the human nature, or as you say, "the

devil in man." But it is the duty of Christians to tend to that part. If a man was good we wouldn't need socialism or any other ism. But two thousand years of Christ's teaching hasn't perfected humanity, and we don't intend to perfect it either, only to give them justice. To be a Christian you must be born again. Any man who cuts allegiance with all other parties is qualified for the socialist party. We have twenty-eight billion, four hundred million dollars worth of socialized public wealth in the United States. Plow Boy does all of these men's nature change who work for this, when they quit and work for individuals? I have just bought fifty cents worth of stamps from the government and I feel just like I had the same nature as before, but maybe I haven't. One thing I know, I never got them on full time.

The German Reichstag is composed of 397 members of which 111 are socialists. The 111 socialists voted against the war unanimously. The 286 others voted for the war, so they got war. What if there had been 286 socialists and 111 others? The war budget was only meant to finance the war after it was started, and voting for it was to some extent patriotic.

Be temperate in all things, Plow-oby. You have carried your religion to extremes. I still claim that God never intended to do things for his creature, man, that he cannot do for himself. Wars are man made and not authorized by God, so if they are ever eliminated from society man will have to do it. Your argument that wars will continue up to the time of Christ's second coming is not well founded. What are you going to do with old Isaiah's prophecy, "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more?" Did old Isaiah lie? Roseite.

HAWKINS CHAPEL

Tom Lindsey's youngest child is very sick and has been for the past week. We trust he will soon be much improved.

Messrs. A. E. Oatman, T. F. Harman, C. S. Newman and wife, C. F. and Miss India Newman of this community attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Markley.

Bro. McCord of Loving filled the pulpit at the Baptist church last Monday night. He spoke on "Rewards and Salvation" showing how the Christians would receive reward for their labors in the service of our Lord and Master, and what those labors constitute, also the importance of labor in the Christian life. Then he pointed out the many reasons for which the sinner should accept Christ as his Savior, Lord and King of their all. The service was real good with an addition of two young ladies to the church. They are to be baptized in the near future. The ordinance was set for Sunday afternoon at 4:30 but owing to the illness of the young ladies with severe colds it could not be observed at that time.

Jesse Oatman's family called at Elzie Tedrow's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Rube Loftin of Graham visited Mrs. Tom Loftin Sunday.

Mr. Ward of Bowie is here at this writing.

Jim Oatman and family visited at Indian Mound Sunday. They were the guests of H. H. Stephens and family.

Messrs. Valentine and Ward went to Olney Friday on business. Mr. Valentine returned Sunday afternoon.

Sunday school next Sunday at the Baptist church at 10:30 a. m. Every member should strive to be present and lift high the royal banner of the King Immanuel, the great leader of the Sunday school force of soldiers. We extend a hearty welcome to visitors at all times and will endeavor to make your visit to the Sunday school both

pleasant and profitable.

Rube Loftin and family of Graham were guests of Walter Baker and family Sunday night.

Robert Miller and wife were at Tom Lindsey's Sunday.

Elzie Tedrow was on the sick list Sunday.

There was a young lady from Antelope over here last week to apply for the Hawkins Chapel school.

Mrs. Holt has been at Tom Lindsey's the past few days.

Bro. McCord was the guest of Mr. Strickland and family Sunday afternoon.

A rain fell here Saturday evening accompanied by hail and wind. No serious damage was done.

Mrs. Walker and child from the plains are visiting Mrs. Montgomery.

T. F. Harman has been at Tom Lindsey's a good part of the time for several days waiting on the sick.

C. F. Newman and daughters called on Mr. Strickland and daughters, Misses Rosie and Myrtle, Sunday afternoon.

Bro. English of Newcastle filled the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday night. He read the 22 chapter of Matt. His text was "What think ye of Christ?" The question was addressed to both saint and sinner. He showed Christ has the power to command us and we have no right to question those commands, but it is ours to obey those commands and do what He says in all things, for He is worthy to command and to be obeyed. Any sacrifice we can make is nothing to compare with the sacrifice which the Son of God made for us. He showed that the sinner in reality has no right to live in sin, for God is the giver of life and He will require that life of those who reject him here. He also urged an early acceptance of Jesus; or today is the accepted time. The service was good indeed. Two came and said they wished to settle the question of what they thought of Christ. That they wanted Him as their Savior.

Miss Gladys Oatman was the guest of Elzie Tedrow and wife last Monday.

Revs. English and McCord were guests at the home of C. F. Newman Sunday night.

Elzie Tedrow and wife are to entertain the young people to-night (Monday night.)

Mr. Bavousette went to Loving today.

There was a crowd of Chapel people in Loving Saturday.

Violet.

PICKWICK

We have had a good rain since I last wrote, which was badly needed owing to the ground being so hard.

Our school closed the 21st of May and we had a picnic which was enjoyed by all present.

Lon Clark and son of Palo Pinto furnished music all day for the picnic and that night for the dance at A. L. Davis'.

All the people from Fox Hollow, Ming Bend and Duff Prairie who attended the picnic are invited to come again.

Pickwick ball team went to Fox Hollow on last Saturday, May 22 and played ball. The score stood 3 to 12 in favor of the Foxes.

Goose, I think you must be mistaken about Willis Dolittle living near Pickwick, for all those folks live around Lucille.

Charley Chick of Lucille is at work for R. A. Anderson this (Monday) morning.

Kale Weldon is working for Walter Layton.

Mrs. Winnie Layton was called to Wichita Falls the other day to attend the bedside of her sister, who was very ill.

Ben Weldon is working for Mr. Donnell at present.

Edd Costello went to Palo Pinto last week.

Misses Connie and Maggie Costello and Mr. Jack McMillan went to Fox Hollow Sunday.

Matt McMillan and Bill Clay spent Saturday night with Rob and Grant Weldon.

Mrs. G. W. Weldon spent Sunday with Mrs. J. K. Weldon. Elijah Snoddy and Grant Weldon took Sunday dinner with F. T. Weldon and family.

Miss Carrie Weldon visited Misses Lena and Hassie Clay Sunday.

Miss Georgie Haliburton returned home last week. We sure hated to see her leave. Come again soon, Georgie.

The singing at J. C. Weldon's was well attended Sunday night and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Robert Weldon and Matt McMillan took supper with Billie Clay Sunday night.

Misses Georgie and Carrie Weldon attended the ball game at Fox Hollow last Saturday.

Al Storm of Lucille was in the valley one day last week.

Several from Pickwick attended singing at Lucille Sunday afternoon.

Aaron Nicklas of Fox Hollow was in our community last week.

Matt McMillan got water-bound last Sunday and had to stay with the Costello's a while.

Miss Carrie Weldon spent from Friday night until Thursday with Misses Georgie and Louella Weldon. She also visited Miss Myrtle Whately.

Mike Costello doesn't appear to be well these days. Don't know what the trouble is unless it is because school has closed.

Several from Lucille attended singing Sunday night. Come again, all of you.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Weldon spent Saturday night with T. F. Weldon and family.

Mrs. A. L. Davis is the happiest woman around here now, as she has a new oil stove. She says that it is the finest thing yet.

We were all sorry to see Miss Stella Lyster go home when her school closed, for she certainly taught a fine school.

Dennis Jones of Oran was in our midst last week.

Oh, my! I am tired, for I have been working in the garden so I will go. Here, School Girl, take my pen and give us the Bee Branch news.

Beauty.

CRIB STATION

As I was absent last week will try and send in a few items this week.

How was the sand storm of yesterday with all you Correspondents? It certainly was sandy and pretty cool with us. We would have enjoyed a nice rain much better.

Grain is almost ripe enough to harvest and some have been cutting their volunteer oats the past week.

Several new binders have been set up in the community the past few days.

Mrs. Guy Wilkerson spent Sunday with Mrs. Haggard.

Mrs. Gibson and children attended church at Proffitt Sunday.

Miss Lora Bellamy took Sunday dinner with Miss Ruth Gibson.

I saw in Rainy Day's letter of last week where W. R. Gibbs of Ming Bend caught a 16-pound fish. Oh! but I would have liked to have slipped up on him about the time he landed it. Was sorry he let the whopper get away.

Mrs. Gibson and daughter, Ruth, visited at Mrs. Cloud's Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Bill Wilkerson has been exposed to the small pox and we understand she went to Dr. Cagle and was vaccinated one day this week.

Tom Mobley was out Monday taking the school census.

Mary Willhoit is spending this week with her grandpa, W. M. Gibbs.

Guess I have stayed long enough so will close and gather my beans for dinner.

Goldia.

SOUTH BEND

We had a good little rain last Saturday night with some wind which blew the wheat and oats down a little but all I've talked to seem to think the most of them will straighten up.

Grandma Goode fell last week and hurt herself. She was in bed a day or two but is up now.

Sam and Grace Billingsley of Graham visited at the home of their uncle, Tom Billingsley,

and family the latter part of last week.

Mesdames Allie Hill and Geo. Drum and Miss Della Barron came near being drowned last Sunday afternoon. They were in a boat in about seven feet of water and the boat capsized with them. Fortunately they were near some willow trees and caught and held on to them until help came to their rescue.

W. C. Reed and family and Garrett Robertson and family of near Graham visited A. F. Rogers and family and fished here last week.

Misses Bettie and Sadie Scott and Bettie Dawson moved back last week. Glad to have them with us again.

Wilbur Weaver visited in Graham from Friday until Monday.

The young people enjoyed a singing at the home of M. D. Harrell Sunday night.

The Children's Day exercises were carried out here Sunday as announced. The program was in the forenoon with dinner on the ground and a special young people's meeting in the afternoon. We trust the exercises of Sunday will be of benefit to some one present.

Will Martin and family, J. H. Rogers and family, J. F. Burgess and son, and Jess Ingram of Duff Prairie, Joe and Hub Rogers and families of Pleasant Hill and G. W. Bishop and family of the Stovall farm all attended the exercises here Sunday.

Rev. Marcus M. Chunn of Eliasville was with us Sunday. Crops look fine here now. Wheat and oats good.

Remember church next Saturday and Sunday and Sunday school at 10:30. Everybody invited and welcome.

Come on all you good writers and give us the news. Bashful Ben.

NORTH MIDWAY

It tried to rain this afternoon but went around. Mr. Proffitt has his winter oats cut Saturday and they certainly are fine.

Most everybody will begin cutting their grain within the next ten or twelve days. Some are going to cut the first of this week.

Rust has damaged the grain crops in some places. As a general rule thought the grain crop is fine.

A light shower wouldn't hurt anything at present, in fact, it might do lots of good to corn and cotton.

J. W. Morrison, wife and grandson and Messrs. Cicero and Frank Shaw of Vernon were in this vicinity Thursday and Friday visiting relatives.

The Messrs. Shaw intend to locate in this part of the country soon.

Buster Blue, did you pupils have a big time the last day of school. I certainly wanted to come down there then but did not have time.

Braz Evitt and G. W. Wiley went to Woodson Saturday.

Railway traffic on the Katy line between here and Wichita has been cut off several days on account of so many wash-outs.

Several car loads of harvesting machinery has been sold at Newcastle lately to harvest the enormous grain crops in the surrounding country. Young county is on a boom.

Since I have begun this letter a very nice shower of rain has fallen which will be of great benefit to crops in general.

Miss Lillian Coon visited Miss Lizzie Kirkland Sunday afternoon.

Arthur Jones called to see Miss Roxie Williams last Sunday.

Ernest Jones and Eddie Evitt called to see the Misses Cunningham last Sunday eve.

Merritt and Norman Cunningham called to see Mr. Quisenberry last Sunday.

Misses Sophia and Jo Ann Quisenberry entertained quite a crowd of young people Sunday afternoon.

Arthur Jones, Eddie Evitt and Misses Roxie Williams and Mary Helton attended church at Newcastle Sunday night.

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Time will tell, but it is then too late. Do it now.

Now that Italy has gone to war, will the American Dago too?

Director of Extension Service Clarence Ousley is authority for the assertion that Texas will be a buyer of food and feed supplies this year to a much less extent than ever before.

Winter lingered so long in the lap of coy and blushing Spring that it furnished food for scandal among the gossips of the other seasons.

Since Italy has entered the war American spaghetti factories will be able to build up another monopoly. Will an investigation be ordered for a new conspiracy in restraint of trade?

It should be Graham and Young county first; personal ambition to be reserved for the day after, for without the former there would be no substance from which to draw the latter.

"I cannot bear to go to my grave until I see imparted to my nation the spirit that will make agriculture not only the support of men's bodies, but an inspiration to their intellects."
—Ex-governor Hoard.

The cry of distress has been sent out from the wheat fields of Oklahoma and Kansas for labor to help gather the crops. The harvest season will not be of long duration but it will put in circulation a large amount of money while it lasts.

The farmers of Young county are proving themselves to be among the most public spirited and shrewd business men when it comes to the consideration of matters of vital to the county's interests.

Although 90,000 of the allied forces are hammering away at the Dardanelles they are no nearer effecting an entrance than at the beginning of the siege. Ultra civilized nations are finding out that the unspeakable Turk can speak when he has something to say. It is his style of enunciation that the allies cannot encompass.

We are right upon the heels of the business season that always follows the marketing of the wheat crop. The yield will be large, so let all prepare to take care of the increased business when the crop begins to move. Graham should offer extra inducements to secure new trade as well as to hold what it has. Very important interests depend on the manner in which our trade territory is treated just on the eve of a business revival following a period of unprecedented depression.

More action and less talking is what brings in the bacon. Make a killing now, and then talk.

Like a day spent in idleness, lost motion is gone forever, and there is nothing to show for it but burnt money.

The woodpecker was the original knocker and he killed the limb he knocked on.

There has been enough crying over spilt milk to build and equip a fine creamery in Young county.

The Stamford Leader is running a ten-page delinquent tax list of Jones county for the taxes of 1913.

The American steamer, Nebraska, was torpedoed off the Irish coast on May 24. No lives were lost. Contrary to German assurances it seems commanders of submarines use their own discretion in attacking vessels of neutral nations.

Proprietors of six rooming houses in Wichita Falls were arrested on charges of running disorderly houses. The Times says the sheriff is undertaking to clean up these places. The average rooming house of most towns is never cleaned until swept by the municipal broom.

Population considered, there are more automobile owners in Wichita than any other county in the state.—Wichita Falls Times.

Wichita has an automobile factory.

Under a ruling of the supreme court of Texas oil leases are now taxable property. Counties that did not provide for such taxes will lose a large revenue that would have accrued for the past three years.

Tackle the work just in front of you. Try in an honest way to do the best you can for your town and county. Helping others is the best way to help yourself. If hard knocks hammer the temper out of you, go at it again. The best grades of steel come hot off the anvil with a better temper and keener edge.

We want to know you, and want you to know us. Our desire is to secure the close cooperation and support of all interests in the county. We know some things you don't know. You know some things we don't know. Let's get together and exchange ideas, then give the result wide publicity so that all may share in the benefit.

Who was the fellow that wrote "When ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise?" Who would own up to that kind of bliss? But the world is crowded with wise guys.

The "Buy-it-in-Texas" convention will meet in Fort Worth June 22 to 24. If manufactured in Texas woolen goods could be included in this campaign Texas would be several million dollars richer. Although we grow the wool, we allow the eastern manufacturer to weave it into the finished product and sell it back at prices that make the multi-millionaire who dictates terms of the tariff schedules. By the time this wool returns to Texas as a manufactured article consumers find that half of it has turned to cotton.

Have you been seeing The Master Key at the New Electric Theatre? If not start tonight, you will enjoy it.

Booster Spirit Rampant.

Below is given an extract from the Baylor County Banner, published at Seymour. It may be taken as conclusive evidence that Seymour has solved the economic problem through the energy of a live booster club and universal county cooperation:

One of the best things mentioned Tuesday night at the Booster Club meeting was the idea of home trade. This idea is growing more and more and our country will be behind the times if we do not develop it. The idea is not advanced for the purpose of getting gain for a few business men. It is for the best interests of our people at large. The Booster Club is helping to knit together the interest of town and county and if their committee can further develop the home trade movement it will be a great advancement in the county's prosperity.

The Gibson Bill.

On last Thursday the Gibson bill was defeated in the senate by a vote of 17 to 14. The question will probably be revived later and made an issue before the people. The legislature has consumed a great deal of time on this measure and the benefits lost to the state through its defeat are enigmatical if not enlightening. Had the Gibson bill been incorporated into the law it is hard to see how the farmer could have been helped because he would have to possess gilt-edged collateral to borrow life insurance money as he now does to secure it from the banks.

Paternalism in government is a success in theory only so far as the poor are concerned. The Gibson bill, state or individual make no promise of easy money to farmers except on a strictly business basis, and if the farmer was in a position to secure the loan it would not be necessary for him to wait on the passage of the Gibson or any other bill. His homestead is unavailable as security and as he is rarely a coupon-clipper and owner of stocks and bonds or seldom deals in mortgages, no avenue is open to him except banks and other money lenders until some way is found by which he can borrow money at a cheap rate of interest until he can place himself beyond its necessity.

The Gibson bill was not designed to specially favor farmers or others, or to affect the borrowing powers of different kinds of paper, but rather its function was to add a few more millions of dollars to the available capital of the state which would broaden the opportunity to borrow money generally at a reduced rate of interest, which would help the borrower to that extent. The more the amount of available money means cheaper money.

The small farmer, and particularly the tenant farmer, is the one who most needs assistance. It seems his salvation depends on the establishment of more cordial relations between himself and landlord, a more liberal system of division and improved conditions for his family and home. He should have an equitable share of the profits of his labor, and in this way only can his independence be established.

So far as the effect the defeat of the bill will have toward placing Texas in the attitude of fostering monopolies of its own by keeping out alien companies who wish to return to the State, we believe is more or less imaginary. It is doubtful if any appreciable advantage would be gained by the readmission of that capital so far as its reaching those channels where most needed is concerned, although encouragement should be given every legitimate enterprise seeking entrance to the State.

Rev. J. L. Shepard of Portales, New Mexico, was a visitor in Graham this week. Rev. Mr. Shepard is connected with the Herald-Times of that city.

Miss Lillian Manning has returned from Fort Worth.

Millions for School Improvements.

A news wire from Austin under date of May 26 says that according to an examination of the figures of the department of education, bonds have been issued during the last two fiscal years, beginning September 1, 1912, and ending September 1, 1914, for the construction of school houses in Texas that total \$3,741,646. Of this large amount, independent school districts voted \$2,227,961. This, according to the department's figures, makes an average of \$1,870,823 per year, or \$5,196 per day invested in permanent school improvements in the years indicated. State Superintendent W. F. Doughty has expressed himself highly pleased with the total and in common with other educators in Texas, believes the result of these investments soon will begin to show in an educational way.

What Profiteth It?

If the same amount of legal acumen and forensic skill that has been dissipated in the furious chase after punch and chicken salad had been earnestly directed toward enlarging the asylums, the 1,000 insane unfortunates now in the county jails and on the poor farms could be promptly released and transferred to the humane custody of the state.

But raising a rumpus in the legislature and filling the public press with patriotic boations are much better political fence-builders than getting a crazy man out of the jug.

This explains why every man, woman and child in Texas had heard all about the punch and salad peril, while comparatively few were informed on the other subject.

What profiteth it to the rabble-rousing stumper and sputter, though all the lunatics sleep on downy beds of ease, if good spellbinding chances get by him, and he lose his own political goat?—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

ELIASVILLE

Spring has gone and June, the first summer month, is here. I guess most of the Correspondents are busy.

All the farmers near here are cutting their oats this week. Wheat will be ready to cut pretty soon. It is very sorry in some places.

The norther that blew up last Thursday didn't seem very much like summer.

There was an Odd Fellow and Woodmen picnic at the old Parrot crossing on the Clear Fork near Eliasville last Thursday, May 27. A large crowd and plenty of dinner. There were a number of people from Graham, several from Caddo, Ivan, Komo and Lone Star. Two baseball games were played, Eliasville completely "skunking" the Graham boys. Then Eliasville played the married men. I left before they had finished that game and don't know how it ended but the boys were beating them considerably when I left. There were some interesting speeches and recitations, and several songs.

Mrs. Mary Yancey has been sick for the last two weeks but glad to report her improving. Bessye Baldwin visited last week at the Johnson home.

There is still lots of fishing in the river. Most everyone has good luck.

Mrs. E. L. Baldwin and sister went to Graham last Friday. Several from Eliasville attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Ivan. Meadow Brook.

ROCK CREEK

Hello Mr. Editor and Correspondents. How did you all like the rain?

We had a nice rain and some hail but not enough to do any damage. The wind blew some corn down.

Most everyone is wearing a smile since the rain.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Olree and children and Richard Pogue visited Mrs. Olree's father and sister at Graford from Friday till Sunday.

R. P. Gould worked for J. J. Foster the latter part of last week.

William Bennett called at D. W. Burk's Thursday afternoon. Crops of all kinds look fine and oats are almost ready to harvest.

Mr. Editor, our cabbage is fine but the potatoes are not so good. Seems like the bugs like them as well as we do.

J. J. Foster and R. P. Gould paid E. H. Burk a short call Sunday afternoon.

Si Clayton of Bryson was down seeing about his cattle last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Burk and little son, Winfred, spent last Thursday at J. D. Burk's.

Dan Burk got his finger nail pulled off while working on a mower Thursday. The finger is very sore and painful yet but we hope to report it well soon.

C. A. Olree made a business trip to Mr. Fields' Monday.

G. M. Foster spent Monday night with J. J. Foster and went to Graham Tuesday.

William Bennett is able to work after his fall. Here's hoping he will not have the misfortune to fall again.

Come on Trixie, here is my pencil. Daisy Flat.

WYNN HILL

Well, this is Monday, and it still looks like rain. It rained a very good rain Saturday evening but not enough to keep us from having our decoration Sunday. We had a nice decoration with a large crowd in attendance.

Health in this community is not very good at present, several being sick with typhoid fever. Those sick with the fever are Myrtle Kuykendall,

Pearl Crum, Henry and John Rogers.

Mrs. Earl Wilton's baby has been sick for two weeks.

Mrs. Mattie Nimmo and sister and Mrs. Ethel Clark, Versie Nimmo, Ruby Baker, Bertha Williams, Annie Price and Mrs. Williams all came to see Miss Pearl Crum Sunday.

Misses Mae Edmondson and sister, Inye, attended the decoration at Wynn Hill Sunday.

Misses Annie Price and sister were at the decoration Sunday.

Barnie Zellner has gone to Kansas to work in the wheat harvest.

Mrs. Ruth Collier took twenty gallons of beans to Jermyn to sell Saturday.

As this is all I know at present I will quit. Broncho Bob.

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DEVIL BEND

The rain was sure fine. I think it will help everything. Buren and Miss Fay Lisle made a flying trip to town Monday morning.

Miss Fay Lisle spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Frances Bunker.

John Lisle has been working on the prairie the past week.

Dick Whittenburg and Frank Sharp, Bud and Oscar Owen helped T. L. Lisle Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Nola Whittenburg spent Wednesday with Mrs. Alice Lisle.

Mrs. Gertie Sharp spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Tom Beach.

Mountain Home school was out Thursday and we had a dinner on the ground and ball game Friday. Plenty of dinner I think, I mean I got all I wanted.

Prof. J. I. Guess, the teacher, gave a party Friday night and a large crowd attended. Henry Owen and Miss Fay Lisle, Ira Bobo, Ras Shoemate, Miss Lena Owen, Floyd Smith, Miss Ida Owen, Oscar Owen and Afton Smith all walked to the party. I think all got pretty tired.

Miss Lula, Jesse and Bass White and three Dooley children from Cedar Creek were all at the party. We enjoyed them being there and invite them back again.

Mrs. Dolph Owen and daughters spent Saturday with Mrs. Alice Lisle.

Mrs. Belle Wiley spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Alice Lisle.

T. L. Lisle and family took dinner at Bud Owen's Sunday.

Miss Fay Lisle and Miss Della Owen spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Ida and Lena Owen. Buster Blue.

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KOMO

After reading so many good letters this week in our dear old paper I'll try and write a few items.

California Joe, where were you last week? I missed your letter.

Archie and Herschell Akers, Monroe Williams and Jim DeLong all attended the picnic at Eliasville Thursday, May 27th.

Mrs. Fannie Martin spent last Monday afternoon with Mrs. Lula Evans.

A. C. White made a business trip east of Graham last week.

Messrs. Tom Billingsley and Claud Akers of Lone Star were in this community Sunday.

Mrs. N. R. Martin spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pardue and Mrs. Addie Townsend went to J. I. Guess' Friday. That was the last day of Mr. Guess' school at Mountain Home. Mr. Guess and family have moved to this community. We greet them with a hearty welcome.

Monroe Williams went to Stephens county last week.

Archie Akers went to Graham Wednesday.

Leonard Evans stayed with M. Henderson and attended the last two weeks of school at Salem.

Austin White called at Mrs. Sallie Akers' Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. N. R. Martin spent the latter part of last week at Jim Martin's.

Mrs. Sallie Akers went to Eliasville one day last week.

I looked for a list of the Correspondents' names last week but failed to receive any. I am anxiously awaiting to receive one.

Rob Vaughn was in this community Saturday.

Archie Martin of the Graham Ranch was at Mrs. N. R. Martin's Sunday morning.

The cellar at L. F. Evans' was completed Friday.

The rain that fell last Saturday night was appreciated by all.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burnett made a flying trip to Newcastle on business Saturday.

Mrs. Irene DeLong spent last Thursday with Mrs. Ida Brooks.

Several took Sunday dinner at G. R. White's.

G. R. White has discovered a new method of suckering corn. Anyone wanting to learn how call and see him, he can sure show you how.

Little Roy Martin went with Miss Mollie Elkins to Eliasville Saturday.

Well, I believe I have written all the news so here, Meadow Brook, take my pen and be there with another good letter next week. Pansy.

(Since our call for a complete list of the Correspondents only about fifty per cent have sent in correct addresses and we must have all of them before the list can be compiled and printed. Some of the Correspondents have been absent so long that we really don't know whether to print their names in the list or not, Pansy.—Ed.)

TONK VALLEY

More rain, which we are glad to report.

Lots of grain will be cut this week.

I think all the farmers tried to buy new binders this year.

Sunday school wasn't very well attended Sunday. Our visitors were Mrs. Denver Killion and cousin, Mr. Scott, who is visiting her, and Rex Cornish of Graham. Come again.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jones and three children of Woodson visited at Mr. Robbins' Thursday night.

Mrs. G. T. Cherryhomes and daughter, Miss Gladys, visited near Newcastle Sunday.

Mrs. I. V. Freeman called on Mrs. O. K. Freeman Tuesday afternoon.

Candy Kid, the rats are about to take us in over here, too. Suppose someone send us in a remedy to get rid of them.

Gray-eyed Girl, I forgot to guess your age last week, so will guess you to be 18. You must be about my age. I-I liked to have told something didn't I?

Mr. Casey was in our commu-

nity Wednesday buying cattle and took dinner at Mr. Robbins'. Wallace Sloan and a lady friend of Graham were car riding in our community Sunday afternoon.

Bashful Ben, I was driving in your community Sunday afternoon but didn't see you.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ragland visited his uncle, Mr. Ayeock, at Rocky Mound Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Higdon and daughter, Miss Katherine are shopping in the city today.

Several new granaries are being built in our community this week.

Misses Mary and Lora Sedon were enjoying a "mule" ride Sunday afternoon.

Plow Boy, your letter was fine last week. I agree with you.

Jolly Girl.

LUCILLE

Well, it is a hard matter for me to get my letters started. I usually have something to tell about the farmers but there is nothing to tell about them this time except they are so busy with their crops that they hardly have time to visit their neighbors.

Corn is looking well, in fact, everything looks fine.

Born, to George Spurlock and wife, a fine boy, May 26.

G. W. Weldon took supper Thursday night at A. Storm's.

The oil fever has started again. They will begin a well next week on A. Storm's land about a quarter southeast of his dwelling.

Bob Chick has the contract to put the wood on the ground for the oil well. Old Palo Pinto will get on a boom yet.

A fine girl arrived at Hugh Bailey's the 27th of May. Hugh says he's got the only girl now, in his mind.

Mrs. Layton is spending the week in Carter Bend visiting friends.

Mrs. Mark Bailey and Alpha Newberry called a few minutes Friday afternoon at Mrs. Al Storm's.

The old river got on a high horse Sunday and caught a good many on this side. They remained over here till Monday and crossed back in a boat.

Health of the community is good, appetites better and a growing desire to get rich.

Quite a number of young people took Sunday dinner with Mrs. Velma Spurlock.

Mrs. Chick is spending this week at her daughter's, Mrs. Minnie Dailey.

Mr. McAvoy made a business trip to Grafrod Thursday.

Dago, I sure would enjoy being at your Children's Day exercises but don't know whether Rock Creek will be so I can cross it or not.

Mrs. Bettie Newman visited Mrs. George Spurlock Thursday.

Misses Bessie and Nellie Storm took dinner Friday at Mrs. Layton's.

Mrs. Newman spent Friday with her sisters, Misses Mandy and Grace Layton.

Grandpa Reeves went over to the city of Grafrod Wednesday.

A. Storm started his binder this (Saturday) morning. Mr. McAvoy is also cutting his oats today.

As everybody is so busy there is not much news to write so will hand my pencil to some good writer and go.

Johnnie Dolittle.

COUNTY LINE

Well, if the kind editor will forgive me for being absent so long will step in and take a chair among the jolly writers and see what I can say.

Health of the community appears to be all right at present.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Couger, last Saturday night, a fine 10-pound boy.

Miss Jessie Wyatt spent the day last Thursday with Misses Ella and Vina Hughes.

Mrs. Grace Rickles of Brownsfield was visiting relatives in this community last week. Mr. Charlie Duncan took her to the Stoval farm last Sunday.

Uncle Josh West spent last Wednesday night and Thursday with J. K. P. Hughes and family.

Thanks Salemite, for your compliment about my head being level. It seems that but few agree with me on that question.

I was surprised at Plow Boy accepting the statement from the Goose. I guess Plow Boy was a little afraid the Goose would get romped on.

I guess the suffragettes are like the bat, neither bird nor

beast. Oh, well, I do not care what they say so long as it is not too rough. Just let them spin away it is interesting.

Thank you Daisy Flat, for saying that my heart was in the right place. Here is hoping it will remain so.

While others may not agree with me on certain things I don't think there is any harm in me thinking there are other evils in the world besides the drink evil. There is evil enough in the world without looking for it. Seek good and lo it is here.

It seems that Silver Bell has my soul headed in the wrong direction though I think if she will read my last letter she will find that I never consigned her soul to that region below. I think if she reads it slowly and carefully she will find it was myself. I'm by that region like I am by the endless chain prayer, I would not heap on my fellow beings' heads what I would not want myself.

If one was to read Silver Bell's last letter to me, and I believe you will agree with me, that they would think me a rough customer and a fellow would do well to keep out of my range. What people say about me will not hurt me very much. I have drank lots of branch water in my life and it didn't kill me, and I know if branch water will not kill the tongue will not. I expect to live a long time yet.

Silver Bell said she would not trade chances with me and I'm satisfied regardless of what people say. I know people who try to be Christians do not find their pathway strewn with roses, and yet, I would not go back and live the life of a sinner. Yes, I have much to be thankful for. We Christian people meet with disappointments, discouragements, obstacles, etc., which at times seems cannot be removed or surmounted, yet we are Christians; have been happy in our work and on looking back over the long road we have traveled we find we have made great progress, and have accomplished much. Last but not least, we are glad we are here engaged in this good work and for the glorious opportunities that show ahead.

It is when we look into the future we feel most thankful. Every day ahead is an open op-

portunity for more and better work than we have ever done.

The trend of the times show many new forces coming to aid us all. The future is glorious. Let us make the most of it and may every helper be rewarded a thousand fold.

Church and school work are the two great means by which civilization is brought about on earth and they go hand in hand in the work. I'm a firm believer in a "good education." What we want to do is to educate the people up to higher standards of citizenship. If we have good citizens we must necessarily, and as night follows day, have a good government. Now let us all do something worthy of our great and glorious destiny. Let all have ideals and live up to them. Make this land in reality the home of the brave and home of the free, worthy of the God who created it and gave it to us for our benefit and His glory.

Well, Kid, here is hoping you and all the rest of the people will raise a good crop this year, for this scribe likes to see the people well fed and well cared for. If we do not raise good crops we could not expect them to be very well cared for could we? If you do not wish it I will not try to convert Plow Boy into the Baptist church. He is all right where he is, as long as he boards with Mrs. Plow Boy. He is as safe as we could wish for. I think she is able to take especial care of him.

I thought The Reporter was just fine last week. I guess it was because all of we scribes got an invitation to visit Bono.

Thank you, Bono, for your invitation to help wash dishes. I think I'll accept your invitation. "Sleepy Eyes" is some dish washer all right. I don't know whether Kid and Salemite are in practice or not, but if not I can show them. Who will be volunteers to help the cook? Plow Boy couldn't run the whole business by himself.

Well, Homeite, I don't know when I'll get to come up that way. You need not look for me until you hear me coming up the hill.

Gringo, I think the women are all right and I like them whether they vote or not. I thank you for your nice compliment. Dreamy Eyes.

THE BOOSTER EDITION

Is coming along. It is to be everything the name implies. It is boosting for Young and adjoining counties. Every citizen is as much interested in the success of the issue as its publishers. It is a publicity seeker for this part of the central west, and it will fulfill its mission if public interest so far manifested in the coming special is an evidence.

But that is not enough. The co-operation of every citizen of this section is essential to properly exploit our resources. Suggestions from all sources are invited. All business interests must be represented. Not just simply a part. The best efforts of the publishers are going into this edition and so should yours. The benefits to be derived to this section are incalculable. To float this publicity enterprise entails a big expense, which should be shared by the live business men and leading farmers. A great many have responded. Many more are needed. All interests will be featured. Complete write-ups in attractive form will occupy liberal space. It will be replete with all kinds of general information bearing directly upon this section. Ten thousand copies are to be printed.

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MYERS BRANCH

It has been said that the tree that bears the best apples has the most clubs under it, and as Benson, the socialist writer puts it, there is enough under the socialist tree to start a wood yard.

Salemite, I shall jolt you a few times this week then I am quitting you as Roseite is giving our platform which will make things plain if you want to see them at all. So you think food and clothing is all the private property there is? Well, I must say you are a poor observer. You might invest your ten thousand dollars in furniture, books, pictures, automobiles, horses, wagons, agricultural implements and a thousand and one other things that are privately used. Or you might invest part or all of it in a trip to Europe, South America or the Panama Exposition.

Your W. D. Haywood scare-head wasn't much. The I. W. W. is not a political party, but there are socialists that belong to it, and Haywood is recognized as a socialist. It is generally known by socialists that there are two lines of action (tactics) by which they may secure control of the utilities. First, by the ballot or political action. Second, through the industrial unions or direct action. It is conceded that political action will be the method used in this country, but in some countries the people have no voice or vote in the making of the laws and direct action will be necessary unless they secure a vote.

Don't you think the men who fought England for freedom had dreams of a new society and a government different from any they then knew? They got it too, despite the doubting Thomases who solemnly assured them that such course was blasphemy and contrary to the will of God.

Years ago, before the steam engine and electricity nobody had to look for a job. Everybody owned his job. The shoemaker could make shoes for his neighbor, the weaver could make cloth. Each could work at his trade without anybody's permission because the tools of their trades were few and expensive. Now neither of them can work at his trade, because the tools have become numerous and inexpensive. The tools of each is the great factory and with the hand tools of the last century they cannot compete with the modern factory. The shoe trust with steam, electricity and machinery can produce shoes at a price that no shoemaker working by hand could touch. The above will explain to you why the socialist says, "Strike at the machinery of the country by having the people through the government own the machinery of the country." "Cut out the profits of the private owners. Let the people own the trusts and make things because they want things instead of because somebody else wants a profit."

Your competition idea is moss covered and out of date about thirty years. About seventy years ago the socialists predicted the trusts as they are today. Nobody paid any attention to them because there had never been such thing and wasn't such thing until forty years later. They did not believe that competition was the life of trade, but thought the tendency of competition was to kill itself. They reasoned this way:

Manufacturers engage in business not because they want to supply goods to the public, but because they want to make a profit for themselves. As the question of who shall make the profits depends upon who shall sell the goods, manufacturers will compete with each other to sell goods. Manufacturers will be able to compete and still make a profit as long as the demand far exceeds the supply. But the demand for goods will not always exceed the supply. The opportunity to make profits will tempt other capitalists to enter the field and with the new and more productive machinery they can make more goods than

the people can pay for, therefore the market will be glutted. Competition among manufacturers will then get so fierce that profits will sink and eventually disappear, and in order to regain their profits they will cease to compete. The strongest will crush or buy out the weakest. Monopolies will be formed primarily to end competition and save the competitors from themselves.

Nearly twenty years ago, Mark Hannah said: "It is not a question of whether business men do or do not believe in trusts. It is a question only of whether business men wanted to be killed by competition or saved by co-operation."

Now you get that "competition among big business" idea out of your head and you will not be over fifty years behind the procession. We admit that there is some competition among local dealers, but the formation of the first trust was the beginning of the end of competition among the big business interests.

Now about the method the government will use to obtain ownership of the industries.

Twenty years ago socialists were in favor of confiscation, but now most believe that compensation is the easier and quicker way. Buy them at their full cash value, minus wind, water and other speculative values. Now the question arises: Where will you get the money? Out of the business of course. It is a poor trust that does not pay a 10 per cent dividend. The socialists propose that the government pay for the trusts with two per cent bonds and that each year enough money be put in a sinking fund to retire the bonds in not more than fifty years. The burden of purchasing the trusts would be spread over two generations and it would be a burden only in name, since the prices of trust goods would be radically reduced, even while the trusts were being paid for, and upon retirement of the bonds goods will be reduced to cost.

Government ownership under capitalism is not socialism. Take the postoffice for instance. The deficit in this department is caused by graft. It takes \$265,500 to carry one ton of mail from New York to San Francisco and only \$60.00 to carry one ton of freight, and \$135.00 for a ton of express. If the government owned the railroads this expense would be cut down to the actual cost.

This is the program and you can cuss and discuss it as much as you please. I agree with you that I must have capital before I could get my crop worked, but say, "Didn't labor have to be applied before the said capital came into existence, and don't I expect the hired help to produce enough capital to pay them and also give me a profit?" The socialist motto is "Working men of the world unite, you have nothing to lose but your chains, you have a world to gain." Dooley paraphrased it and it read: "Wur-king min of the wurld unite, you have nothing to lose but yer brains and faith yez haven't iny."

GRINGO.

CEDAR CREEK

How are all you Correspondents getting along by now? I am just fine and hope you are the same.

Gray-eyed Girl, I don't know whether you know me or not, but I know you all right and I guess your age to be 19. Did I guess it?

I hope none of you got hurt by the hail. I saw some signs of the hail as I went to Graham Saturday.

I thought I saw Carrie Nation in town Saturday, but I don't know whether I did or not.

Our school teacher, Miss Pearl Frazier, left Sunday for her home at Dublin, after teaching us another successful term of school. We all hated to see her leave and hope she will come back and teach for us next winter.

Miss Charity Bell Steele was on the sick list the first of the week.

Mrs. Lula Steele visited Mrs. I. W. Steele the first of the week.

Mrs. I. W. Steele visited Mrs. J. H. Wesley Friday evening. Mrs. I. W. Steele and children, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cretsinger, H. J. Cretsinger and daughters, and Everett Reed called on Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cretsinger Sunday evening and enjoyed eating ice cream.

Crops look fine here now. The grain will soon be ready to harvest.

Well, I can't think of anything to write so will close and write more next time.

June Roses.

YANCEYVILLE

Killing weeds and grass is the order of the day here in the vicinity at present.

Walker Sales, the sheriff from Breckenridge, passed thru here Monday enroute to the lower part of the county. Mr. Sales had rather a hard time trying to run his car up those steep hills. Had to hire a man and team to pull his car up the Newby Mountain, however. Mr. Sales said he had a fine time on his trip.

Will Slay is helping S. M. Gann break land this week.

Mr. Lisle and family of Newcastle are visiting at the Cretsinger home in this vicinity this week.

Well, Beauty, if I have to tell you what I think of your bud I can. Will say this, if you look like your bud, or anything like your picture which I have, you are a fine looking girl all right. And as to John and me, favoring, my goodness Beauty, don't ever let John hear you say that for he would get very angry. You see that Cousin John of mine thinks he is real handsome, and so he is, in his own estimation, and I'm not a bit pretty so John will not allow anyone to say that we favor. However, you can ask your bud and Robert whether John and I favor or not.

Goodness, Bashful Ben, which did you mean to call me, an old maid, a bachelor or grandma? Or was it a combination of the three. Horrors! if that is the way young men school teachers talk about people I'm sure glad that there isn't any young men teachers in this vicinity. Bashful Ben, I can take a hint without being knocked down so you just as well be plain spoken. Why didn't you write Silver Bell where you wrote "those that are the least interested," for that is what you meant? And, you think I can't prove my statement to be correct? Well, you have refused to be shown.

Bashful Ben, who said anything about pleasing every old maid, bachelor or grandma in the whole neighborhood? No one did except yourself. That is where the trouble lies to a great extent. Say Bashful Ben, why didn't you tell me plain out that I had "lied"? Well I had just as soon fight about schools and teachers as anything else, but as long as I think I'm in the right I'll contend for that right regardless of all the school teachers there are in the world.

We received a nice shower of rain here Thursday evening and a nice shower of hail which we did not need.

Jack o' Diamonds, we lived in Foard county in the year of 1909, about 17 or 18 miles west of Crowell, at the Frank Easley Ranch, on Good Creek about four miles from Vivian and three miles from the McAdams Ranch. Foard county is a fine old place, and I would like to be there now if it was not for the gyp water.

Many thanks to you, Kid, I certainly appreciate your kind words.

Smith says he has the "sweetest" wagon in the world. We think he spilled a bucket of syrup in the wagon.

Jim Barron made a quick trip to the city of Ivan Wednesday. Several people from here attended church at the Copeland school house Sunday night.

A cow buyer from Breckenridge was in this vicinity last week. We did not learn his

name or whether he bought any cattle.

George Wyatt is helping Eugene West with the foundation to his silo.

I made a mistake last week in stating about the party at the Wyatt home. The party was postponed to some future date.

Mrs. Grace Rickles of Brownfield, Texas is here on a visit to relatives. Silver Bell.

NORTH MIDWAY

Health is good and the weather pleasant now.

The Newcastle High School closed last Tuesday night. They had a three nights' program in all, Friday, Monday and Tuesday nights being taken up. All the exercises were good and the auditorium was filled to its capacity every night.

The boys had a ball game at town Saturday afternoon, and of course, we beat 'em badly.

A severe hail has been reported north and northwest of here. The California vicinity got a portion of it, and if reports are not exaggerated crops in parts of the Orth, Padgett and Seymour vicinities were literally beaten into the ground. A severe storm was reported at Olney Saturday evening.

The M. K. & T. line between here and Wichita was washed out in places Saturday night and it is said that over 1000 feet of track was carried off in one place.

Old settlers say that the Brazos river was higher at the suspension bridge than it has been in several years.

All the youngsters went to California Creek Sunday afternoon to play a game of ball. North Midway was declared winners by a score of 9 to 0 as the other boys didn't show up. Goose bring your team up and get beat.

There was a singing at Mr. Wiley's Sunday night. After the singing all of the young folks went to the river as they had heard it was out of banks. When they got there they found that it had fallen so much that it didn't look dangerous at all.

Wes Young says he has caught the same coon three times.

Oscar and Henry Owen of Bunker were in this vicinity Saturday night and Sunday. I think they were "interned" between Newcastle and Graham Sunday night, as the Salt Creek was out of banks.

Drs. N. B. Blevins and Will A. Martin took dinner with G. W. Wiley on third Monday. Dr. Blevins also vaccinated Mr. Wiley's stock Tuesday and then returned to his home at Lovington.

Very little vaccinating is being done in this vicinity. It seems that some people are so hard to convince as to the benefit of vaccinating.

L. Cunningham is expecting to receive a new Case threshing machine and a 40 h. p. Case gasoline engine real soon.

Braz Evitt got a new 8-foot cut McCormick binder Monday. My letter is a day late. If it misses the waste basket I will write sooner next week.

Azure Skies.

BUNGER

Bunger is quiet, and the rain was light.

Ben Mosley planted citrons in the skips in his corn Saturday.

G. W. Day is nearer up with his crop than anyone I have seen in the valley. One thing that accounts for that I guess is, he has a Southern Texas farm hand and he hasn't taken the Young county snores.

Lee McLaren and Herman Johnson went fishing on Salt Creek Saturday night. It was a beautiful night to be on the creek.

Mr. Johnson has the mumps in good shape.

Nevel Rhodes and wife went to Graham Saturday and on his way home one of the tires on his wagon ran off and he was in such haste driving from the dark, ugly cloud that was charging him from the north he never had time to stop and get

it. He left it two miles back on the road.

I think everybody in the world will be taking J. H. G. remedies from the way they bought his medicine Saturday. Uncle Bill Gilmore had a buggy load I think.

A. L. Conder and Mr. Kelley were circulating a petition today in the interest of our school, for a 15c special school tax.

Oscar James was in the village after his mail and trading Saturday.

In my week before last letter in speaking of Mr. Asbury Caudill I tried to spell corn but instead spelled barn. He sure has fine corn.

We have plenty of grasshoppers in the oats and around the edges of the fields.

E. B. McLaren isn't dead yet.

He went to Graham Saturday. He had the mumps.

Elmer McLaren bought an air rifle. He had to sleep in a room to himself and he slept with the gun under his pillow. I guess he was afraid of rats.

Lee Anderson took a nice bunch of steers to his pasture. He passed through here Sunday.

Mr. Dendy passed through here this (Monday) morning enroute to Graham.

Goose.

BROWN DICK

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MILLER BEND

Goody! I am glad of it! The citizens of Mansfield, a small town in Louisiana, put the matter squarely up to the old war dog, Teddy Roosevelt, by offering to furnish him a gun and transportation to join the allied or German forces, either in dividually, but he wasn't as mad at the Germans as he thought he was. And, there are a few, very few though, right around here who are just about as mad at them as Teddy was. Guess Theodore wants to "charge San Juan Hill" again. The newspapers and histories gave us fine pictures of him "charging" up San Juan Hill. And by the way some of them said as he went up the hill a fellow passed him carrying a flag and Teddy asked him where he was going. "I am going to plant this flag on yonder hill" said the fellow. So when Teddy got to be president it so happened that he appointed the first governor of Oklahoma, and he appointed this self-same fellow that carried the flag up San Juan Hill, and his name was Frantz. But wasn't that some qualification for a governor? Why the sorriest crap-shooting negro in Ft. Worth could carry a flag to the top of any old hill.

Now, I know a responsible man who was there and participated in the battle of San Juan Hill, and he says Teddy didn't "charge anything but a camera."

When Theodore was on his famous wolf-hunt in Oklahoma he hunted with a fellow, John Abernathy, by name. Well, Abernathy roped and tied a wolf right there before Theodore's eyes! Yes-sir-ree Bob! That's what he did, right there before our own president's eyes. Well, I didn't blame John one bit in the world, for he knew who he was hunting with. He knew how his governor won his appointment, and John wanted to be marshal of western Oklahoma, and sure enough, before Teddy got the quail meat eaten on that famous hunt, all picked out of his big teeth, he gave John his desired appointment.

That's the man who wants our Uncle Sam to pounce upon Germany without giving her even one day of grace, and for no other reason than that Germany would not allow England to smuggle through munitions of war on the ill fated Lusitania under the pretense of carrying a handfull of American fools as passengers.

Well, when Prince of Peace Bryan and Tumultous Wilson get this week's Reporter and read what Plow Boy thinks about it they surely will withdraw that silly, meddlesome note they sent to Germany.

Poor little Kid, I believe the holiness people have him under conviction, surely, anyway he is evidently in a peck of trouble over the question. Yes sir, "hit shore do bar on his mind." I think this is the second or third time he has told us about that conversation between himself and his holiness friend at Newcastle about Plow Boy. Presuming that he will like as not tell it again next week I will checkmate him by telling some things his holiness friends tell me about him. One of them said, "That fellow over at Indian Mound, the Kid, is rotten." Another one said, "We all went to Indian Mound to meeting and the Kid didn't attend our meeting or make any mention of it in his write-up, but he burlesqued us in the way he wrote about where we all ate dinner." I could tell more but what I have told is enough to show that he is in bad with the holiness people. Of course they are sorry for him, and try to console him and help him by offering him kind words of encouragement and he is so lopsided that he thinks they admire such "conduct."

Say Kid, when did Plow Boy keep you from joining the Methodist church? Now listen at yourself: "If you were a real true Methodist I could bring a Baptist letter and join your church just the same as I could any other Baptist church." And, how is it Brother Kid, that you know so much about the great

liberality of our church? Is it possible that you once belonged to us and "lost out" and have never recovered further than the Baptist church? Come on with your "Baptist letter" and I will see that you get back into the fold, for I really think it would do you good. I believe we could take some of that lopsidedness out of you.

Of course the Kid would have to take back what he said about God and Jesus being Baptists, for Methodist people worship God, and Him only do they serve.

Now Kid, don't go off and say Plow Boy jumped on you for a church argument, because all Reporter readers know that I just merely mentioned the fact that I was a Methodist, and you jumped in and began trying to establish the priority of the Baptist church. Now I do not object to you or anyone else being a Baptist, but I do object to Baptists claiming to be the only true church, and even trying to make folks believe God is a Baptist. I call that the limit of folly.

Many thanks for the dish of ice cream, Gray-eyed Girl, it sure was fine, and I hushed crying too. And any time you wish me to speak a good word for you to some nice young man just say the word.

Here is your pencil Rambling Rose. Oh, I have had it so long I guess you think I am not going to return it. How do you like what I have been writing with it, Rambling Rose?

Well, Dago, I am going to let the socialist platform rest this week, but will tell you some more about it next week. Like General Grant once said, "I am going to fight it out along this line if it takes all summer."

SALEM

Good, heavy showers of rain fell here last Saturday evening. We were not really needing rain but the showers were welcome.

Corn is about all laid by and the prospect for an extra good crop was never better at this time of year, and with a few more rains at the right time we will have corn to keep and corn to sell this fall.

Cotton all plowed over the first time and chopping it out to a stand is now in order.

Huie Henderson and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Maggie Gilmore.

Rev. Patterson and family spent Sunday night with J. H. Carter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gibson, after spending a week visiting relatives and old friends here, left Monday for their home at Crowell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kisinger gave the young folks a party last Friday night.

Our school closed last Friday. There was a full attendance of pupils and several visitors present. The day's work was closed with a treat of fine candy for all present.

Rev. Patterson preached a good sermon to quite a large audience at Salem last Sunday night.

Miss Odus Carter spent Sunday with Misses Bessie and Ressie Hinson.

Lon Evans and family of Komo spent Monday night with M. H. Henderson and family.

Ye scribe, with his better three-fourths, and two little girls visited relatives at Henry Chapel last Sunday, and then in the afternoon attended the closing exercises of the Sunday School Rally at the Chapel. Their new school house is large, well finished and well furnished, and a credit to any community. We found a large crowd present of both old and young, the most noted being a long line of bright little boys and girls that made up the class in charge of Mrs. J. L. McLaren. They not only made a pretty picture in the part of the program assigned to them, but also acquitted themselves extra well.

Roseite, how are you "gwiner" make all the drummers, dry goods clerks and delivery boys work on the big co-operative farms and roads? And if they should rebel, what then?

And besides, the towns are full of barbers, and then there is the sandwich man, and the pop corn man. What will we do with all of them?

I would hate awfully bad to see socialism put our jovial old friend, Esquire Brewton, out on the road to work. It would be real cruel to freeze him out by putting in a machine that would pop corn for the whole county.

It would appear that Roseite favors freezing out the little country gins as he terms them.

Time is valuable, and there is always a rush of work in handling the cotton crop. Does Roseite think that the farmers would stand for the government or any corporation to drive them off fifteen or twenty miles to a big co-operative gin? It would cost the cotton farmer ten times more than it does the way it is now arranged.

With the physical labor of an ordinary individual and with the mental faculty and labor of thousands of ordinary thinkers in his line of work, Rockefeller produced his great wealth and it is as justly his as if he had earned it mauling rails.

If we had private owned roads and toll gates we would have much better roads than we now have.

We told you some time ago that you had everything in your pocket that you asked for but it appears that you forget that we now have a law that crushes a talent to steal. Salemite.

MOUNTAIN HOME

Dear Editor and Correspondents how are you all since the nice rain? I was so busy last week I had to miss writing, but glad to see so many letters.

Dreamy Eyes' mother and sister were at the close of school Friday afternoon. You must come next time Dreamy Eyes.

T. M. Bunger and family, Harlan, Bill and Miss Valerie Btnger and Misses Winnie Lisle were all pleasant visitors at Jake Jones' Sunday. All reported a nice time and a good dinner.

Everett McLendon and Buren Lisle left Monday for Wichita Falls to work in the wheat harvest.

The Mountain Home school closed Friday. Had dinner on the ground and a ball game in the afternoon. All reported a nice time. Gander I wish you could have been there to help us eat dinner.

Azure Skies, I don't know whether my rats can dive or not, but they can sure run. They may dive or die one if they drink the arsenic water I have out for them. One caught one of my chickens and that didn't suit Homeite.

Bill Bunger bought a new checker board Monday while in town so if any of you writers like to play just come over.

Bassett Wyatt and sister, Miss Lula, and Jesse and Clarence Dooley of Cedar Creek attended the party at Mr. Guess' Friday night.

J. K. P. Hughes and daughter, Vina, and Asbury Caudill and children attended the ball game at Mountain Home Friday afternoon and spent the night with W. C. Bunger and family. Miss Vina spent the night with Misses Ella and Georgie Askew and they attended the party at Mr. Guess'.

Mr. and Mrs. Guess returned to their home at Komo Saturday. We hated to see them leave and welcome them back again.

Mrs. Frances Bunger and children and her sister, Mrs. Joetna Caudill, and children went home with their mother Mrs. Hughes, Saturday and returned Sunday. There was a nice rain at Cedar Creek Saturday night. Wheat, oats and rye looked fine down in that country.

G. H. Bunger has been helping Tom Lisle build a barn the past week.

School Girl, please tell me in your next letter how Grandpa Lane is.

Bill Bunger attended court Monday and Tuesday.

Homeite.

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The Master Key tonight.

Burl Martin of McKinney came in Friday night to visit relatives.

E. M. Woods of Krum is in the city visiting his brother, J. L. Woods.

In the guessing contest last Saturday at Baker & Son's, the turkey was awarded to R. E. Casburn, in a draw between four parties.

Eugene Thompson, representative of the Southwestern Paper company of Dallas, spent Wednesday in the city.

Don't forget, two shows at the New Electric tonight. One before band concert and one after. Feature, The Master Key.

Mesdames T. C. Wadley and J. R. McClannahan of Tonk Valley were visitors in the city Tuesday.

J. B. Padgett left Wednesday morning for Dallas to attend the State Ginners' Convention.

For breakfast try a box of Swift's Premium sliced bacon at R. L. Reed & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gregg of Markley were visitors in Graham Wednesday.

Miss Sallie Timmons of Tonk Valley was shopping in the city Tuesday.

If your subscription expires with this issue now is a good time to renew.

Buren Lisle, Gaston Moore and W. E. McLendon of Mountain Home paid The Reporter a visit Monday. They were en route to Vernon, Texas on business.

T. H. Reedy and W. H. H. Johnson of Newcastle were pleasant callers at The Reporter office Friday.

Land Abstracts furnished on short notice.
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Miss Nora Logan and brother, Graham, returned Monday from a two weeks' visit to the Loving Ranch.

Joe Johnson, one of the Jean country's good farmers, was in the city Tuesday for binder repairs. While here he called on The Reporter.

W. C. McCombs of White Rose has our thanks for an excellent head of lettuce sent in Tuesday.

P. C. Walker was a business visitor to Newcastle Monday.

T. M. Bunger of Bunger was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. W. J. Parsons of Flat Rock were shopping in the city Saturday. Mr. Parsons is helping us boost Young county through the Booster Edition of The Reporter.

Brit Mays has gone to Monday, Texas to live.

W. C. True of Flat Rock was a visitor in the city Saturday.

Mrs. Cordelia Story and Miss Nelle Harris of Loving, are in the city this week, guests of Mrs. Milton Jones.

Mrs. Eugene Crouch of McKinney is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson, of this city.

Tom Pickard made The Reporter office a pleasant visit last week and renewed his father's subscription.

Miss Jewell Lester of Oakland community paid The Reporter a pleasant visit while in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. Eddie Barnes of Ming Bend and Miss Jessie Alford of Flat Rock were in the city Saturday. While here they paid The Reporter a pleasant visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mobeiley of Albany and Miss May Maggaid of DeKalb visited Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hallam Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. C. W. Hinson returned Wednesday from a visit to her parents at Wichita Falls.

The Reporter has received an invitation from the Motley County News to attend the second annual celebration to be held in Matador on July 28th and 29th.

J. E. Martin of the Mt. Pleasant community was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

Mesdames Umberson and Cochran of the Monument community were shopping in the city Wednesday.

Dr. W. A. Morris and Harry Wadsworth were in Throckmorton this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Oliver of Loving were trading in Graham Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Williamson of Indian Mound were visitors in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Biebers, of Bremen, Germany, spent the week with the family of their sister, Mrs. J. W. Fulps. Mr. and Mrs. Biebers are on their way to the Panama Exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wallace of Markley were in the city Wednesday visiting the family of their son, Sheriff M. M. Wallace.

T. C. Wadley of Tonk Valley was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

Dr. W. M. Terrell, John C. Bower, Pat Wood and John W. Graves spent Wednesday night on the Clear Fork fishing.

R. E. Casburn, John Ragland and Louis Bower spent Saturday night on the Clear Fork.

Bob and Jim Corley left Monday for Oklahoma to work in the harvest.

Mrs. F. F. Parrish, who has been visiting relatives in Sherman, Texas, for several weeks, returned home Friday night.

Miss Zada Burkett and Miss Lovella Eddleman spent the week-end with Miss Mary Ellen Burkett at O. L. V. Academy, Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Finch returned from Mineral Wells Saturday night.

Miss Lillie Pate left this morning for her home in Commerce, Texas.

Miss Bessie Finch of Our Lady of Victory Academy, Fort Worth, returned to her home here Saturday night.

Mrs. S. R. Jeffery left this morning for Fort Worth to meet the little son of Herman Lichte who is to make her a visit.

Christian Endeavor.
7:30 p. m.
Body Under, Soul on Top—I. Cor. 9:24-27.
Leader—Lorena Wallace.
Luke 18:18-23—Etta Schlittler.
Cornet Solo—Horace Tidwell.
"Can we keep the soul on top without church attendance?"—Mildred Wallace.

Center Ridge Cemetery Working
The people of the Center Ridge community are requested to meet at the cemetery on Saturday, June 12th, to clean up the premises and otherwise beautify the place. Request is also made that all who are interested come in the morning and bring dinner, as it is intended to give the cemetery a thorough cleaning.

Miss Mary Ellen Burkett returned Saturday night from Ft. Worth where she has been attending O. L. V. Academy.

Mrs. Arnold Entertains.
Mrs. Fred T. Arnold entertained Saturday for Miss Kate Arnold of Henrietta, who is visiting her now. Rook was the diversion of the afternoon, Miss Beulah Stone winning high score prize, a box of stationery. The consolation prize, some dainty linen handkerchiefs, fell to Miss Zula Maupen. Miss Arnold received handkerchiefs also, as guest prize.
Delicious ice cream and cake were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Lillian Manning and Mrs. Frank Parrish.
Those present were: Misses Berenice Miller, Lily and Eloise Morrison, Ethel Birdwell, Beulah Allen, Eula and Beulah Stone, Zula Maupen, Juanita Adair, Catherine Craig, Nelle Graham, Willie Kizer, Lottie Bell Wallace and Kate Arnold of Henrietta.

U. D. C. Meeting.
The U. D. C's met with Mrs. Nat Price, Thursday, May 13th. The usual program was rendered. Mrs. H. E. Griffin was welcomed as a new member. Attendance was the largest had in some time.
Donations to the monument fund, 50 cents by Mr. Bob Williams. \$4.00 raised by the sale of old lumber at the reunion grounds and donated by Judge W. P. Stinson. Mr. Williams, Judge Stinson, The Graham Band, the Baptist congregation and those taking part in the decoration day exercises have the thanks of the Daughters for contributions, and services rendered in carrying out the program.
The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Tom Price at which the following program will be rendered:
Song—"The Jacket of the Gray."—Chapter.
Reading—"The Aristocracy of the Old South."—Mrs. H. E. Griffin.
Song—"Ben Bolt."—Miss Annie Lewis.
Reading—"Lyric of Action."—Mrs. Bob McCloud.
Reading—"Gather the Sacred Dust."—Mrs. Manning.
Reading—"Jefferson Davis' Farewell to the Senate."—Mrs. W. A. Morris.
The hostess served delicious sandwiches and ice cream.

MIDWAY
We are still having nice, seasonal showers in our locality, but are thankful to say that as yet we have not been visited by any destructive wind or hail storms; as we very much regret to hear has been the sad fate in some parts of the county.
Messrs. Lee Drum and John Cox have been shearing sheep on the Rutherford ranch the past few days, Mr. Drum returning a few days before Mr. Cox.
Mrs. Hiram Drum and eldest son, Louis, went to Graham last week to do some shopping.
Mrs. Woodrum of Bunger and Mrs. Carrie Thigpen of Red Top, both of whom resided in our vicinity last year, and Mrs. Hiram Drum took dinner with Mrs. Mollie Wallis of Graham Saturday, the 22, and all spent quite an enjoyable time.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Drum went to Loving fourth Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lindsey's baby has been very low but we are glad to state the little one is improving.
Uncle Joe Hawkins has been quite sick but is able to be up now.
John Hawkins was a pleasant caller at Mr. Adams' Sunday evening.
The Midway croquet club did not meet Wednesday on account of the inclement weather.
Mr. and Mrs. Jones, little daughter, Zola, and Mrs. Emmett Jones were visitors at Mr. Adams' the fourth Sunday.
Sunday school was called in at Midway Sunday morning as several of our members wished to attend dedication services

at Loving, and others the fifth Sunday meeting at Markley. However, the dedication services were postponed till later on on account of the unfavorable condition of the weather, though Dr. Boaz of Fort Worth was there and preached a deep and excellent sermon.

Fifth Sunday meeting at Markley was very good with two conversions.
Misses Rosa and Myrtle Strickland, who were converted at Midway when Bro. McCord preached for us last, joined the church at Pleasant View and were to have been baptized Sunday afternoon but on account of sickness baptism was deferred until some time in the near future.
Mr. and Mrs. Adams attended Sunday school at Midway fourth Sunday and everyone was glad to see them out as it was the first time they had both been present for several months on account of Mr. Adams' poor health. Their grandson, Glangus Cox, came by for them in a buggy that morning and took them home and stayed to dinner. Emmett Cox and family also took dinner with them.
Several of our young men are preparing to go to the harvest field as soon as work opens up as there is but very little grain raised in this part of the country.
Will Smith and son, Harvey, were in Loving one day last week and called up some of their old neighbors and had a long pleasant chat with them.
The ladies of our community seem to be very busy nowadays working in their gardens and tending little chickens.
Messrs. Bagley, Ward, Harman, Strickland, J. R. Cox and Jones and sons, Emmett and Ernest all went to Loving Saturday afternoon.
Mrs. Loftin's Sunday school class took dinner with her the fourth Sunday. Miss Myrtle Strickland was also there. They reported a jolly good time.
Next issue of the paper will find us all "knee deep in June." Apple Blossom.

FLAT ROCK
Hasn't the weather been cool and pleasant the past few days? And we have had some showers which were needed. Crops are looking better.
Mrs. Iva Fain visited the latter part of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bird. Her mother returned home with her Sunday to spend a few days.
Mrs. Taylor returned last Tuesday from Weatherford where she has been for some time with her sister who was sick. She reports her sister able to be up and doing fine.
E. H. Corley and family and Mr. and Mrs. Brit Alford went down on Rock Creek near Finis fishing last Wednesday and returned Thursday.
Oliver Hazelton was out hunting a school Monday.
Rev. Southall, who is visiting his brother in Graham, preached for us Sunday afternoon. His sermon was real interesting.
Quite a little crowd of Flat Rockers enjoyed a fish fry at the Gooseneck bridge Monday. We had all the fish we could eat besides the many other good edibles. It was a day that will long be remembered by everyone present and we truly hope we will have the pleasure of attending another one before the summer is gone.
Miss Lona Corley visited from Wednesday until Saturday with Miss Lottie Williamson at Henry Chapel.
Messrs. Romie and Jesse Martin and Miss Maggie Taylor were guests of Miss Georgia Burton Sunday afternoon.
Miss Maggie Corley returned Monday from Center Ridge where she visited several days with old friends.
The singing Sunday night was good. We are delighted with our new song books for they didn't come before they were needed.
Messrs. Bob and Jim Corley left this (Tuesday morning for Oklahoma.
Brit Mays and little daughter, Anna, left Monday morning for

Knox county to visit relatives.
Tipton Smith and the Martin boys fished on Rock Creek last Friday night.
Miss Christell Matthews of Graham spent Sunday night with Miss Jessie Alford and attended the fish fry Monday.
Rev. Roark and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barnes of Ming Bend spent Saturday night with E. H. Corley and family.
Brit Alford and wife spent Sunday at J. H. Alford's.
Bill and Virgil Martin and Oliver Hazelton called at Mr. Corley's Sunday afternoon.
Little Miss Linnie Roark is visiting this week with her grandparents at Ming Bend.
Burl Martin of Graham was out in his new car Sunday.
Mr. Carter has bought Charlie Meeks' crop on Mr. Burton's place.
My pencil is getting too dull to write, take it Jack o' Diamonds. Candy Kid.

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