

BIG STILL WAS RAIDED; FOUR SUSPECTS HELD

Sheriff John Bond has returned from Jones county where he, in company with four other officers, including the sheriff of Jones County, raided a whiskey still, securing a quantity of booze and mash. The still was one of the most complete ever found, Sheriff Bond said, and apparently had been in operation for a period of two years. One hundred gallons of mash were confiscated by the officers. Four arrests were made in connection with the finding of the still and the suspects are being held at Anson. That the raid will put a considerable crimp in the supply of "wet goods" in Abilene and Taylor county was expressed by the officers. It was said that the still has been having a good business in Abilene. It was thru a "tip" that the sheriff's office here received that the raid was made and the still found.

Searching Shinnery

The search for the still consumed the better part of two days, and the officers were forced to walk through the deep sand, which abounds in that part of Jones county known as the "shinnery."

"The sand was sure hot, too," Sheriff Bond said. Some of the officers came out with blistered feet.

When the officers went to a house in search of liquor they made a search of the house. Sheriff Bond went to a bureau drawer and found two revolvers. An aged woman was in the room.

"There's nothing in that drawer," she said. "You keep out of it!" The officer secured the guns.

"You all come here and mess up this whole place," she said to the officers. "Now, you fix everything back just like you found it."

"All right, grandma," the officer replied, "I'll do that all right."

Asked About Guns

Later "grandma" asked him about where the revolvers were, which he had found.

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MERKEL CIRCUIT REVIVALS BEGIN

The revival meeting at the Nubia Methodist church will begin on Friday night and continue throughout the next week. Rev. L. E. Northcutt of Abilene will do the preaching. Bro. Robert Dunn will have charge of the singing.

The meeting at Noodle will begin on Saturday night before the third Sunday in July. Bro. Hays of Merkel will conduct the meeting. Competent help will be secured for the song services. The Noodle people have bought new lights and song books and have everything in readiness for a great meeting.

The Whitechurch Revival will begin on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in July. Rev. C. S. Cameron of Abilene will conduct the meeting. Bro. Cameron has been tried in the service and is a preacher with the old time power. Provision will be made for good song services and Whitechurch is looking forward to a series of meetings such as they have had there in the days gone by.

Announcements of other meetings on the Circuit will follow soon. Ulmer S. Bird, pastor.

Hendricks Family in Reunion

On last Thursday, June 21, there was a very pleasant family reunion at the home of Dr. Jos. F. Hendricks Sr., at Stith, 18 miles northwest of Abilene. Those who attended were:

Walter Hendricks, Turkey Texas, (his wife and children were unable to attend); Rev. and Mrs. Fred M. Armstrong and three children of Apollo, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. F. Hendricks Jr., and three children, Coahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mashburn and four children, Stith; Mr. and Mrs. David Hendricks, and seven children, Stith; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse W. Hendricks and six children, 733 Cherry street, Abilene; James M. Hendricks and some of his children, 602 Cherry street, Abilene. Those seven of Dr. Hendricks' children and 27 grandchildren were present. One son and three daughters were unable to attend, and 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren were also absent.

PRESBYTERIANS TO HAVE BIG DAY 4TH.

The West Texas Presbyterian Encampment opens June 30 at Buffalo Gap, and closes July 8. More than one thousand attended last year and indications are that many more will attend this year.

A very attractive program has been arranged from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. will be devoted to study of the Bible. Sunday School methods, Missions, Stewardship, and young people's work are also to be studied. There will also be a daily vacation Bible School for all young folks from three to 14 years of age. Each department will be under the direction of an expert. The afternoon will be devoted to rest and recreation. Each evening at 7:30 an old time "Grove meeting" will be held, and at 8:15 the old time Revival Camp-meeting service will be a feature of the program.

July fourth has been designated as Merkel Day and the local church is planning to attend in large numbers. Everybody is requested to bring dinner and come. You don't have to be a Presbyterian to enjoy this; everybody is invited, and all are welcome. A good number from Merkel are planning to go and camp the entire time. The Merkel Christian Endeavor Society will have a booth, and be in charge of all the Christian Endeavor Activities.

!! WELCOME !!

Community Spirit is the Thing!

We are glad that you are coming to the Merkel Picnic and we are doubly proud over the spirit now at work for The Community Fair to be held in Merkel early this fall. As we see it, this move will be of greater interest to every farmer, merchant, banker, and laborer than any one thing that could be brought to Merkel. It means good fellowship, more value to every farm, better stores, banks and labor employed.

We here and now pledge our company to join hands with every man and woman to bring a triumphant success to our coming Community Fair for our Merkel Country.

Yours cordially and sincerely,
THE BROWN D. G. COMPANY

M. L. Estes returned this week from a trip to Plainview where he visited his son, L. L. Estes.

COTTON MARKETING ASSOCIATION STARTS BIG DRIVE

The work of organization is about complete for the whirlwind membership campaign of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association to be started in Taylor County next Monday, according to information received from campaign headquarters in Abilene.

Offices have been established in the Chamber of Commerce quarters in the Mobley Hotel building. The Taylor county campaign will be under the management of Clyde Daniels, Field Service Director. The local organization will be headed by W. B. Wade, President of the Taylor county Farm Bureau and also director for the 17th. District for the Farm Bureau Cotton Association.

Geo. O. M. Scott of the Field Service Department and W. C. Howell, Field Publicity Director arrived in Abilene last Friday and immediately set about perfecting the organization throughout the county.

There are already more than 500 members of the Cotton Association in the county and the campaigners have for their slogan "One Thousand and Three members in Taylor county."

This is part of a state-wide campaign for new members being waged by the Association. In Bell county the goal was 1,000 members and this goal was exceeded by several hundred; in Runnels county their aim was 1,001, and, so far, over nine hundred have been signed up and the campaign is not yet completed; in Brown county the campaign started Monday of this week and they are striving for

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OLDEST MAN IN COMANCHE COUNTY JOINS KU KLUX

The news reached here Sunday that the klan over in Comanche county had taken in the oldest man in the county, probably the oldest in the state, as a member one day last week. The new recruit, according to the report is Mr. J. W. Banner, who celebrated his 103rd birthday by uniting with the Klan.

The old gentleman in his almost helpless physical condition has for quite awhile been making his home with his son J. F. Banner near Gustine. He had declared his belief in the Klan principles several times previously and on the morning of his birthday expressed a desire to join. Several members of the organization from Gustine, including the regular officials of the Klan at that place, are said to have gone to the Banner home during the day and duly obligating the venerable man.

For many years lengthy notices of the recurring birthday's of "Grandpa" Banner have had prominent places in the Comanche papers, in each instance emphasizing his good citizenship. So it would appear that Comanche Klansmen may not only be able to boast of having the oldest man in their ranks, but also one of the best of the pioneers.

—Stephenville Empire.

The Mr. J. W. Banner referred to in the above article is the father of our splendid friend and most excellent citizen, Mr. J. L. Banner.

Mrs. W. L. Garrison and little daughter, Billerial, of Shreveport, came in Tuesday to visit the former's mother, Mrs. Mashburn, and sisters, Mrs. M. L. Estes and Mrs. E. C. Spurgin.

Eastern Star Enjoys Their Picnic

The local chapter of the Eastern Star held their annual picnic on last Monday evening, at the home of Mrs. Robinson, north of town, in the form of a "six o'clock dinner". A great number of the order were present, including all officers. The dinner was given honoring Mrs. Beene, the retiring Matron and Mrs. Boaz, the newly elected matron.

The dinner was indeed a real treat, and a delightful time was had by all present.

FIRE DESTROYS A. V. DYE HOME

On last Monday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye located just east of the Woodrum hotel, was completely destroyed by fire of an unknown origin.

We are informed the family had just stepped across the street and the fire was not discovered until the entire building was a mass of flames, and then, owing to low water pressure, the entire building and contents were quickly consumed. We are informed that Mr. Dye had some insurance on the building and contents, but not near enough to cover the loss.

We join many friends in extending sympathy to him in his heavy loss.

BAPTISTS TO HAVE REVIVAL MEETING

In a business meeting of the local Baptist church Wednesday evening at the prayer meeting service, the time was set for a summer meeting. The meeting is to begin the Fifth Sunday in July, closing the second Sunday in August. The church also decided to hold all the services at the church instead of going to the tabernacle for the meeting. Another significant action of the church was the election of Mr. L. B. Scott as assistant superintendent of the Sunday School. He will begin Sunday, relieving Mr. Charlie West of considerable responsibility and work.

Lets make Sunday a good day in our Sunday School by each one filling our places. If you have company bring them on to Sunday School to help make up for some of our regular members who are off visiting some one else.

The Senior B.Y.P.U. of Merkel will put on a special program at Comere Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. It is hoped that a number of the local people will go with our young people for this service. The Comere expects to have 101 in Sunday School which meets just before the B.Y.P.U. program is to be given. We hope that at least 24 Merkel people will go to this service and help our own young people and the Comere young people who have just started their work.

The pastor will preach here Sunday morning on "Qualifications for Soul Winning." This will be a message to those who desire to be used in winning others not only in a revival meeting but at other times as well.

All young peoples meetings at 7:30 p.m.

Come find a place to work and worship. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

COMMUNITY FAIR BEING PLANNED FOR THIS CITY

Merkel is planning a great Community Fair to be held just prior to the West Texas Fair at Abilene.

The business men of Merkel who are very alert to advertise Merkel and surrounding community are planning to have a Community Fair in September just prior to The Abilene Fair. It is their intention to offer premiums on all farm products, including grains in the straw, sorgums in the stock, vegetables of all kinds, canned fruits and jellies, cotton in the boll or bale, needle work of all kinds, bread, cakes, butter etc.

The cash premiums will not be large but the merchants will offer individual premiums that will make it worth while to compete for these premiums.

This will not be a money making scheme either for those who offer or compete for premiums, but will rather be a cooperative community affair for the purpose of stimulating productivity and enlisting a community enthusiasm and interest which will properly advertise the best part of West Texas.

All the displays will be held by the committee and displayed at the West Texas Fair at Abilene. If you are interested in a fair of this kind, go to any banker and merchant and tell them what you will have to display and let them know in no uncertain way that you favor or are opposed to such a project.

It is the intention to have a poultry and stock display and now Mr. Farmer, if you are interested go to every merchant and business man in Merkel and tell him so, and tell him NOW. Save a quantity of your best Wheat, Oats and other grains, and fix them up nicely for display and keep them where the rats and mice cannot destroy.

Friday—TODAY—at the picnic, will be a great time to let it be known whether or not you are interested. Let's Go!

TWENTY CARS IN RACES AT ABILENE

Abilene, Texas June 27—New speed records and new thrills for the greatest concourse of holiday spectators ever assembled in West Texas is the prediction for the Third Annual Automobile Race Meet here on July Fourth. With an entry list comprising twenty of the fastest cars and most daring drivers of the Southwest, gathered from all parts of Texas and Oklahoma; with a track that will be lightning fast; and with a newly enlarged and remodeled seating plant that will provide comfortable accommodation for 10,000 everything points to the staging of an event that will surpass anything of its kind ever before attempted in this state.

The July Fourth program will be ushered in at 10 o'clock in the morning with a big military parade composed of infantry and artillery of the National Guard units and the firing of salutes by a battery of French Seventy-fives. The racing program will begin promptly at 2:30 o'clock, and gates will be opened at 12:00 o'clock, noon.

Quay Hamblett left Saturday for his home at Breckenridge, after a week spent here with home folk.



Evangelist Thos. E. Millholland

Church of Christ to Open Revival Meeting June 30

Thos. E. Millholland, one of the successful evangelists in the Southland, will do the preaching in a series of gospel meetings at the Church of Christ beginning Saturday night, June 30th., to continue for ten days. Lee Eason, a song leader of no mean ability, will have charge of the congregational song service and this feature of the meeting alone will be well worth your time, not to mention the great soul stirring sermons preached by Evangelist Millholland.

These men are known and loved for their works sake, and the entire city has a standing invitation to attend all of the services of the church, but especially to hear Evangelist Millholland during this revival.

The services will be held twice daily, at 10 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. under the Tabernacle where it will be nice and cool. Come, you will find a hearty welcome.

The Bible Classes will assemble at the church Sunday morning at 9:30 for the study period, and at the close will go to the Tabernacle for the sermon and communion services.

The Community Fair at Merkel

This Bank heartily co-operates in a Fair, displaying our products, and will gladly lend any assistance possible to help advertise Merkel's trade territory; believing that we are second to none, and that as fine agricultural products are grown here as any part of Texas.

The promoters of this enterprise have our hearty support.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

John Sears, President
R. O. Anderson, Cashier

tiful romance, but unites two of our most prominent families. May this be the happy beginning of a long and prosperous wedded life. About one hundred guests called during this pleasant hour.

On Wednesday evening of this week, immediately following a very pleasant choir practice, the members of the choir in full attendance surprised Mr. and Mrs. Yates Brown by accompanying them to their newly established and cozy little home a few blocks from the church. The object of the gathering was a miscellaneous shower of home canned fruits and preserves. After presenting their gifts and lovingly inspecting this newly decorated interior, guests repaired to the lawn where, in the beauty of the mellow moon light seated in a circle, all chattering merrily, delicious sandwiches and ice cold "pop" and punch were passed. This hour was a complete surprise to the honorees, but they proved equal to the occasion and gave every attention that meant pleasure to the guests.

Gleaners Class Meeting

On last Tuesday night the Gleaners Class of the First Methodist church met at the church for a business and social meeting. Mesdames Eli Case, Vernon Sublett and Dr. Gambill acting as hostesses.

The business session opened with a song by the class, scripture reading by Herbert Patterson, prayer by Mr. Case. As our class secretary was not present the president read the resignation of Mrs. L. R. Thompson, who having been our teacher for the past two years, had sent to the class. We were all very sorry indeed to give up Mrs. Thompson who has been so faithful, but hope that her health will permit her to come back to us soon. The class accepted the resignation, making Mrs. Len Sublett, who was our assistant teacher, our regular teacher, and electing Mrs. Vernon Sublett assistant teacher. Herbert Patterson was elected secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Tom Toombs Jr. and Mrs. Fred Guitart wishing to resign from office, and the class having decided one person should hold the two offices. After the books were turned over to Mr. Patterson the class awoke to the fact that over \$342.00 had been spent by the class toward enlarging and improving our church. We challenge any class in Sunday School to make a better record, and we have not stopped; we are only working harder. We enjoyed the short talk by Bro. Hays and feel that the class is benefited by his suggestions.

A committee of three was ap-

pointed to select and present to Mrs. Thompson a bouquet of cut flowers to show in a small way how we love and miss her.

As it is getting late, business must be postponed until a later date for all work and no play will never do.

A music contest was passed after which Dr. Gambill, having proved his knowledge of music, was awarded a beautiful box of stationery. Small squares of paper were passed in a hat, each person was allowed to take one, most of the squares were blank, but four of them were numbered. Dr. Gambill, Mrs. Guitar, Mrs. Vaughn and Mrs. J. E. Richardson having drawn the numbers, were asked to sing a quartet. This was enjoyed by all and furnished more or less laughter for the crowd.

A refreshment plate of cream and cake with small bouquets of sweet peas and ripe wheat heads representing the name of the class was passed to about twenty members. The class colors, green and white, were to be seen over the church parlor as well as on the refreshment plate.

Honoring Gaston Foote

Miss Ona Fae Bland gave a picnic supper at her home on Tuesday evening, with Gaston Foote as honored guest.

The lawn was artistically and attractively decorated, S. M. U. colors of red and blue as a color scheme were cleverly used. The lawn was beautifully lighted, showing the chairs to be tied with big bows of crepe paper in red and blue. Floor pillows were scattered about the lawn and under the trees.

When all the guests had arrived and greeted one another, little Miss Marjorie Bland and Mildred Hamm, who wore large bows of red and blue on their hair, gracefully passed small favors to be used in matching partners. When partners had been found, Miss Bland led the way to another part of the lawn where small baskets and cups of lemonade were found, each couple then went to sit under the trees to eat their picnic supper. The supper consisted of sandwiches, potato chips, deviled eggs, salad, cheese tarts and brick ice cream.

When all had finished with their supper, a game was played and victrola and piano music were enjoyed.

Those who were delighted to be the guests of Miss Bland were: Misses Evelyn Haram, Iva Bragg, Lola Armstrong, Loyce Dry, Ruby Hamm, Blanche Durham, Hattie Conway of Colorado, Christene Collins, Lula Mae Boaz, Lynn Thompson, Lilley Pratt Sears, Mary Eula Sears; Messrs Hamm, Comer and Bill Haynes, Durham, West, Foote, Reidenbach, Darsey, Smith, and Swann.

We have just read the "Copy" of the announcement that Merkel Merchants and Business men are contemplating a COMMUNITY FAIR displaying farm and household products, and later displaying them at the Abilene Fair.

We are heartily in favor of such a movement, and for all movements that seek to bring the town and rural communities into a closer relationship.

To further this enterprise our entire force will gladly co-operate with any and all who wish to advertise Merkel territory as the best Agricultural part of West Texas.



THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

J. T. Warren, President L. R. Thompson, Cashier

PASS IT ALONG

Third Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, June 4, 1923.

The May 18 issue of the New York Post Office Bulletin of Information contains the following under the heading "Why not a post-office creed?", which is deemed worthy of passing along to postal employees and patrons of the Postal Service:

- I BELIEVE in the United States Government.
- I BELIEVE in aiding it.
- I BELIEVE in helping to improve post-office efficiency.
- I BELIEVE it incumbent on me when I mail matter to prepare it properly.
- I BELIEVE in writing the address legibly.
- I BELIEVE in fully prepaying postage.
- I BELIEVE in giving the complete address in giving the street and No.
- I BELIEVE in giving the room number when mail is intended for an office building.
- I BELIEVE in careful packing of my mail.
- I BELIEVE in giving my name and address as sender.
- I BELIEVE in early mailing.
- I BELIEVE I will be a better citizen if I aid my Government by doing these things.
- I BELIEVE in helping to keep the Post Office lobby clean by putting all paper in the lobby baskets, and the small ends when I open my mail in the lobby.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock and children and Mrs. J. M. Bankhead, accompanied by Raymond Bankhead of Abilene, visited relatives in Snyder Saturday night and Sunday, returning Monday morning by auto.

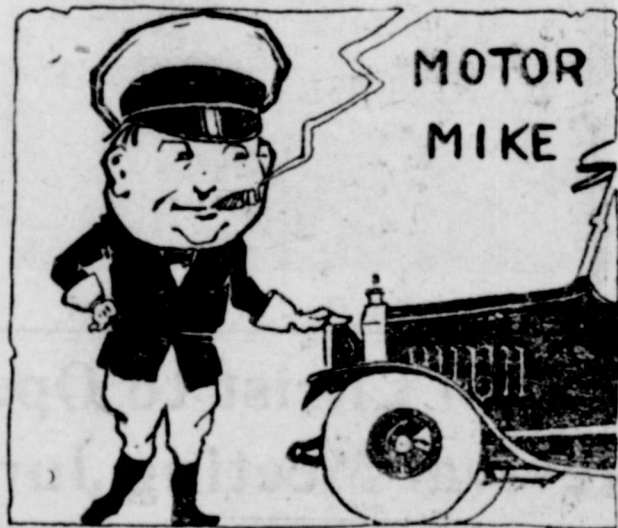
Shower for Mrs. Yates Brown

For three hours on Friday afternoon of last week the home of Mrs. Sam Swann was the scene of a beautifully appointed shower given in special deference to Mrs. Yates Brown, a recent bride. Mrs. Swann was assisted in receiving and entertaining by Miss Willie Swann and Mrs. A. R. Booth. The natural beauty of the home was enhanced by the use of great bowls of nasturtiums and graceful baskets of shasta daisies.

Mrs. Swann greeted the guests with her characteristic welcome and passed them on to Mrs. Frank McFarland who presided over the beautifully hand-painted Bride's book where the guests registered genuine good wishes for this popular bride. In the music room Miss Lillian Craig rendered a number of piano selections interspersed with a delightful musical reading by Miss Lucy Tracy, accompanied on the piano by Miss Nell Tracy, and a reading by Miss Mary Cleo Booth. The selections by these two young ladies were appropriately chosen and unusually well rendered.

Friends greeted the bride in the dining room where the lovely array of shower gifts were effectively arranged. The gifts included a beautiful assortment of linens, cut glass, silver, a few pieces in mahogany and the ever useful articles in pyrex and aluminum.

An added feature of interest was the clever toast to the bride charmingly given by Mrs. E. S. Cummings. A toast to the girls left behind was given by Mrs. Burl Scott. From a table made beautiful by the use of ferns and studded with daisies, refreshing punch was poured by Misses Lula Mae Boaz and Mary Eula Sears. The mothers of the bride and groom, Mrs. G. M. Sharp and Mrs. E. N. Brown respectively, were included in the house party. The wedding of Miss Sharp and Mr. Brown is not only the culmination of a beau-



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McFarland Garage

The Womans Missionary Society

The Womans Missionary Society met in regular session on last Monday afternoon at four o'clock. The program for the afternoon was a Belle H. Bennett memorial fund program, and was very interesting and instructive. A short business session was also held.

Mrs. Sanders was elected delegate to the district meeting to be held at Anson on Wednesday the 27th. Other small matters of business were also attended. On next Monday afternoon we will have our regular monthly business meeting. At this meeting we expect to fill some official vacancies and get our society into a better working order. We are not quite up to the standard of efficiency and we are anxious to get all departments working in order to accomplish the work set forth for us as a missionary society. We will also have the report of our delegate to the district meeting. You will want to hear this report for she will bring us many helpful and useful suggestions as well as tell us something of what the other societies are doing in this district. A car load of women and one young lady attended this district meeting at Anson Wednesday. We enjoyed the entire day very much. The meeting was an inspirational one and we always feel strengthened for our work at home after one of these all-day meetings. The ladies of Anson certainly know how to bid you welcome and make you feel at home and at ease in their church. A delicious lunch was served at twelve o'clock and we can assure you the Merkel bunch did justice to the occasion. Those attending as representatives of the Merkel Auxiliary were: Mesdames Sanders, Brown, Martin, Rainbolt, Durham and Misses Dorothy Sanders.

Miss Nell Holloway is visiting friends and relatives in Knox county.

HORN NEWS

Bro. Williams preached his fourth sermon here last Sunday. Mr. Cole and mother from Phoenix, Arizona are here visiting relatives.

Crops are looking fine here. If the web worms and grasshoppers will let the cotton alone, a bountiful yield will be harvested in this community.

Every body is trying to get up with their work so they can take in the big picnic at Merkel on the 29th.

Mr. Sie Ubanks and wife from Golden were here Sunday visiting friends.

Some of the people of this community are planting their cotton over, and if the worms don't stop we all will do the same.

The Jolly Sixteen Club

The Jolly Sixteen Club met with Miss Elizabeth Harkrider Wednesday afternoon, June 27th. A pleasing program was rendered first, after which several contests were had, the following winning prizes: Marjorie Bland, a snap shot book, Helen Booth toilet water, and Inice Brown a beautiful bouquet of flowers. We then went to the lawn where delicious ice cream and cake were served. The club will not have a meeting next Wednesday as it is the fourth of July and most of the members will be away. Club Reporter.

Epworth League Program

A patriotic roll call meeting. Psalm of life, 7. A history Psalm Leader, Mabel McNeese. Hymn.

Responsive reading of Psalm 8, first to eighth verses.

Prayer: hymn.

Leaders talk.

Calling the roll and response by members.

Business: benediction.

Mrs. Anderson Hostess to The Parent-Teachers Club

The Parent-Teachers Club met in social session with Mrs. R. O. Anderson Wednesday, June 27, from four to six.

Mrs. Anderson in her usual cordial way made us all so welcome and gave us such a spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation. After spending some time in visiting and discussing current topics, we were invited into her dining room where we were served to punch and cake.

The last half hour was given over to business. Many things of importance to the welfare of our schools, including pupils, teachers, school board and parents were discussed. The main object being a more cooperative spirit between parent and teacher, to make the teacher realize we want to help, and not to hinder any thing that might pertain to a higher standard of education. Also much stress was given to further plans for Domestic science, something every member of our club should be anxious to lend a hand toward making a part of our school as their child may have the benefit of it later on.

This meeting was not as well attended as it should have been. Mrs. Anderson, as you all know, is a charming hostess, has a beautiful and well arranged home, and is an enthusiastic club member. Some of us feel that if she could have made this extra effort in our behalf, possibly more of us could have responded. We wish we might be able to make all who were not there realize what they missed in every way by failing to respond and those present sincerely trust all who are really interested in this Club will meet with us the second Wednesday in July in the basement of the First Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Walters, who were here several days last week for a visit with their daughter Mrs. Robert Hicks, and Mr. W. H. Laney, brother of Mrs. Walters, left first of the week for their home at Wills Point, Texas.

E. D. Teuton, who is usually found handling money notes etc., in a bank, but who is taking a vacation at the present time, and who, in his ramaging around looking over the crops of the country, was the first to find and bring to this office a cotton bloom of this season. The bloom was found in Mr. Willie Sheppard's cotton just out on the edge of town.

REVIVAL TO BEGIN AT STITH SUNDAY JULY 1

Rev. Moody, of Tye, who is also pastor for the Methodist church at Stith, will begin a revival meeting at the latter place on next Sunday, July 1st.

Rev. M. C. Hays, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church will do the preaching for Rev. Moody; beginning Monday of next week. Rev. Hays will be in his pulpit here next Sunday morning and evening, and urges a full attendance by his members at both services.

Miss Blanche Durham returned first of the week from a ten days visit in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell. She reports a most delightful visit with these splendid folks.

Mrs. S. J. Roberts spent Sunday with relatives in Tye.

Dr. Charley Williams was here Sunday from Abilene.

Buy Folgers Coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery Company. tf

Miss Minnie Ferguson spent Thursday in Abilene.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Teaff near Tye Saturday, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Comegys and daughter visited in Sweetwater Friday.

Seal Flour, none better. Every sack guaranteed at Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

Singing at Blair Sunday

There will be singing at the church house at Blair Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to come out and bring their books. T. H. Spears.

PILES CURED

I treat Piles without knife or detention from work. Office at City Drug Store, Abilene, Tex. Dr. E. E. Cockrell, Rectal specialist. 29t4pd

Mr. L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, accompanied by Mr. Sie Hamm, of the Sanders Drug Store, returned Tuesday from a visit with Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell, at Chillicothe. At the invitation of Rev. Murrell Mr. Thompson addressed the laymen of the church at the evening hour.



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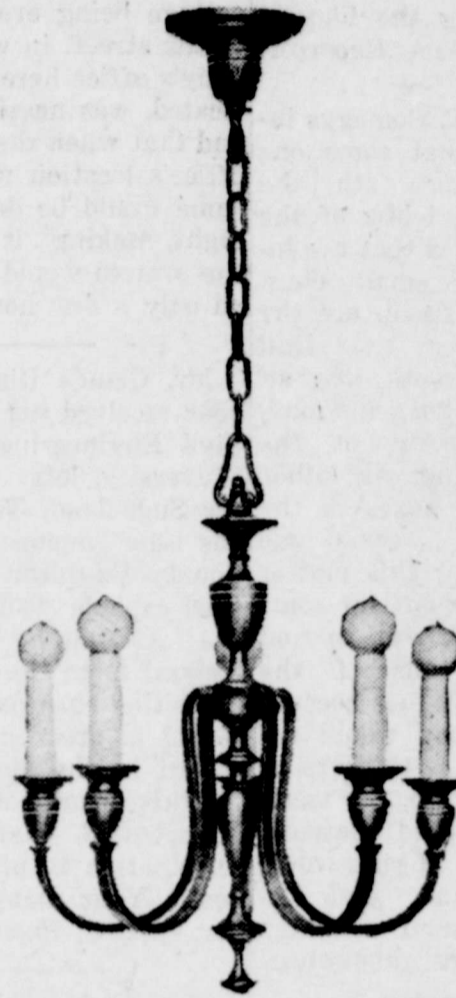


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A Card of Thanks

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Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Derrington, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Derrington, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Derrington, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Horton, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jenkins.

H. L. Propst was a business visitor to Plainview this week.

Miss May Collins was a visitor to Abilene Tuesday.

Buy Folgers Coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery Company. tf

Get our prices on Ford parts and accessories. We save you money. Merkel Motor Co. It

Mrs. Royce Dowdy was here from Trent Wednesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble.

Mrs. Lee Acuff is back from a weeks visit with relatives at Lubbock.

Mrs. Will Burns returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in East Texas.

Emmett Grimes, who is with the Compton Drug Company of Abilene, was a visitor here last Tuesday evening.

Miss Ona Fae Rose left Saturday for a visit of some length with relatives at Big Spring.

Durability comes first, we have it. SERVICE comes next, we give it. SATISFACTION is what we all want, we guarantee it. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180 tf.

Messrs J.A., A.B., W.F. and Homer Patterson, were called to Big Spring last week to attend the funeral of a relative, who died there on last Saturday.

W. O. Boney and family, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. A. C. Boney, left first of the week for Temple where they will visit old friends and relatives. Mr. Boney and family are expected to return home the last of the week while Mrs. A. C. Boney will remain for a more extended visit.

The West Company is pleased to announce to their friends and customers that they have just installed in their store the "Parts Storage Bins" for Ford parts, which enables them to better serve their growing trade in this line. Read their advertisement in this paper.

Mrs. Ethel McKee and children are here from Sweetwater the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor.

Come to the Merkel Mail office or your Counter Charge pads.

Infant Son Passes Away

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Derrington died June 20th. and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery on June 21st. A short but impressive funeral service was conducted at the grave by Rev. Adcock.

"Tis hard to break the tender cord. When love has bound the heart, 'Tis hard, so hard, to speak the words "We must forever part."

Dearest loved one we must lay thee In the peaceful grave's embrace, But thy memory will be cherished "Till we see thy heavenly face.

Buy Folgers Coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery Company. tf

Mrs. Flora Reese and little son, Harold, were in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Morton returned first of the week from a trip to Wellington, where they had been called to attend the bedside of the latter's grandfather, Mr. J. W. Sparlin, and who they report on their return as still in a serious condition.

W. G. Leach, splendid operator at the Texas and Pacific Railway station, left first of the week for Marshal, where he went for medical treatment. He is expected to return home in a few days.

Every Saturday is Cinnamon Roll and Coffee Cake day at the Bakery. Come early. 22t2

Mr. T. R. Lassiter, one of this community's best farmers and most excellent citizens, was in the city one day recently and reported that crops with him were very fine at this time. Infact he said that he never saw them better just at this season.

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In This Paper

Nervous Break-Down

MRS. ANNIE LANGE, of R. F. D. 1, Burlington, Tex., writes as follows regarding her experience with Cardui: "Some time ago I had a nervous breakdown of some kind. I was very weak and so nervous. I had fainting spells and suffered a great deal, but more from the weak, trembly, no-account feeling than anything else. I knew I needed a tonic, and needed it badly. I began the use of Cardui to see if I couldn't get some strength, as I knew of other cases that had been helped by its

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If you are weak, run-down, nervous and suffer from the ailments peculiar to women, it is very likely that Cardui will help you, in the way it helped Mrs. Lange and has helped thousands of others, during the past 40 years. Ask for, and insist on, Cardui.

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Gaston Foote, son of Rev. C.
W. Foote, former pastor of the
local Methodist church in Mer-
kel, was here this week mixing
with friends.



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RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF R. L. GODWIN

The Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F.&A.M. met in a regular meeting on June 23, 1923, and adopted the following resolutions.
To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F.&A.M. We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of brother R. L. Godwin, beg to submit the following:
Whereas, on the 13th day of April, A. D. 1923, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in His infinite wisdom to remove from us, our brother R. L. Godwin; and whereas, in the going of our brother, this lodge feels the loss of a faithful and worthy member; one who was loyal to the principals of Masonry, and equally as dependable and faithful to those whom he dealt and labored with. He was made a Mason on July 13th 1908 in this lodge, and was for a long time the youngest brother in the lodge.
Therefore, be it further resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy be delivered to the children of our deceased brother and a copy be handed to the Merkel Mail for publication.
Herbert Patterson, Holland Teaff, and T. E. Lassiter Committee. R. I. Grimes, W. M. Henry R. Hicks, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF G. A. LILLY

At a stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F.&A.M. held on the 23rd day of June A.D. 1923, the following resolutions were adopted.
To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Merkel Lodge, No. 710, A.F.&A.M. We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of brother G. A. Lilly, beg to submit the following:
Whereas, on the 4th. day of June, A.D. 1923, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe

in his infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother G. A. Lilly, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years, ten months and five days, and to transplant him a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; and whereas, brother Lilly was a life member of this lodge, and held a continuous membership with us since his affiliation here many years ago; at all times loyal to the principals of the order; and before his declining years was zealous in his attendance upon the meetings of the lodge, and assisted in its deliberations.

And whereas, in the death of our brother this lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principals of our order, and in his every day life was a living example of those great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity; having faith in God, Hope in immortality and Charity toward all mankind; ever ready to lend a helping hand to a brother, or friend, to aid him at reformation, and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother.
Therefore, be it resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother and a copy handed the Merkel Mail for publication and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.
W. W. Wheeler, W. C. Neill and W. L. Blair, Committee.
R. I. Grimes, Worshipful Master. Attest Henry R. Hicks, Secretary.
Dan Rollins was down from Trent Monday.
Every Saturday is Cinnamon Roll and Coffee Cake day at the Bakery. Come early. 27t2

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ICE MAN?

(By an Ice Man)
Come all you old ice peddlers and gather about, I'll tell you what happened one day on my route. It did not make me angry, nor didn't make me sore But I sure hope to goodness it don't happen no more. I was peddling along just as busy as could be, I looked at a house if the card I could see. It read fifty pounds, black against white And was just about what she wanted all right. I laid down the hundred and cut it in two, Then grabbed up a fifty or a little more. I stepped around briskly to the back door And walked right in on her clean polished floor. I went to the ice box and opened it wide And you should have seen what was there inside, Such a store of provisions would make your eyes sore So I set my ice down with a bang on the floor. There were four bottles of milk that morning she'd got Four more empties made eight in the lot. There was beefsteak and cabbage, celery and pork, That I took from that box before I could work. I picked up my ice and put it gently inside And there she stood with a look that defied. I turned around slowly, looked up in her face And she said: "Pigs and Ice Men should stay in the same place" Now my pride and my feelings they felt like a log, For us, old ice men, have feelings same as a dog, But I am jolly and good natured you see, And before I left she was smiling at me.

NEW EQUIPMENT!

We have just installed an up-to-date system of steel Ford Parts storage bins. This new equipment will enable us to take care of our customers needs in this line more efficiently

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She said: "Now don't get angry, whatever you do, For the next time you come I'll have it ready for you." Now from what I've sung just picture if you can, How would you like to be a regular ice man?—Quanah Trib.

MODERN PRITING

"May I print a kiss on your lips," he said; She nodded her sweet permission. So they went to press and I rather guess They printed a full edition. "But one edition is hardly enough." She said with a charming pout, so again in the press the form was placed, And they got several extras out. —Anonymous

THE FORD PSALM

"The Ford is my auto. I shall not want (another); it maketh me to lie down under it by the roadside; it leadeth me into much trouble; it draweth upon my purse. I go in the path of death for its sake. Yea, though I understand my Ford perfectly, I fear much evil, for the radius rod or the axle might break. "It has a blowout in the presence of mine engine; I anoint the tire with a patch, the radiator boileth over. "Surely this will not follow me all the days of my life, or I will dwell in the doghouse forever. "Moral—Equip your Ford with one of the new cuckoo clocks. When the thing reaches a speed of twenty miles per hr., the bird comes out and sings, 'Nearer My God to Thee.'—Ex

Quilts, Cotton Blankets, and Counterpanes continued thru June at 25s each. Ligon the Laundryman. Phone 218.

Dr. Gilbert Uses Ferrasal

I am using Ferrasal for indigestion and acid stomach and it is the best remedy I have ever taken. I also recommend it in my practice for pyorrhea and acid conditions of the mouth, and am getting excellent results. I know others will appreciate Ferrasal as much as I do if you will bring it to their attention.
Dr. J. M. Gilbert, 1413 1/2 Elm street, Dallas, Texas. 50c per box at Merkel Drug Co. 29t Phone 218. tf.

Charge Pads for sale at the Merkel Mail office. tf.

W. L. Barbee, a former Merkelite, was here Saturday from Yesleta on business.

G. F. West was looking after business matters in Midland this week.

Mrs. J. E. Richardson and children left first of the week for a visit with relatives at Burnett, Texas.

Elder W. G. Cypert will leave Saturday morning for Rotán where he goes to hold a ten days meeting for the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Counts and children are here from Whittie, Calif., the guests of friends. Mr. Counts is a former Merkel boy.

When any of your folks get sick, send for the doctor. When you need washing and ironing done, or the very best in cleaning and pressing, send for Ligon the Laundryman. Phone 218. tf

The protracted meeting which has been in progress at the Tabernacle for the past fifteen days under the direction of the Holiness Church, closed Sunday night. Rev. Hendricks, son of Dr. Hendricks, at Stith, did the preaching.

Carpenters, painters and decorators—are this week finishing the new office building for the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company on Edward street.

Dr. J. A. Coppedge and wife of Allenreed, Texas, was here recently for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnes. Both families expect to leave next Saturday for a trip to New Mexico.

Mesdames H. A. Sanders, Geo. Brown, Bob Martin, H. M. Rainbolt and Thos. Durham, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Sanders attended the "All-day District Meeting of the Womens Missionary Society of the Methodist church at Anson, Wednesday.

LAUNDRY SPECIALS

Why break your back over the wash tub, when you can have your entire family washing and ironing done at such a small cost, a trial will convince you just how good and cheap it is. Ligon, the Laundryman. box at Merkel Drug Co. 29t Phone 218. tf.

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COTTON MARKETING ASSOCIATION BEGINS DRIVE

1,002 members, and they are going strong. Now, what will Taylor county do? That is what the campaign forces are trying to dope out.

Numerous meetings of the farmers, bankers and merchants of the county will be held in the interest of the campaign. The first of these and probably the most important to the cotton growers will be a mass meeting of the members of the Taylor county Farm Bureau to be held in Abilene Saturday, June 30, at 2 o'clock in the county Court House. Every man who belongs to the Bureau and the Cotton Association are expected to attend this meeting and assist in the work of organizing the campaign in the county.

The principal speaker at this meeting will be J. W. L. Hall of Dallas, Secretary of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, who will discuss "Orderly Marketing of Cotton." Mr. Hall is unusually qualified to discuss this topic intelligently with the cotton grower, for he is a cotton grower himself and has tested the cooperative marketing plan in handling his own crop. Mr. Hall owns a large farm in Bowie county and raises a large crop of cotton each year. He is also a banker, being a director in two of the leading banks in his home county at the present time, and was formerly cashier in the First National Bank of New Boston. He therefore knows in a practical way how the banker and merchant can cooperate with the farmer in the production of his crop. Mr. Hall is an intensely earnest speaker and presents his subject in a practical manner.

"We are expecting a 100 per cent attendance at this meeting of the cotton growers," said Mr. W. B. Wade in discussing the campaign. "Every man who really desires first hand information regarding the operating of the Cotton Association should attend the meeting and hear Mr. Hall. Every member must do his whole duty in helping to carry the information to the farmers of Taylor county and thereby increase the membership to where it should be. I deem it the most important meeting the cotton growers have held in years and no man who has his own best interests and those of his neighbor at heart can afford to stay away," continued Mr. Wade. "Before the cooperative marketing plan as used by the Cotton Association was given a fair trial, there might have been some reason for hesitancy in joining in the movement, but in the face of the record made by the Association during the last two years there should be no

reason for further delay on the part of any cotton grower. The success of the campaign will depend largely upon the interest which the men who are already members take in helping to sign up their neighbors. Members who have upheld the work of the association and have shipped their cotton through the Association this last year are well pleased with the results and are eager to tell their experiences to their friends. The satisfied member is the best advertisement the movement has and the present members will do much to make the campaign a success I am sure."

"Cooperative marketing of cotton is not a 'holding' nor is it a 'hold-up movement,'" said Clyde Daniel in speaking of the campaign. "It is the intelligent marketing system which sells or merchandises the crop instead of 'dumping it on the market in order to secure quick returns. Some of our farmers have had the mistaken idea that this movement meant the holding of the cotton crop indefinitely, regardless of the actual conditions prevailing during the marketing season. This is not true. The Association simply will pool the crop and then sell it at the most advantageous time to the Grower and not the buyer of the crop, always keeping in mind the real demands of the world. Pooling is one of the most important features of the plan of cooperative marketing, but pooling does not necessarily mean holding. Pooling means that the product of each member, of identical quality with the product of other members is pooled or mingled for the purpose of sale and that payment is made on the basis of the quantity and quality delivered. Thus the producer receives the average price secured by the Association for each grade or quality delivered, his share of the proceeds of each pool being determined by the proportion his product in that pool bears to the total amount of the pool. Could anything be more fair to every man who enters into the agreement, and would there be any possible chance for the grower to secure a better price for his product direct?"

The red letter day for Merkel will be Friday. The Farm Bureau barbecue and picnic will be held at Merkel on this day. Members of the Farm Bureau and in fact all the people of Taylor county are expected to be here and take part in the festivities.

In addition to the good things to eat, athletic events and amusements, there will be speaking by several men on subjects of interest to the farmers and business men of the community. The principal address of the day will be delivered by John T. Orr, President of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association. Mr.

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We will carry as complete a stock of Groceries in the future as we have in the past. And we wish to assure you that you will receive the same prompt and courteous treatment in the future as you have been receiving. Thanking you for all past favors and asking you for your trade in the future, we are,

Yours for service,

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P. S. This store will back the movement for a community fair in Merkel in September. We are for anything that helps the farmers of this community.



FORMER MERKEL WOMAN WRITES ABOUT CALIF.

I had requests from many friends there as to how I saw this part of California, and will write through the Mail, if I may some of the wonderful things so different to what I was told there about this state. I find the better element of people here, as good, kind and sociable as any I have ever met. Though I am told there are people here from dear old Texas that are homesick for their native Texas homes, I can't see how any one could wish to return to Texas, or the part I came from, where those dust and sand storms almost smother one, and the nerve racking thunder bolts and the great hale storms. I am told there is nothing of that sort here. We find it an ideal climate, though a little too cool to suit us. I love the country and people so far as I have seen, and as for opportunity for bettering ones financial condition, I have never seen equaled here in Watt and surrounding country. There is plenty of work with good wages, houses going up, streets being paved and various other industries going on. And the Worsted Mills are being erected and there are lots for sale at what we think a bargain close to the mills, and if one with a little money could buy lots there we think he could double his investment in six or twelve months. They are selling fast, so if one wishes to get his part of the bargains he had better hurry the way things are going on now. In the course of a very few years there will be a solid city from Los Angeles to Long Beach. Watts is seven miles from Los Angeles and nineteen miles from Long Beach on the ocean. We are so glad we came here and would have come sooner if we had only known. How we regret the time we wasted in other states, ignorant of this delightful country and climate. We have improved in health just in the short time we have been here. It may be because we are so happy and contented. We have purchased a nice lot near the worsted mills so you see we are contemplating settling down, and growing up with the great city that is now making strides toward being one of the greatest cities in the U.S. Hoping this will interest those of my friends who would like to know about one of the most glorious countries I have ever imagined. Now I have told you friends how I see the country. No, I have failed to give the thrills one experiences. No language could be adequate to express it. Mrs. M. F. Thornton, 534 Rosella Ave., Watts, Calif.

Dr. H. M. Bennett and son John, of Falfurrias, were the guests of C. C. Campbell and family Saturday night. They were on their way to Lamesa to visit their son and brother, Dr. Henry Bennett. They were traveling by auto.

Orr is one of the dominant figures in cooperative marketing in America and knows his subject. He is a farmer and business man and speaks from first hand knowledge.

JUNE TERM OF COUNTY COURT OPENS TUESDAY

County court will resume its June term Tuesday morning, with Special Judge Bruce E. Oliver presiding. The petit jury for the week was excused until Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, at which time the court will resume business.

The following is the panel for the second week of the court, which has been summoned for tomorrow morning: R. L. Bland, Merkel; H. L. Propst, Merkel; Hubert Beckham, Trent; J. K. Higgins, Merkel; Lon Lockley, Potosi; Will Guitar, Abilene; Jas. Gilbreath, Potosi; W. M. Webb, Potosi; R. C. Lewis, Abilene; Cull Forbus, Abilene; Frank Smith, Ovalo; Authur Wade, Tuscola; J. H. Moody, Guion; J. A. Crow, Moro; W. B. Dankworth, Bradshaw; O. E. Blackwood, Tuscola; Ralph Fuller, Abilene; O. M. Childress, Tuscola; and Lloyd McCarty, Abilene.—Abilene Reporter.

Three Leagues to Meet Here

The three Epworth League Councils of the Merkel Circuit will meet in a get-together session at the Methodist church in Merkel on Saturday afternoon, July 7 at 3:30. The hour will be a profitable one socially as well as religiously. Every League officer of the Circuit and also the officers of the Merkel League are cordially invited to attend. Ulmer S. Bird, pastor.

Messrs T. L. and Dee Grimes returned first of the week from a visit with the formers son at Chillicothe as well as other relatives at points in Oklahoma. These gentlemen report crops as good or better here than at any point they visited.

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BIG STILL WAS RAIDED; FOUR SUSPECTS HELD

I thought you said that there weren't any guns in that drawer?" the officer said. "Well, I did," she replied, "but I was mad then."

And when the officers were resting preparatory to resuming their search, "grandma" came near creating what might have been a serious situation for the officers.

Jinks Winters, deputy sheriff at Merkel, was a member of the raiding party. He was seated near the house, and out of his hip pocket protruded one of the revolvers the officers had confiscated out of the bureau drawer. "Grandma" saw that gun and decided to get it.

"She came out of the house," Sheriff Bond said, "and fed her chickens and some dogs she had and slipped around behind Winters. When in about three or four feet she made a lunge for that revolver, but Jinks managed to get out of the way. 'If I could only have got that gun,' she said, 'I would have made short order of all of you'" the sheriff quoted her.

O.N. Buford, one of the popular borbers with the Charlie West shop, accompanied by his wife, returned last week from a visit with friends and relatives in Fort Worth and other points east.

J. O. Staton and family of Lorenzo, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Etheridge Monday.

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WILL ADD NEW FOUNTAIN TO HIS STORE

Mr. Marvin Boney, genial proprietor of the Boney Drug store returned last week from a trip to Dallas where he purchased for his store a beautiful, new and up-to-date Soda Fountain and other nice fixtures for his store and which when installed will make his place among the best in the city.

Mr. R. O. Anderson, Cashier of the Farmers State Bank, after a visit about the country, states that while the grasshoppers and web worms have done serious damage in some instances, he feels that the crop prospects are yet much better than for many years at this time, and really looks forward to the reaping of a big yield of all crops and splendid prosperity this fall.

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