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DISTRICT COURT NOW IN SESSION

CRIMINAL CASES WILL BE TRIED NEXT WEEK

First Few Days of Court Have Been Given More to Grand Jury Work.

The District Court, with Judge Edgar Scurry presiding, convened Monday afternoon. Court was to have begun a week earlier, but on account of the illness of Judge Scurry, was postponed until this week.

The first few days of Court have been given over principally to Grand Jury work. A goodly number of witnesses have been examined, but up to our press time yesterday no indictments had been returned.

The following named gentlemen are serving on the Grand Jury: E. C. Stovall, W. C. Burns, R. W. Dooley, T. K. Criswell, J. L. Bratcher, G. L. Nicewarner, S. Routon, R. D. Mugg, Will Gegg, J. A. Brown, Nat Price and J. M. Taylor.

The criminal cases to be tried at this term will be set next Monday.

Both civil and criminal dockets were light at this term.

Good Meeting at Markley.

We have just closed our protracted meeting at Markley. We commenced our meeting August 22, 1914. Bro. J. L. McCord, missionary of Young county came August 25th and helped through the meeting. The spirit of the Lord was with us in every service. Bro. McCord did some fine preaching. Our prayers were answered, we all felt the power of the Lord. We all love the Lord better and love one another better. It will be a bright spot in the memory of this pastor as long as he shall live. I am sure it is the same with many of the brethren and sisters, and also the missionary. We thank God and take courage to press on in the work of the Master. This great meeting closed my pastorate work with the Plumgrove Missionary Baptist church. It closed with great joy to pastor, church and all of God's children, despite the kicks and criticisms. Our God heard and answered our prayers. Rough conditions made smooth, crooked places made straight spiritually. Seven souls saved, six additions to the church. May the blessings of God continue on the work.

Rev. W. S. Yancey.

MURRAY

Mrs. Tom Miller and children of Dialville are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kramer.

The gin began ginning Saturday evening.

Misses Georgia and Mary Carmack and Toye Martin and Maggie Wootton and Sam Wootton visited in Graham last week and attended the Association.

Some of the young people enjoyed a singing at Jerry Moreland's Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. J. W. and A. R. Robinson have gone on a business trip to Midland.

Mrs. Emma Mayes and children visited at Jean Saturday and Sunday and were accompanied home by Mrs. Mayes' aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner of Masters have moved into our neighborhood. Mr. Gardner is keeping books for the gin.

Bluebell.

COL. ADAIR DEAD.

Col. J. N. Adair, a highly respected citizen of Young county, departed this life at his home near Jean, last Friday, September 11, and the remains were interred in Oak Grove Cemetery, under the auspices of the Masonic order of which he was a faithful member for forty years.

His death was attributed to senility, he having passed the seventy-eighth milestone of life.

Col. Adair was born in Franklin County, Tenn., December 25, 1836. He emigrated to Texas in the year of 1854 and was married in Parker county of this state, to Miss Frances E. Mayes, on August 9, 1860. To this union eight children were born, only three of whom survive, Fred L. Adair and Mrs. W. T. Finch of this place and C. W. Adair of Ft. Worth, all of whom were at his bedside when the end came.

Mr. Adair served in the Confederate army and was one of the remnant of the "Lost Cause" in Young County. He made a profession of religion in 1869 but never assumed any church affiliation, however, in sympathy he was Presbyterian. Most of his life was passed in the confines of the state where he lived an honorable and unassuming life. The funeral rites were performed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. T. Finch, Rev. Gaines B. Hall of the Presbyterian church directing the ceremonies, after which the Masonic order took charge. To the bereaved widow and children and many friends of the deceased we extend deepest condolence.

FOR MRS. AKIN.

(A Delayed Report).

On August 28th, the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church met in social session at the home of Mrs. A. A. Morrison, in their quarterly open meeting and to honor a beloved member of the society, Mrs. J. W. Akin, who was soon to leave to make her home in Wichita Falls. The hostesses on this occasion were Mesdames Eichelberger, H. L. Morrison, C. B. Jones, A. A. Morrison and B. B. Garrett.

The guests were assembled on the lawn and shady veranda, where the happy hours flew in social conversation and diverting games, the chief of which was guessing at the birth months represented by each one present. In this contest, Rev. G. B. Hall and Mrs. Will Norman were decorated with blue ribbons, each having guessed correctly thirty-odd months represented by the guests. The rooms bore decorations of fragrant lilacs and roses. Mrs. Akin read in her happiest manner, "Aux Italiens" and Miss Morrison contributed a reading in dialect, which was appreciated very much as her readings always are. Mrs. Duncan sang to the delight of all and Miss Garrett and Mrs. Will Norman furnished several beautiful piano numbers.

The honoree was presented with a lovely flower vase, filled with roses, as a token of the esteem in which she is held by the Presbyterian church. A note accompanied the gift, beautifully expressing this esteem, to which Mrs. Akin made a very appreciative response.

Delightful refreshments concluded the afternoon's pleasure—ice cream with devil's food, and little individual birthday cakes, bearing the lighted taper.

A free-will offering amounting to some eleven or twelve dollars was left, for the cause of the Presbyterian Aid and Missionary Society.

Womans' Missionary Society.

The Womans' Missionary Society of Methodist church met in regular session on Monday, September 7th. Scripture reading by president. Members present 17, two new members. Full reports from all the officers.

Committees appointed: Study Class, Mesdames A. M. Graham, Lynch and Vick. Mrs. Lynch was appointed on parsonage committee. Social service, Mrs. Cochran. Rev. Bowman talked on local work and the good that had been accomplished by the society. Adjourned with prayer.

Publicity Superintendent.

Rev. H. D. Heath, financial secretary of Decatur Baptist College, preached a splendid sermon Friday night to the Young County Baptist Association.

E. H. Morrison has returned from Sherman where he accompanied his daughter, Miss Lily, who entered Kidd-Key College there.

Rev. C. R. Taylor delivered the sermon Friday morning to an appreciative audience of the Baptist Association.

Miss Lucile Miller spent Friday in Jacksboro.

Marion Burkett and Clint Copeland left yesterday for College Station, where they will attend A. & M. College.

Miss Agnes Craig left Saturday morning for Lynchburg, Va., where she will attend Randolph-Mason University.

Mrs. A. M. Graham and granddaughter, Nelle Graham, left yesterday for Ft. Worth for several weeks' stay.

Miss Mary Craig left yesterday for Dallas to enter St. Mary's College.

W. E. McCharen and daughters, Effie and Fanny and son, Elam Beatty of Eliasville were in the city Monday and took dinner with Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Griffin.

Miss Annis Clark returned Saturday from Bayfield, Colorado, where she had taken a two months' vacation in the mountains. She left Thursday for a two-weeks' visit with the family of Dr. Griffin at Graham.—The Archer Dispatch.

Miss Nola Adair of Graham is in the city visiting relatives and friends.—Hall County Herald.

The first reels of "Lucille Love" a war drama in moving pictures, were shown at the Opera House Monday night to a large house. The pictures were in every way up to the standard advertised and much interest will be taken in the succeeding installments. These same high class pictures are shown in the best moving picture theatres of the larger cities, and Messrs. Vaughan and Casburn are to be congratulated upon securing this nice feature.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Phariss of Dalart, Ark., are here visiting relatives and friends. These good people formerly lived in Lower Tonk Valley and have many friends there who will be glad to see them again. They paid The Reporter a friendly call while here.

R. W. Gatewood of Briar Branch, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Virginia and Tennessee returned home Friday night. His brother, J. H. Gatewood, of Eliasville, Tenn. returned with him for a visit.

What Approved Emergency Warehouse Bill Provides.

The emergency warehouse bill as finally agreed to by the committee and as it will become a law, provides for a state system of warehouses to be operated by the commissioner of insurance and banking to be built by cities, towns, counties and individuals or associations and to be leased to the commissioner of insurance and banking on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon. It provides that the state in effect becomes a public warehouseman, the object being to enable the state to issue a negotiable and dependable warehouse receipt such as will be accepted in any money market. These warehouse receipts are guaranteed by the state.

The managers of warehouses provided for by cities, towns, or counties are to be nominated by such cities, towns or counties, subject to the approval of the state commissioner of insurance and banking. Managers will be placed under a bond of from \$2,500 to \$25,000, the amount to be fixed by the commissioner of insurance and banking. The object of the bond is to protect the state and the depositors of cotton.

The bill also provides that the form of the receipt to be prescribed by the commissioner of insurance and banking shall be uniform, and it shall show the marks, numbers, weight and class of each bale. The weight and class is guaranteed only to the party loaning money on the cotton. Another section of the bill gives aggrieved parties the right to sue the state for any injury brought about by improper weights or class.

Last Thursday several young folks went out to the W. H. L. ranch chaperoned by Mrs. W. H. Logan. The day was spent in fishing, bathing and hunting. A jolly good time was had by all.

LES HIBOUX

Miss Pauline McJimsey entertained the card club on Friday afternoon. Four games were played, after which the high score prize was given to Mrs. L. A. Ringgenberg, a box of correspondence cards, while the consolation was given to Mrs. Chas. Hutchison, an ivory finger nail file.

A delicious ice sherbet and cake course was served to a few members and guests.

CHICKEN FRY.

Five cars of young folks went out to the violet grounds on Saturday evening for a "chicken fry." There was a tempting lunch prepared, biscuits were made and chicken fried. Those in the crowd were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lynch, C. P. Hutchison, A. Morrison, F. T. Arnold and Mrs. Manning; Misses Bladen Garrett, Lillian Manning, Dorothy and Nelle Graham, Bess James, Pauline McJimsey, Eula and Allye Logan. Messrs. Wright McClatchey, S. Boyd Street, Wesley Johnson, Leslie Scott, J. E. Burk and Henry Porter.

The Worst Yet.

Johnny handed the following note from his mother to the teacher one morning:

Dear Teacher: You keep tellin' my boy to breathe with his diafram. Maybe rich children has got diaframs, but how about when there father only makes \$1.50 a day and has got five children to keep? First it's one thing, then it's another, and now it's diaframs. That's the worst yet.

Methodist Revival.

Don't miss a service you can attend. The preaching by Neal and singing by Poulter will do you good. Everybody invited to come and help and be helped.

We have a place and a welcome for you and are expecting you to help us out.

J. Hall Bowman.

Priscilla Club.

The Priscilla Club will meet the first Tuesday after the close of the Methodist protracted meeting, at the home of Mrs. Evans Mabry.

John C. Bower made a trip to Snyder, Texas this week to secure one of the 1915 Buicks he had sold to Mrs. Lila Marlin of Throckmorton. He returned to Graham with the car Tuesday night, and exhibited it for a while Wednesday morning to a large crowd of admirers. It is certainly a fine car, and it is quite likely that others in this territory will place their orders for a similar car. Mr. Bower stated that this was one of only three cars of this kind in the state not sold.

LAWN SOCIAL.

The Presbyterians enjoyed their second lawn social at the manse last Friday evening, with a full attendance. Rev. and Mrs. Hall are charming entertainers and have the happy faculty of making every one feel thoroughly "at home," so the Sunday school students and their friends passed a very delightful evening. Games galore were played and excellent music furnished during the evening by Messrs. Will Yancey, Cabell Johnson and F. A. Kessler. Mrs. R. A. Duncan read in her most charming manner, "Seein' things at Night" and responded to a hearty encore. An abundance of delicious cake and cream were served and all report a most enjoyable affair.

V. M. Hale of South Bend was in town Friday.

Capt. S. R. Crawford went to Fort Worth Friday to spend a few days on business.

Jesse L. Woods returned Friday night from Dallas.

S. R. Jeffery returned from Ft. Worth Friday night, after spending several days there on business.

Mrs. Ida Strong of Grapevine was among the visitors to the Baptist Association.

Mrs. C. P. Goodman and baby have returned to Ft. Worth, after a brief visit with her brother, Supt. and Mrs. B. W. King.

P. G. Cunningham of Newcastle was in the city on business Saturday. While here he called at The Reporter office and informed us that he was highly pleased with the success he had with feterita, and believed it to be the crop for this county. Mr. Cunningham stated also that he raised some very fine corn this year.

Miss Irene Evans of Dallas has resumed her position as head trimmer in Short's Millinery Department.

Rev. B. F. Stallings of the Christian church is conducting a revival meeting at Honey Grove this week.

Rev. Gaines B. Hall left Monday for Amarillo where he will conduct a revival meeting. Mrs. Hall and children will visit in the meantime in Comanche and Winters, Texas.

THE MOUNTAINSIDE HOTEL IS BURNED

HIGH WINDS CAUSES FIRE TO SPREAD VERY FAST

\$3,100.00 Insurance Carried on Building and Furniture.

The Mountainside Hotel, was completely destroyed by fire early Monday morning.

The fire was discovered by an employee of the hotel about 1 o'clock, and the proprietor, Mr. W. H. Morris carried water in buckets in an effort to extinguish the flames, but being unable to check them in this manner he made an effort to have the alarm turned in, but for some reason he could never get an answer from the telephone.

Nightwatchman B. A. Gatlin, who had been to the hotel just a few minutes before, saw the flames through a window and rushed down to Carlton's stable, where the fire wagon is kept and had the wagon brought out. About the same time the fire whistle started blowing, the fire having been discovered by an employee of the electric light company.

In a few minutes a large number of people were at the hotel and water was poured into the flames from three lines of hose, but the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to check them with the high wind blowing.

Some of the guests in the hotel lost a few of their effects and most of the furniture and fixtures were entirely destroyed. The hotel was built in 1907 and was owned by Beecher M. Baker and leased to W. H. Morris.

Insurance to the amount of \$3,100.00 was carried.

As is usual unlooked for things happen at a fire, and this one did not disappoint the sightseers. It being a frame building the fire was very hot and it was almost impossible for the firemen to get close enough to the building to do any good, however they went bravely forward, and while they poured water into the building from the large fire hose, another poured water on them with a small one.

The Graham Electric Co. whose lead wires passed the hotel property, lost several hundred feet of wire and some poles in the blaze; but the damage was quickly repaired and the electric service continued almost without interruption.

Andrew Jackson left Monday for Waco, where he will attend Hill's Business College.

THE OLD CHURN

How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood
When fond recollection presents them to view,
The cot of my father with the dairy lot nigh it
And e'en the old churn which my infancy knew.
The churn that stood ever awaiting my leisure
With its forbidding dasher just up to my head,
The milk that was forever in "coming"—
The play out-of-doors that I longed for, instead.
O, the iron-bound churn of the days of my childhood
Whose menacing form still comes in review,
Tho' often I dwell on the scenes of past pleasures
It is with reluctance that I dwell upon you!
If ever one day I shall wake up in Hades
I'm morally certain I'll not have to burn.
For on the threshold an imp will await me
And gleefully escort me to where I must churn.
—Reporter Staff Poet.

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Weather for September.

1st to 3rd, pleasant; 4th to 5th, rain; 6th to 9th, pleasant; 10th to 13th, hot wave; 14th to 15th, heavy rains; 16th to 17th, pleasant; 18th to 20, heavy rains; 21st to 22nd, heavy north west gales; 23rd to 26th, cool; 27th to 30th, cloudy with rain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For District Judge
J. W. AKIN.
- For District Attorney
LESLIE HUMPHREY
- For Representative, 99th Dist.:
E. W. FRY
- For County Judge:
W. P. STINSON
- For District Clerk:
WILLIE RIGGS
- For County Attorney:
C. FAY MARSHALL
- For Sheriff:
MAL. M. WALLACE
- For County Clerk:
C. W. (Lum) HINSON
- For Tax Collector:
HENRY GROVES
- For Tax Assessor:
L. H. (Bud) HARRIS
- For County Treasurer:
R. (Rube) LOFTIN
- For County Superintendent:
B. W. KING
- For Commissioner, Precinct 1.
G. D. (Dillard) HINSON
- For Public Weigher:
JOE T. CARTER
- For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1.
C. D. BREWTON

Two years old today. When our first number was issued the Graford Herald characterized us as a boat, and in extending us a welcome into the field of journalism, expressed the desire to know who was captain. The Herald has since found out. But that is aside to the remarks we wished to make. The important thing was, would we secure any passengers (subscribers). We have, and are, and will. The Reporter is now being read all over Young county and in portions of every adjoining county. The news is being furnished from nearly every community in Young county and from many in adjoining counties. Our sole aim is to make a reliable newspaper. For a two-year-old we have assumed pretty large proportions. This may sound a little boastful, but most everyone is proud on their birthday. But no paper that has ever been published in this county has equalled our record for the amount of news printed and for the regularity of the issue. Our day of publication is Thursday. Not a single Thursday morning in the two years has rolled around but what The Reporter was in the postoffice ready to be handed out and sent out on the various routes leaving the city. We are justly proud of this record. It has not been all easy sailing. High winds—call them what you will—have tossed us about, but not so much as one single sail has been torn. We have out-riden the storm and still survive to work for the interests of West Texas. Here's for your prosperity and ours for the next year of our existence.

There is an opposition to the "Buy-a-bale" plan among some citizens of Texas who are standing in their own light and defeating this excellent proposition to relieve the cotton growers of the South. They are expecting to get all the cotton they can handle at five or six cents a pound or less, and consequently are opposed to anyone else offering the farmer ten cents. These citizens may be "long on money but they are short on patriotism." They are willing to let the public interests go hang just so they can pile up the filthy lucre for themselves. This plan is safe inasmuch as it will help to equalize the burden and everyone with a bit of patriotism is glad to sacrifice a little of personal gain for the public good.

Many covert references are made these days to General Sherman's mild definition of war. The frenzied reporters have run the gauntlet of descriptive adjectives and some have even referred the reader to the above named officer. What Gen. Sherman actually said, in a moment of peevishness, when he was off the firing-line and engaged in ruminating, was the following: "I am sick and tired of war. Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have neither fired a shot or heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell."

The fashion notes foretell that the war will influence the styles for fall and winter. Military buttons are to be fashionable and the modified harem skirt and Balkan blouse. How about Russian whiskers?

The Mansfield Mirror remarks: "Villa needs to be stripped of his official garb and sentenced to ninety-nine years of hard labor."

Well, it is best to criticize him at long range.

The Kaiser declares he will fight as long as there is a man left in the empire while the allies aver there will be no peace until Germany is crushed. This is the verdict of highly cultured nations, exponents of modern civilized warfare and Christianity.

Think this over: If a man has nothing, he must do something to have anything. But, if a man has something, he needn't do anything to have nothing in a very short time.

When shall we cease to be vague in our newspaper copy? An exchange says: "A burglar, in attempting to enter Wright's store, was shot at by Winfred Hardin. The man started to run, the bullet striking him between the fence corner and the front gate, inflicting a superficial wound."

Joseph Joffre is the leader of the French armies in the present war. He is of low build, quiet and reserved and is called a "man of silence." In many respects, he resembles Napoleon Bonaparte.

Our boast that the United States can feed the world is being tested. A recent investigation by the government revealed that Chicago alone has shipped ten million pounds of meat into Canada since the war began. This was, it is supposed, immediately re-shipped into England. A shipment of thirty-six million cold storage eggs has also been sent to Liverpool, while France has asked for an immense shipment of Louisiana rice. During the first days of August, sixty million pounds of sugar were sent to Great Britain, which is sixteen million pounds more than was exported to all the countries of the world during the year 1913. This, of course, is largely responsible for the sudden great increase in the price of sugar.

BUY-A-BALE.

The "Buy-a-Bale" movement which originated among the business men of Atlanta, Ga., to meet the present exigency throughout the South, has met with much approbation and clubs have already been organized in many Texas towns for the purpose of forming an alliance between the man with means to invest and the man who has cotton to sell. This seems to us a very feasible plan to tide the farmer over the present financial crisis. The proposition is that everyone who can shall buy a bale of cotton for ten cents a pound and hold it for one year; the bale thus purchased is stored in a warehouse, subject to the demand of the owner. The owner will be given a warehouse receipt and these receipts have a commercial value equal to 75 per cent of the cotton market value. Both houses of the legislature endorsed this plan. The Texas Cotton Club proposes to take at least a million and a half bales of Texas cotton off the market in this way. Some localities discredit this buy-a-bale plan and declare that the proposition "would only tend to shift the burden from one class to another class, in the same distressed section." Of course no plan, meeting the approval of absolutely everyone, could be formulated but just now, when the situation is so tense, it seems to us that this is the exact relief that we Southern people need.

The tide of war has turned and the Germans are retreating toward the border, along the highways which they trod triumphantly a few days since. The Russian bear is threatening on the other side; internal affairs in Germany are daily growing worse and withal it seems to be a dismal outlook for the Fatherland.

Emperor William the Last, of Germany, is returning home after a brief visit near the City on the Seine.

The Omaha-Breeze man has figured a scheme for raising potatoes in dry seasons. Here it is: "Plant the potatoes about a foot apart and plant an onion between the hills. The strong odor from the onions will make the eyes of the growing potatoes water, and the spuds will look at the brazen skies and murmur, 'Ish gy bibble.'"

The Safer Way.
"Dat ol' man o' yohs is a purty good provider."
"He shows his sense," replied Aunt Chloe. "He wants to keep me busy occupyin' dishere skillet as a utensil instid of a weapon."—Washington Star.

Resolutions of Respect.
Whereas, The Grand Master of the Universe, in his wisdom, has seen fit to call from earthly labor to the Celestial Lodge above our brother, J. N. Adair, therefore
Be it Resolved, That, in the death of our brother, Young County Lodge has lost one of its most faithful members and the membership of a most trusted friend.

That, in the death of our brother the family of the deceased has lost a devoted husband and a kind and loving father.

That, our country has lost an honest and upright citizen, a man who was a credit to the State and an honor to the Masonic Lodge.

That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Lodge, a copy be sent to the Graham papers for publication, and a copy be sent to the members of his family.

R. E. Lynch.
W. M. Terrell.
W. McClatchey.
Committee.

ROOK CARDS
At Graham Printing Company.

BRING YOUR BUCKING HORSES

Circus and Wild West Have Cowboys Who Will Ride Them.

If there is a bucking horse in your neighborhood that no one can ride, bring him in on Yankee Robinson circus day, and Texas Bill and his band of rough riders—some of the best in the world—will see what can be done about handling him. Sometimes they buck over ten miles of territory, yet in the end the cowboys seem to handle them. The bucking contest in the Wild West department is without a doubt the most amusing sport known. Texas Bill and his cowboys, cowgirls, Mexicans and rough riders of the world, are with Yankee Robinson circus and they will ride any bucking horse you bring them.

This show will be in Graham Monday, September 28th.

Million Dollar Mystery.

We have made arrangements with the syndicate film corporation to furnish us the "Million Dollar Mystery," series. The first instalment to be shown Saturday, September 26th.

Now is the time to take advantage of seeing this pinnacle of motion pictures.

The Million Dollar Mystery is the most stupendous motion picture ever conceived.

The most costly, most remarkable production ever attempted. The first achievement of a motion picture forty-six reels long. There are nine miles of film, involving love, adventure and romance.

It will show the mysterious adventures of the Black Hundred, a secret band of Russian Millionaires. It will thrill you with the experiences of Florence Gray, the heiress, whose fortune the plotters are attempting to attain, the startling surprises to the fall of a balloon in mid-ocean, the death-defying portrayal of a railroad wreck, the breath-taking escapes of the heroine from the clutches of the villain.

You will see for the first time scenes of the ocean bottom's mysterious life and vegetation. Pictures taken under water at a great expense. The first episode will reveal the secret sessions of the plotters, the uncanny disappearance of the million dollars and remarkable escape of the Millionaire Hargreaves, even though surrounded at every point by his death dealing pursuers.

Graham Opera House Co.

AGRICULTURE IN YOUNG COUNTY.

Prof. B. W. King, County Superintendent of Schools, Graham, Texas. Dear Sir:—We have just completed tabulating some educational and agricultural statistics for your county. As a school official it occurred to us that possibly these figures might be interestingly suggestive to you. A copy is enclosed herewith.

We have been investigating the bread and butter relation that exists between agricultural prosperity and education—popular agricultural education in particular.

The average crop production of the farms of the entire United States was \$863 per farm in 1909. In Texas it was \$474 in 1899, and \$714 in 1909. For Iowa these figures were \$855 and 1,450 respectively. Illinois, \$813 and \$1,478, respectively. The human population per farm is about the same in all cases.

"Larger farm revenues" is the largest single factor in the progress of our people. Boost Texas into the Illinois class.

Every soul in Texas believes that education about the work that he or she is doing would add to their income. If Knowledge did not add zest and power to work, schools would be a failure.

In all teaching, "The object is to insure a pleasurable reaction that shall engender interest. Interest begets attention, and attention is the meth-

er of knowledge" and knowledge begets the power to make a better living.

Agriculture is Texas' greatest industry. Today, and hereafter it vitally touches the life interest of more of our people than any other of our school subjects. Add to this the idea that agriculture is a cultural as well as a vocational subject, and we have a strong stimulus to contrive means to render agricultural teaching in the common schools more general and more efficient.

Read your own interpretation out of the figures given above and the ones on the enclosed sheet. Possibly it would be worth while to publish them in your local papers and to present them to your teachers institute.

What may our schools do to make the record show up better in 1914-15? Your suggestion will be appreciated.

Very truly yours for agricultural prosperity,
FERGUSON PUB. CO.

SUDAN GRASS

The United States Year Book of Agriculture has the following to say about Sudan Grass.

"Sudan grass, a wild form of sorghum, although introduced only a few years ago, is now greatly in demand in the southern portion of the Great Plains region on account of its ability to produce an abundance of good hay under conditions of low rainfall.

"Sudan grass has this season even surpassed expectations. Extensive seeding of this grass has been made, so that there is now abundant evidence of its value under field conditions.

"Sudan grass, in appearance, resembles Johnson grass. It does not have any of the pestiferous habits of Johnson grass and it can be killed by plowing. "In the matter of habit Sudan grass has many advantages over both the sweet sorghums and Johnson grass, being finer in growth and more leafy than the former, and without the root stock which make the latter so troublesome and unpopular in many sections. It also has other advantages. It is easily cured and easily handled as hay and is very drought resistant. In all these characteristics it is much superior to sorghum; and in yield, drought resistance, and palatability it appears distinctly to out-class Johnson grass.

"It should be planted in 18 to 36 inch rows so it can receive at least one harrowing and one cultivation while young. When planted thus and cultivated the yield and quality of hay is very much superior. It will require from two to three pounds of seed per acre when planted in this manner.

"In the selection of seed, extreme caution should be used, as unscrupulous dealers will be inclined to adulterate it with seed of Johnson grass."

A good method of planting where from ten acres up is to be planted is with an ordinary wheat drill, with every other hole in the drill pate stopped up. This will give the desired distance.

We want your subscription.

We are informed by the management of the Opera House that they have secured for October 26th, Mr. Oscar Graham and his good company of supporting characters in The Prigal Son. No doubt the name of Oscar Graham is familiar to many of our readers.

Mr. Graham played "The Prince of His Race" at the Graham Opera House a few years ago.

The Opera House management is awake to the fact that the show-going people like something good. The pictures they are putting on each night are evidence of the fact, and they tell us they expect to have the very best companies that can be obtained in the smaller towns this fall.

Carter's Cement for mending china, glass and crockery, 10c at the Graham Printing Co.

School Supplies.
School inks, tablets, pencils, etc., at the Graham Printing Co.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Texas, County of Young. By virtue of an Execution and Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable Justice Court, Precinct No. 1 of Young County, on the 26th day of May, 1914, by the Justice of the Peace thereof, in the case of R. F. Short versus B. F. Wier, No. 1260, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in October, A. D. 1914, it being the 6th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Young County, in the City of Graham, the following described property, to-wit:

All that certain land situated in Young County, Texas being Lot No. 7 Block No. 24, Campbell Addition Lot No. 3 in Block No. 3, in Olney, Texas.

All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Young County, Texas and taken out of T. E. & L. Co., Survey No. 15, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at point 210 feet west of the SW corner of the one acre tract conveyed by deed from John W. Groves and wife to G. H. Roach, thence south 210 feet, thence west 210 feet, thence north 210 feet, thence east 210 feet to the place of beginning, containing one acre of land.

All that certain parcel or tract of land situated in Young County, Texas containing one half acre of land taken out of T. E. & L. Co., Survey No. 156 more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Nw corner of half acre deeded to L. D. McCuiston, November 6th, 1906, thence south 210 feet, thence west 105 feet, thence north 210 feet, thence east 105 feet to the place of beginning, levied on as the property of B. F. Wier to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$57.10 in favor of R. F. Short, and \$4.25 and costs of suit.

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SALEM

Cotton, oh! the joyful sound. It is six feet high and covers the ground, and from the highest to the most meek and lowly all are mentioning the word, cotton, and telling just what should be done to keep the poor farmer from being held up and robbed. Now before this is over you will discover that nearly every son-of-a-gun of them are out expressly to make every dollar he can speculating on this cotton crop and that no cotton will be bought by any of them unless the buyer feels sure he is on the safe side of Jordan when the purchase is made. If any confidence is put up on what cotton will sell for next year the producer is the man who will have to put it up or else make the man actually safe who does put it up. It is a pity the farmer is in debt, for if he was free from only his dry goods and grocery bills then enough of the crop could be held so as to sell when there was a good demand for it. The farm is the place where both food and clothing are produced and as long as the farmer does not produce as much or an excess over his own needs he will be a slave to interest and the merchant will get every lock of cotton he produces. To stay down in the same old rut he has been in ever since the first mortgage was given on cotton in Texas and to keep on abusing the credit system and speculation will do no good. He must diversify in a way that, let the weather be what it may, it will be just right for some part of his crop. He must quit so much cotton, for in gambling it is dangerous to bet all, and often more than all, one has on one color alone. And above all he must quit going in debt for supplies while the crop is being made, for what good does it do to make and gather a crop only to turn it over to meet debts incurred while it was being made.

Buster, in his say on this question, hits the nail on the head, for it has been abundantly proven that this thing of gadding around over the country and passing resolutions does no good and for a fact the boll weevil does more good in boosting the cotton market than any resolutions they have passed.

Prof. D. H. Creager spent last Monday night with John Kisinger.

Mr. Sadberry and family spent Sunday with John Alford and family.

Q. B. Nelson and family were here from Flat Rock last week.

Q. B. was working at the thrasher on T. K. Criswell's farm.

Mrs. Maggie Gilmore is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Will Cole, of Murray.

Plow Boy's oration over the dead rattler reminds me that during the last ten days we have killed four big rattlesnakes here and one of them was in the yard very near the house where the little girls make mud pies.

Mr. Hatfield and his son, Hansford, and daughter, Miss Roberta, returned Thursday from Haskell, where they had been visiting relatives. Miss Roberta left again Tuesday for Wichita, where she has a position as bookkeeper.

Plow Boy we agree with you about the cause of the war in Europe and will add that greed is the main cause of the slaughter being done there now.

But, you don't dare to say that it is at the instigation of the Roman Catholics, for both Spain and Italy, two of the main Catholic countries on the globe, are both neutral and will take no part in it unless forced to do so. They both say by their actions, "Let them butcher each other as long as they want to for we are not in it." The Pope of Rome, rather than witness such slaughter or from other causes, "passed and entered that land where there is no more greed, and where the extension of boundaries, and the making of new maps are unknown quantities." This is

not musty history. It is fresh and true events in history that have come home to roost.

The young man, who at present has a thorough knowledge of history need never pick up a history again in order to keep posted on the history of the world, for the newspapers give it all and answer every question one can think of, and many besides. The Star-Telegram in answering the question, "What did Germany do with the billion dollar war indemnity paid to her by France at the close of the Franco-Prussian war?" answers, "She did not spend a dollar of it. She didn't even put it out at interest. She held it in order to be ready at any time to enter into battle again." It is evident then, that Germany was good and ready for anything that might turn up, and at same time France had been giving much attention to hobble and split skirts and to high-toned head gear, while Germany had been testing guns and in other ways getting ready for action.

If Germany saved up the ten hundred million dollars as stated, then, it looks like a plain case of wholesale, premeditated slaughter on the part of Germany, but if she is guilty of this she is little less so than the allies. Germany was ready in fact, she has always been ready. In the war of 1870 France boasted that she was five times ready, the historian says, "If she was five times ready then, Germany was ten times ready." The facts are, France lost everything except the first little skirmish that opened the war. At the close of the war France was left in a deplorable condition, yet worse was to follow, for civil war broke out in Paris which proved before it was settled to be fully as destructive as the German invasion. And yet, with all these horrors, France, in a few years emerged with banners flying and has been prosperous ever since. Germany held certain of her forts as a guarantee for payment of the indemnity. France issued bonds in small denominations so any one with a few dollars could invest in them, and as a result money poured in from every part of France and the big debt, was in a few years, paid, and Germany evacuated the forts she held.

You will notice that is quite different to the way the war debt was met at the close of our own civil war. You will also notice that when a great war is in progress it looks like everything is going to destruction and that the wheels of progress are at a dead standstill, but not so, for where the caucasian race is at the helm the ship of progress never halts and there is no race on the face of the globe who have the quick "come back" that they have, for after a big war it is only a few years until everything goes on as before. And history scarcely deals with any part of it except the real cause of the war, the final result and the treaty or division of the spoils at the close of the war and the effect, for good or evil, of the war outside of this a few who either from bravery or from cruelty, distinguished themselves in the war are mentioned in history and there the curtain falls and the world waits for it to rise on the scene.

France has a very interesting history, for in the many rows she has been engaged in she has changed back and forth from a kingdom to an empire and then to a republic no less than five times, and since the Franco-Prussian war she has been a republic, and who knows but what as an outcome of the present war other republics may be established in Europe?

We all wait with great interest for the last chapter to be written recording the events of this great war.

Many from Salem were in Graham last Monday but Goose was the only Correspondent we had the pleasure of meeting.

Salemite.

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SORGHUM FLAT

Anthrax is still raging in this part of the world. I don't know whether I can give the right estimates or not.

Mrs. Barron has lost a horse and one mule, and she has another horse sick.

Lewis Barron lost one horse. I. W. Steele one horse. Mrs. Wyatt one sick mule. Ben Upham lost one horse and has two more sick. B. P. Gann lost a donkey. Eugene West has a sick horse. Mr. Harris a sick cow. Quincy Corbett lost a mule. Now do you all see what has happened since I wrote last?

Pansy I do not profess to know when the world will come to an end. I read that in a paper and of course re-wrote it for a joke. And when I read it I thought then what the Bible says and what you have said to me, not even the angels of heaven know. There are people that look for a sign but Jesus says, "No sign shall be given, except that of Jonah and the whale."

No Silver Bell I did not mention about the rattlesnakes, but I had already mentioned about the rattlesnake so didn't think it necessary to write again. We have killed several this summer. There is one now in the old dugout. If you want to see him just come up. We had partly filled up the dugout with brush and rock and so he got in there to stay I guess. We found two chickens dead and one of them was in the dugout so we supposed the snake killed them. You rest easy maybe we will get him some day. Say, Silver Bell, I noticed some one else had harnessed up their feet and come to see you.

Messrs. John Couger and Eugene West have been vaccinating their stock the past few days.

Lewis Rickles, we suppose will vaccinate some time this week. Some of the people are preparing to get another supply

of groceries before their stock gets sick.

Homeite don't think anything strange about my leaving that tablet up there for you know when a fellow runs from the anthrax they haven't any time to be losing. Our stock is all right so far, although we burned another yearling, supposed to have died with the fever.

Mrs. Alice Upham visited her mother, Mrs. Burgess, a few days the past week.

I will correct a mistake I wrote in my last letter. That Mr. Eugene West had moved his cattle to Ivan, but it was all a mistake, for he has not.

It was Lewis Rickles in place Eugene that moved the cattle.

Everybody is quarantined in this community that has sick stock.

J. K. P. Hughes and daughter, Miss Ella, made a trip to Caddo Thursday.

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THERE are things of interest that you cannot find anywhere except in your local paper, and this paper gathers all the news of the community and brings it together in a manner appealing to every member of the family. Besides this, we endeavor to give as much of the outside news as space will permit, and as we think would be of general interest. Our interest is in this community, and we, at all times, endeavor to do everything in our power to help upbuild and improve it.

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Live News from our Correspondents

SPECIAL NOTICE

We don't want you to forget that the next week will be the first week of our new year, and we are expecting a letter from every Correspondent. Be sure and write and get your letter to us just as early as possible, by Monday if you can. And don't overlook signing your name on a separate piece of paper so you will be sure to get an invitation to our next reunion.

LUCILLE

After two weeks' absence I will come and bring my little bit of news.

I was so busy going to church I could not take time to write. The meeting was two miles and a half from me but Johnnie only missed two nights.

Bro. May closed his meeting last night. He sure had a good meeting. It seemed like the Lord was with him all the time. There were nineteen conversions and ten joiners in the two weeks' meeting.

Cotton picking and corn gathering will be the order of the day for a while.

Some few have gathered their corn and it turned out better than was expected. Most everyone will make enough to do them but Mr. Boll Worm will get his share of the cotton. They have already ruined some patches.

Walter and Jeff Lemley and Ab Turner of the Mt. Pleasant community have been here visiting friends and relatives for the past week.

Mrs. Taylor and three sons of Sherman have been visiting her brother, Hugh Bailey. They returned home Thursday.

Mr. Vaden and family of Gooseneck spent a few days this week with Mrs. Vaden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bridges.

We are sorry to say Mr. McAvoy is still very low with typhoid fever. His daughters of Saleville, Mesdames Gilbert and Tucker, were with him a few days this week.

Silver Bell, you surely was thinking about a father-in-law or you would not have made that great big mistake, but you know we all make mistakes. Just look at Beauty. She said she took dinner with Johnnie Chick. I fail to know anyone by that name. She surely meant Charley, did you not Beauty?

Come on Salemite with more war news. I for one, enjoyed your letter.

What has become of Candy Kid? Has she gone of on a wedding tour?

Say all you writers let's do better. There was hardly any letters this week. If the kind editor will excuse me I will try and send my little bit of news more regular.

Listen, Honeysuckle 2nd, don't you talk so loud about that reunion. Don't you know that the editor will hear you and if he has it now I would have to walk and I am so weak I never would make it there.

Say Beauty, I will turn that certain one over to you and you tell him what the trouble is. I can't for I do not know which one of them you mean.

Mr. Olf Spurlock and Miss Velma Bridges were married Sunday. They had quite a time as they had to run off. They finally got to Grafrod, where Bro. May performed the ceremony.

Sunday school and prayer meeting was well attended Sunday.

Misses Bessie and Bonnie Storm took their father over to Palo Pinto Sunday. He is on the jury this week.

Bob Chick has his new barn finished which helps the looks of his place considerably.

Mrs. Gilmore and Ruby and Derwood Gilmore have gone to Dark Valley to pick cotton.

Walter Coffey, John Kelley, Walter Layton and Fred McAvoy put the thresher across the river Saturday afternoon to begin threshing wheat for

Will Costello this (Monday) morning.

Mr. McFadden carried his daughter, Miss Evie, over to Palo Pinto Sunday eve to attend this term of school.

Will Jenkins and wife took dinner with Miss Manda Layton Sunday.

Mr. Teague and family spent the day Sunday with Mr. Coffman.

Now Silver Bell, you said you wanted to give us all some of your chills. If you will tell me what that is, I will tell you whether I will accept them or not, as a chill is something I know nothing about.

That dreadful anthrax is still with us but not quite so bad. There was only one mule died since I last wrote but several head of cattle have died with it.

What has become of our Henry Chapel writer? Do you suppose he got the "ransax."

I hear the cotton sack coming and must get ready to meet it for we will get done this week if it don't rain. So long to you all

Johnnie Dolittle.

SOUTH BEND

D. F. Shields and family spent Sunday with J. R. Holcomb and family.

Prof. Con Singleton of Loving was here on business Monday.

Dick Barkley and others of Childress, Texas are spending this week on the Clear Fork fishing.

O. A. McBrayer visited his sister, Mrs. J. R. Holcomb, and family Sunday.

V. M. Hale is improving his place by building new cribs.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hamil and son, Jimmie Harrell, spent Sunday night with Mrs. Hamil's brother, J. R. Holcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamil returned to their home in Breckenridge Monday, but Jimmie will spend some time here picking cotton.

Anthrax is getting nearer us all the time. Some few cases on Duff Prairie just southeast of us.

J. L. Smith attended the Baptist Association in Graham last week.

Several have begun picking cotton.

The young folks enjoyed a singing at M. D. Harrell's Sunday night.

The gin at this place has begun for the season having ginned three bales up, to date (Monday).

J. H. Rogers and family of Duff Prairie visited W. M. Goode and family last Friday.

Mrs. J. W. Burgess and children spent Sunday at the home of B. F. Scott.

Misses Bettie and Sadie Scott have moved to Graham where Miss Sadie will attend school this term. We regret to give them up for this fall and winter but we trust our loss is Graham's gain.

J. D. Dawson and Wilbur Weaver spent Saturday night and Sunday-in Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hill of Corpus Christi passed through the Bend Monday enroute to the home of their uncle, E. F. Duncan, on Duff Prairie where they will pick cotton.

Leroy Britton and Miss Alice Lindsey spent Sunday in Graham.

Misses Fannie and Naomi Goode, Maggie Johnson, Nona Richardson, Alma and Ola McCluskey and Annie Holcomb with Messrs. Joe and Clifton Goode and C. A. Melton ate Sunday dinner with the Misses Harrell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Welch visited J. C. Herd and family Sunday.

M. D. Harell and wife spent Sunday with W. M. Goode and family.

Geo. Martin and family left one day last week for Haskell in response to a call that Mrs. Martin's father was sick. We trust they found him better.

Both Sunday schools were

well attended Sunday. Everybody welcome, come and see.

Here is wishing success to The Reporter and family. This week The Reporter is two years old and in the two short years it has made itself the best county paper in West Texas. So here is wishing that the coming year will gather success and heap it upon the already successful head of The West Texas Reporter and make it still the best paper in West Texas. With best wishes to all I am Honeysuckle 2nd.

FARMER

A Countrywoman I have often thought why people moved to town to educate their children. I heard a Baptist preacher say that the reason he didn't like town was because man and the devil made it and God and man made the country, and I am somewhat like him. I sure do love my country home and we ought to make our home attractive. Yes, and to make boys understand that farming is a noble calling. We deplore the disposition of young men to get away from their farm homes to our large cities where they are subject to difficulties and temptations, which but too often, they fail to overcome. It has been said that "for a young man with unstable habits and without religious principles, there is no place where he will soon be ruined as in a large city." Parents in the country have failed to realize this startling truth. Let the country lad be as well educated for the farm as his city cousin is for the bar.

Yes, Plow Boy, I say too, that the cotton raiser is the greatest slave of the age, and is so depressed the Lord only knows how he will get through. God said to the rich men, "Go now ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted and your garments are moth eaten.

"Your gold and silver is cankered and the rust of them shall be a witness against you and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last day.

"Behold the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields which is of you kept back by fraud crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabbath." James 5:1-5. I am glad that we can find a refuge in the Lord of Sabbath.

There are some around here picking cotton.

Mrs. Laura and Lizzie Wall and children visited Mrs. B. Garrett of Archer county.

There was a fruit supper at Mr. Modershad's Wednesday night and was enjoyed by all present.

Ed Cox and wife of Markley visited Noah Cantwell Saturday night and Sunday.

Our Sunday school was very well attended Sunday. Pilot.

ROCKY MOUND

We have been having some windy weather but there hasn't been any rain with it.

Most all the people of this community are picking cotton now. It isn't worth much but we must get all out of it we can.

I am glad to see how The Reporter has grown in the last two years and hope it will be made better this year than ever before.

I see a new Correspondent every now and then. We are glad to see them write and welcome them all.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Robertson visited their son, Garrett, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. G. W. Gohlston and family spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Rhodes.

A. A. Moore visited his brother last week.

Mrs. Elbert Mowery visited Mrs. J. S. Burkett Monday.

Mack Smith is attending school at Graham this year.

J. S. Burkett was in town Saturday.

There wasn't very many from this community who went

to town Big Monday as most everyone was too busy in the cotton patch. I was down there a little while.

As news is scarce and I am a schoolgirl now I will ring off. Roses.

FLAT ROCK

My! my! hasn't the wind blown hard yesterday and today.

Have been having some real pretty weather for several days. Some are picking cotton.

Mr. Carey has been dangerously ill for more than a week. The doctor said last week that he couldn't get well and we have been expecting every day to be his last, until this morning he revived and seems to be so much better they think now there may be a chance for him to get well.

Most everybody still have colds. Mrs. Parsons is in bed with cold at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton and daughter, Miss Georgia, spent Sunday with J. M. Taylor and family.

C. J. Cook and family visited relatives at Newcastle last week.

John Martin has been real sick the past week. Mrs. Martin also isn't very well.

Messrs. Bob Corley and Bill Martin worked for Mr. Hazleton last week.

Jim Carey of Abilene and R. J. Ware of Weatherford arrived last Wednesday night to be at the bedside of W. D. Carey.

Mr. Byrd of near Newcastle spent Thursday night with his daughter, Mrs. Iva Fain. His little grandson, Eugene, returned home with him Friday and stayed until Sunday.

A. L. Brantley of Graham was a guest of Miss Maggie Taylor Sunday afternoon.

Sunday school was not very well attended, so they told me. I was absent myself.

Say, what would you Correspondents do if you wrote a letter to The Reporter, had it all ready to send to the office and told your brother to be sure and carry it for you and then he went off and forgot it? That was my experience last week and the reason my letter wasn't in the paper.

Jolly Girl you must have forgotten that you have more than one name since you moved to Tonk Valley 'cause the week before last when I called you "Tiliah" and asked you how you enjoyed your visit you never answered me a word. Now you musn't give up your old name for any new one.

A number of the Rockers attended second Monday and reported a large crowd in town.

Guess most of you Correspondents will take in the big show Monday, the 28th, or will you be too busy picking cotton?

I'm hoping Silver Bell won't have as hard time picking this year as she did last.

Mrs. Lily Alford spent Monday night with her mother, Mrs. Corley.

Mrs. Tabby Nelson spent Monday with Mrs. R. W. J. Parsons.

Mr and Mrs. Oscar Fain went to see her parents and returned Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. J. Parsons visited from Tuesday until Wednesday last week with Mr. Robbins in Tonk Valley.

Mose Vincent of Grafrod and Miss Maggie McIntosh of Weatherford spent last week with J. M. Taylor and family and returned to their homes Monday.

Gene Martin and sister, Miss Cora, left Sunday morning to attend the funeral of their nephew near McKinney.

Trixie, you'll have to guess again at who I am. I've never had the pleasure of being at Bryson yet. Guess the girls were glad to hear that Fred had purchased a new buggy. He used to have a girl at Flat Rock. Tell him he waited too long to get his new buggy for I'm afraid the lawyer is ahead of him now. Candy Kid.

Miss Aline Johnson has gone to Chickasha, Oklahoma, where she will teach a class in elocution this winter.

SPRING CREEK

I have been picking cotton and you bet I am a dandy hand at it, too.

Olin Morgan, wife, baby, and Master Herman McNutt of Denton county are visiting W. T. Vines and family.

Miss Elizabeth Whittaker visited Miss Lillian McNutt Tuesday.

Miss Carrie Vines of Grandview, Texas is visiting W. T. Vines and family. She intends going to Strathmore, Cal. soon.

Bill Whittaker called at Mr. Vines' Saturday afternoon.

The thresher is at the Portwood ranch now.

John Bavousette and family are visiting Mr. Ellis and wife, who live north of Megargel.

Misses Tommie McNutt, Buddie Vines and Jennie Roberts visited Miss Elizabeth Whittaker Sunday afternoon.

They report a nice time, especially Jennie.

Mrs. Annie Gibbs and family have moved from Megargel to her father's home place near Spring Creek. Alonzo Roberts and family are to move where Mrs. Gibbs moved from.

W. T. Vines took a bale of cotton to Megargel Saturday to be ginned. The gin runs every day now.

Bruce Sides and wife ve moved from the ranch.

W. E. Whittaker and Eugene, are still building tank on the ranch.

Miss Hermina Brom was Megargel shopping one day last week.

Master Herman McNutt is the puny list.

Mrs. Gibbs and family and Mose Whittaker's children are picking cotton for W. T. Vines.

Messrs. Arthur and Alonzo Roberts took some apples to Megargel Saturday.

Miss Lillian McNutt went to Megargel Saturday.

Mr. Kuykendall and thresher hands were at Mr. Vines' last Thursday.

Mr. Bokarg has rented Lonnie Hayter's place for another year.

Mr. Hayter has moved to his other place.

Miss Flora Bailey of Bitter Creek visited Jennie Roberts last Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Cecil and Roy Wilborn were in the Bitter Creek community Sunday.

Ben King of Megargel was in our community Sunday afternoon.

Frank Sykora called at M. Brom's Sunday.

Hollyhock.

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MIDWAY

to you all. I'm coming after another week's ab... are having some more weather for picking cot... Hettie Drum and Miss Adams are off on a... Miss Nannie will return Tuesday but Miss Hettie will stay with her aunt for a while... H. W. Drum and family spent last week at Loving where they attended the Christian meeting... Mr. and Mrs. Woodrome and daughter, Myrtis, called on Mr. and Mrs. Adams last Saturday night... Miss Lilla Cunningham is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Adams... Mrs. Loftin and Miss Lettie Hoffman took dinner with Mrs. Woodrome Sunday... Mr. and Mrs. Woodrome visited Sunday with Mrs. Will Smith... Misses Myrtis and Cleo Woodrome, and Alma Hoffman spent the day with Misses Lily and Zada Drum Sunday... Mr. and Mrs. Woodrome took with the little Drum Sunday... party at Will Smith's Saturday night was enjoyed by all present... Thigpen's mother, from Top, is visiting him... R. Cox and wife made a to Archer county last Sunday... Marcus Cox was seen going Markley last Saturday afternoon... Miss Ola Herring is on the list... Lewis Drum was the guest Harvey Smith Sunday... Miss Myrtis Woodrome took dinner with Mrs. Cox Sunday... Miss Cleo Woodrome called Miss Arnold Cox Saturday afternoon... Mr. Adams is still on the sick but is improving... will ring off and hand my pencil to Carrie Nation... Apple Blossom.

CRAIG POINT

ere I come after a week's absence... Wasn't The Reporter good last week? It seems like it gets better every week. We already have one of the newest newspapers in West Texas... Rev. R. Lindsey of Throckmorton and Bill Williams of Mansfield, Texas ate dinner Thursday with S. D. Baugh... Mrs. Henry Lisle of Graham spent Thursday with Mrs. Walter Green... Mrs. Bill Babb spent from Saturday until Tuesday night with home folks... Mr. and Mrs. John Knight and daughter, Miss Ruth, visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Alice Killion... Mrs. Walter Green visited with Mrs. Robt. Sheppard Friday afternoon... Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Baugh attended church and took dinner with their daughter, Mrs. Will Mayes Sunday... Miss Rudelle Seddon of Tonk Valley visited Saturday and Sunday with Miss Viva Baugh... Mrs. C. C. Mayes and children, Adelle and Norris, called on Mrs. Alice Killion Thursday afternoon... Mr. Henry Kelley happened to a very serious accident last Saturday. While hauling wood to the Graham Gin he fell off his wagon while unloading sustaining a broken collar bone and other bruises. He is some better at this writing... Rev. F. E. Suttle and R. Lindsey of Throckmorton called at Rev. Baugh's Monday morning... Misses Viva Baugh and Rudelle Seddon were guests of Mrs. Will Mayes in town Sunday night... Hoping to see all the Correspondents present next week I will go and give others more room. Bluebird.

LOWER TONK

Var is all the talk these days. Hope they will soon take vote to stop it. Hope that Sam will not take any in it. G. W. Gowens visited

Mrs. Lee Jones last Monday afternoon... Mrs. W. E. Moore and son, Master Kemp, returned home last week from visiting at Mt. Pleasant... Miss Jewel Moore entered school at Graham last Monday... Mrs. J. R. McClannahan returned home last week from Palestine, where she had been visiting her parents... Misses Eppie and Eunice Moore went to Graham last Monday... Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Phariss of Dalart, Ark., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. G. W. Gowens. They moved from here last October and located near Dalart, Ark. Mr. Phariss wants to sell his place in Tonk Valley while here... The wind is blowing pretty hard, guess it will rain some day... Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Moore of Mt. Pleasant came down Thursday to visit with his parents a few days... Mrs. Sam Jones visited Mrs. G. W. Gowens Friday afternoon... W. E. Moore and daughters, Misses Minnie and Eppie, and Mrs. Lee Jones and little Miss Ruby Fay Jones attended the Baptist Association at Graham Friday... Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Phariss and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gowens and children attended church at Median Chapel Saturday and Sunday. They took dinner at Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lemley's Saturday and then attended the baptizing of Mrs. Myrick... Mr. and Mrs. Bill McClannahan visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McClannahan Saturday night and Sunday... There are several that are picking cotton in this community now... Lee Jones took a bale of cotton to Graham Saturday... Mr. and Mrs. Bruce George visited his mother Sunday and they all attended church at Upper Tonk Sunday afternoon... Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wadley and Master J. T. spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McClannahan... Messrs. W. N. Phariss and G. W. Gowens called on John Youngblood Sunday afternoon... Grandpa and Grandma Youngblood are staying with their son, Walter Youngblood, in Gooseneck while Walter's wife is sick... Messrs. Murry Moore and Jesse Jones attended church at Upper Tonk Sunday... Messrs. James and Sylvester Gowens attended church at Median Chapel Sunday... Jim McClannahan and Miss Alma George went to Upper Tonk Sunday afternoon... There was Sunday school and church at Lower Tonk Sunday morning. Preaching by Rev. Harvey Suttle... Miss Jewel Moore spent from Friday night until Monday with home folks... Miss Lillie Gray visited at home Saturday night and Sunday... Messrs. Vernon George and Murry Moore took in Big Monday... Sylvester Gowens took in Big Monday... Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gowens and Misses Stella and Lucile and Master Cloyce went to Graham Big Monday... A. H. Jones went to Graham Monday... Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Phariss were in Graham Big Monday taking in the sights... Messrs. John and Joe Youngblood and G. H. Barnett all took in Big Monday. X. Y. Z.

MOUNT PLEASANT

Stay with them Jack o' Diamonds. Don't let them bluff you off from running for governor. I believe you would make a good race. You mean governor or matrimony don't you Jack? My! A Countrywoman talks like it requires some patience to read Plow Boy's "goods," don't she? She even intimates that no one but the editor possesses that degree of patience that would allow them to read "Plow Boy on Sunday Schools."

A Countrywoman tried to brag on us old country pudds. She said, "town may glitter, but we have the joys that last." When I read that I started to say amen but caught sight of the next lines—"we should be proud of our country ways or be able to be." so I just stopped and sniggered (I was ashamed to laugh) and said "Yesum we shore orter be" but we are not. Some of us want to cityfy our country ways like A Countrywoman does. Funny isn't it? Education is all right. Certainly no sane person would object to it. All sensible people want an education, but until conditions are changed so the farmer boys may enjoy the fruits of their labor it is foolish to talk of educating them and keeping the ambitious ones on the farm. All education is away from the farm anyway. Like A Countrywoman, the tendency is to bring farm and city together. A thing practically impossible. The farm may be "cityfied" but the city can't be "farmafied" consequently all effort to bring farm and city together must necessarily result in contaminating the farm with the city ways, which will always be disastrous to the farm, and keep the country-side picked of a large per cent of its most ambitious, enterprising young men... A Countrywoman brags on our country ways in one breath and the next breath she wants to "cityfy" them. Oh consistency where art thou? Mrs. Nisbett spent the day with Mrs. Martin Monday... Mrs. W. F. Pardue spent the day with Mrs. Burnett Monday... Raymond Burnett entered school at Graham last Monday week... Grandpa Nichols went to Jean Monday and carried his daughter, Mrs. Albert Watson, home. Mrs. Watson had been visiting Grandma Nichols, who has been sick for some time, but is improving now... How many of the Correspondents are going to be present next week? This would be an excellent time to make The Reporter staff beg for mercy. I don't see how any of us are going to miss this opportunity. It is the beginning of the third year of The Reporter's life. Let's all come, the whole fifty-odd of us. We can do it dead easy. Just a little time and effort is all it takes to come, so let's all begin to sing "I'll be There, I'll be There." We understand that the county road crew has been divided and Finis Burnett placed in charge of one division of it. Plow Boy.

INDIAN MOUND

This beautiful Sunday evening I will try to give our editor and Correspondents a few items of news from this place. This being an extra-busy week with me it may only be a few items you will get. Buster and Plow Boy certainly gave us good letters last week... Jack o' Diamonds, you know Plow Boy used to tell us an honest confession was good for the soul, so I went to help do justice to the large dinner that was prepared for us Correspondents and I think I did... Now Jack please tell us who it was that asked our good editor when called on him for a short talk that said Mr. Editor, I think if you will take these Correspondents and go to dinner with them it will do them more good than any talk I can make. This looks to me like there were more hungry folks there than the Kid... Yes Red Wing, kids bleat some times and if you think they don't just read Jack o' Diamonds last week's letter and see if he wasn't bleating something about Red Wing. Don't be discouraged Jack may only be joking... Rev. J. L. McCord and Rev. J. W. Evans of Loving were here Sunday evening guests of R. G. Taylor and family... Bro. Evans preached for us Sunday night. We hope to have these brethren with us quite often... Revs. McCord and Evans spent Sunday night with G. W.

MOUNTAIN HOME

Well, let's all try and give the editor a shower of letters next week... I would enjoy meeting all of the Correspondents and get acquainted with them all. I know it will be a happy meeting... Miss Valerie Bunger visited her sister, Mrs. Alice Lisle, last week... Dreamy Eyes, I just had to laugh when I read your cure for the blues. That might be all right if they didn't hit too hard... Jesse Owen of Ming Bend came up in this part of the country last week to get Mr. Mullenax's mule to work but the anthrax came a week before Jesse did and claimed the mule. Jesse it would be better to ask about a mule these days before going after him, for our stock haven't their lives insured... Messrs. Jake Jones and Bill

McComas and family... I had the pleasure of attending the Baptist Association at Graham last Saturday and Miss Bluebird was the only Correspondent I saw while there... Miss Jolly Girl, I say so much sometimes I forget what all I do say. But I will have Rex better posted next time... Trixie I agree with you on the teaching and preaching question. They sure have one verse that tells us not to teach because they gave it to me a short time ago. I guess that was all they could find... Mr. Editor, will Turkey Short be with us at our next reunion? If he is going to be there please engage a few more turkeys than you had last year so as he can have all the turkey he wants one more time... Candy Kid I failed to see your letter in The Reporter last week. You had better quit being careless. Remember the editor's turkey dinner is not far off... W. R. Dollins has two sick children... Mrs. Douglass went to Graham Saturday... Mr. Borchardt and sons, Alvin and Henry, went to Newcastle Saturday... Mrs. McCommas and son, John, went to Newcastle Thursday... Mrs. Beard and Irene Taylor were at the home of G. W. Gowens Wednesday... Mrs. R. G. Taylor and children visited at Will Hoffman's Thursday afternoon... Mrs. A. Bird and children visited at the home of G. W. Williamson Friday... Mrs. Joe Fisher visited her daughters, Mrs. Bryant of Dakin and Mrs. Busch of Tonk Valley last week, returning home Sunday... W. W. Williamson was putting up feed Monday... Some are beginning to pick cotton here... Mrs. Will Hoggard and children visited at the home of F. E. Borchardt Wednesday afternoon... Hilliard Taylor called at Will Hoggard's Sunday afternoon... Will Hoggard had to overhaul his pump Saturday afternoon... John McComas went to Graham Sunday... Mr. and Mrs. McComas attended the Association at Graham Friday... R. G. Taylor and children and Miss Mary Beard attended the Association Saturday... A. Bird and family took Sunday dinner at the home of F. E. Borchardt... A. Bird was in Graham Monday... Mrs. Newman is on the sick list this week... Mrs. Joe Fisher is on the sick list... W. N. Fisher was a caller at Graham Tuesday... Tom Rutherford and his crew have been taking care of hay here for a few days... H. H. Stephens and wife went to see their sick sister Sunday... B. W. Drum and wife visited at the home of W. R. Dollins Monday afternoon... Mrs. W. R. Dollins visited Mrs. Newman Sunday afternoon. Kid.

Bunger layed their cotton by last week. They say they will be ready to commence picking next week. Now, if anyone wants to pick in clean cotton just come over this way... Say Silver Bell, don't quit writing for I miss your letter when you don't write, and don't let mistakes bother you. I noticed it, but did you see the big mistake I made in week before last, where I said Mrs. Jennie Boch of Ming Bend had been visiting Mrs. Jake Jones and I should have said Mrs. Jennie Kutch... Plow Boy I think your letter you wrote with my pencil was all right... As the Goose spoke of what she had for dinner I will tell what I had today. Two yellow legged chickens, light bread, good old navy beans and I wish that the Goose and Gander could have been with me. Of course, I had other things but thought they would like to have been here... Dreamy Eyes I was glad to see your letter last week and wish that you could have a letter in every week. Yes I know that your horses have been where the anthrax was but I have just about decided that it isn't catching, as Messrs. Tom and Bill Bunger had their horses around where it was ever since it has been in the community. They also had them around the fires while they were burning the stock and they haven't lost any yet. Tom Bunger says he thinks the smoke would be good for them... Mr. Askew lost a fine mule Friday night and Bill Moore lost a good mare one day this week... Mrs. Carl Newman spent Sat-

sing on horseback riding quite and got some hay falls in the round, but now walk or go in the buggy... I am sure Dreamy Eyes will as I guess she remembers the fall she got last Thanksgiving day... Mrs. Alice Lisle and Miss Valerie Bunger spent Friday with Mrs. Beach and family... Dolph Owen and Grandpa Driver left home Friday morning to attend the Association at Graham. They walked and on the way they were seen Grandpa in the lead and Dolph was saying, wait, wait I am tired, so they went on their way rejoicing... Mrs. Emmie Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sharp part of last week... Honeysuckle, I would like to go to the reunion, as the good editor invited me last year and didn't get to go, but thought of you all, just the same... Mr. Newman made a trip to Bunger Saturday afternoon... Some of the farmers commenced to pick cotton today (Monday). I am glad I don't have to pick... Grandma Pinkston and her daughter spent Monday and until Tuesday morning with Bill Bunger and family... Mr. and Mrs. Carl Newman attended church at Bunger Sunday... Everyone is invited to come to church at Bunger next Saturday at 11 o'clock and also Sunday at 11. Bro. Dickson will preach. We think he is a fine preacher... Mrs. Poppie Pinkston and children spent second Monday with Mrs. Dollie Jones... I will let some one else have the floor now. Homeite.

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HENRY CHAPEL

Cotton picking is becoming quite a fad nowadays. Boll worms are doing considerable damage.

Our people are expecting a general mix-up of cotton picking, corn gathering and threshing this week.

Work on the new school building is being pushed. The old school building was sold at auction. H. L. Ribble seemed to be the man with the most money. The proceeds (\$100) to be used on new building.

A few cases of anthrax scattered over the community but no deaths lately.

The cream supper at Jno. Gilmore's last Friday night was largely attended. Plenty of cream, cake and good music.

Candy Kid, you asked about the cream supper at my house. It has been so long I have most forgotten. Suppose it was about the same as the one you spoke about attending here some time past. Thank you would have been glad had you been here this time.

Beauty, you spoke of having been at Lucille and she (Johnnie Dolittle) wouldn't speak. Well I had presumed from their name that she was a boy, but I grant you the privilege to know best.

As to my location, I live in sight of both of you. To the balance of you Correspondents will say, I don't live much but stay right smack dab in the southeast corner of the county. If any of you pass down this way better stop with the Dago's for fear you will get under such headway down the mountain-side you will run over Johnnie before you could stop, and might be more than a little doing.

Mrs. S. W. Ratcliff left Friday to be at the bedside of a sick sister in Clay county.

Horace Ribble's mules ran away with a load of cordwood last week, upset the wagon, broke out a tongue and coupling pole and sowed wood broadcast.

Yes, Mr. Editor, we will snow you under next week.

If I remember right Salemite left me in water up to my neck. Did you ever hear the saying, "cleanliness is next to Godliness." Take a bath Salemite, it won't hurt you. Suppose you can't remember making the remark at the gin last fall that if it did not get more seasonable here we would have to go without sox and quit using sugar in our coffee. Well, we've cut-out the sugar but we are going to stay with our sox until cotton goes above 6 cents.

Salemite, did you know that our country banks had thousands upon thousands of dollars of corn chop notes in their vaults, all of which have been accumulating for the past four or five years? These notes are held against the farmers Salemite. And you are not going to say these notes were put there on account of too much rain, are you? I am going to say too much dust mulch.

If the past five years of dryness have been the cause of this indebtedness how do you expect a continuation of the same to help them out of the trouble? Last May you ached grunted and groaned about so much rain and had we not had those good rains to make a good underground season you would not have made shucks enough to have fed old Beck twice.

After having the months of June and July dry and hot we find you still aching about some showers in August and had we not had these good rains our cotton middles by now would have been full of leaves with hardly enough cotton per acre to put another shirt on our backs.

Salemite in your thirty-five years' stay in Young county have you ever known a year when it rained so much that you failed to make a crop? Is it not a fact the most seasonable years the better the crop? Take such years as 1900, 1906 and 1908 was your cribs full of old chop sacks or was it corn in the ear? How about your gin account? Was it three or four bales or was it twenty-five or thirty? The price was good

too, was it not? According to your views it takes about four years of drought out of every five to keep the people from having the big head. Strange we are so much worse here than in other parts of the country where they have plenty of rain. You claim these droughts are blessings. Suppose a friend writes me from Iowa stating he intends coming to buy land, asks me of the seasons, I tell him they are fine, that the people have been greatly blessed the past season by a severe drought. The next thing that would cross his mind is that fellow still at large or did he write from the asylum. Never heard such an assertion in your life did you? But you have often heard of a country being blessed with bountiful rains. I suppose you consider the war over in Europe another blessing in disguise, as it has brought the price of cotton down to 6 cents. What the people need just now Salemite is blessings with the disguise left off. The farmers faces are so disguised now you hardly know your neighbor when you meet him. If these droughts and wars are really blessings, certainly this country is in need of four or five great calamities, some of them fifty inches well distributed annual rainfall, so that man would reap twenty-five and with is of wheat, forty bushels, there is corn and a bale of will sell for per acre. Then, the large would have some money to pay off some of these large chop notes and store away its. It seems to me what you really need is a good spray and some medicine to clear up your head, so you could see conditions as they really are, not as they might be, had we fifty inches rainfall. Dago.

LONE OAK

Cotton picking will soon be the order of the day with all of we farmers. Several of the men around here who have early cotton have already procured hands and begun picking. The late cotton will not be open enough to pick for several days yet.

Homer Armstrong took a load of watermelons to Graham Big Monday.

Grandma Boyle is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mary Groves, of Shinola.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Carter and Mesdames Minnie Clifton and Alice Alexander and Miss Leila Murphy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ave Chandler.

Mesdames Fannie and Irene Rutherford were the guests of Mrs. C. C. McBride Saturday afternoon.

Quite a number of the Lone Oakers are attending the Methodist meeting at Loving.

Frank Newman and Miss Emma Walker attended church at Hawkins Chapel Friday night.

Miss Lula Jackson visited Mrs. C. C. McBride Sunday.

Gray-eyed Girl, I kinder believe Pilot is off of her box when she says a person has no desire to sin after they are regenerated. She should read I John 1:8, where it reads thus: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

Misses Louie and Stella McBride spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives in Archer county.

G. C. Boyle and A. J. Lowe made a flying trip to Jean Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Editor, I suppose you'll have to get an assistant for Spinster Maid as she has moved away to attend school.

Emmit Alexander called on Lum McBride Sunday.

Mr. Burton and family of Jacksboro are here, the guests of Messrs. Dossett and Watson. Miss Emma Walker spent several days last week with Mrs. Rady Hawkins.

The workmen have almost completed the new school building. The house is a splendid little structure and we sincerely hope that no ill luck will befall it.

Rayol Conner is spending a few days with home folks at Graham.

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Red Wing your letter of last week was fine. Plow Boy, your letter was dandy, too. You are indeed right when you say some men are 'humbugs.' We meet with them occasionally. It is very strange too, that these few cannot or do not live an honorable life like their fellow men.

Here is your pencil X. Y. Z. suppose you thought I was never going to return it by me being so long about it. Brunette.

GOOSENECK

The editor has asked for a full representation next week so let's all be there.

Mr. Editor said something about making The Reporter a better paper next year. We think it is already as good as can be.

Grandma Parsons is visiting her son, Joe. She was eighty-nine years old the twelfth of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stringer came to sit up with Mrs. McLaren Wednesday night.

Roy Parsons picked cotton for Deacon Brown last week.

Mrs. Jessie Foster and sister, Lelia, of Oklahoma visited at R. L. McLaren's last week.

Wiley Bros. have been baling hay for Jim Hunt.

Evert Reed of Fox Hollow has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Hunt.

Herman Johnson, our overseer, with several hands have been doing some good work on the road this week.

Some say that their cotton is nearly ruined by the worms.

Ben Moseley, with his hay press, has been working for Messrs. Conder and Clark this week.

Some of the boys feed their girls on candy, but Mack says watermelons are better.

Granda Wiley came in from Ft. Worth Saturday night to visit his parents.

Mesdames Price and Kelley spent Saturday with Mrs. Jones at Bunker.

Mack Rose and Miss Nora McLaren attended the protracted meeting at Ming Bend Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullenax of Bunker spent Sunday with Mrs. McLaren.

J. G., R. A. and Frank Parsons went to church at Ming Bend Sunday.

We are glad to report Mrs. Virgie McLaren some better. We hope she will be entirely well soon.

Miss Cora Rose and brother Price, went to Ming Bend to preaching Sunday.

Rainy Day, you looked so pleasing Saturday night you must have been thinking of the big time we are to have at our next reunion.

Mr. Wash Steele of Sorghum Valley stopped and had an old time conversation with Grandma Parsons Saturday afternoon.

Well Mr. Editor for fear of taking up too much space in your good paper I will hand my pencil over to some one else.

I almost forgot to mention that Mrs. G. W. Rose is on the sick list today. Gander.

MING BEND

Hello Mr. Editor and Correspondents, how are you all these hot days?

Aren't we having some hot weather and also some hot winds?

Mrs. Mattie Gibbs near Profit spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Newby.

W. A. Pickard started his thrasher again last Monday afternoon.

Everett Newby is helping W. A. Pickard run his thrasher.

Earl Pickard is at Graham working at the gin. Earl says he likes to stay in town because there are lots of pretty girls.

We still have some anthrax. W. A. Pickard's mules are better. He has lost two cows since I last wrote. W. L. Newby lost a mule Friday. A. W. Roark lost a mare and Walter Fawks has two sick horses.

S. L. Ribble and wife came down to meeting Friday returning home Saturday. They visited Riley Sims and W. R. Owen.

Henry and Miss Ida Owen attended church here some this week.

Mrs. Alma Wylie and Buren Lisle, Miss Edith Nicklas, Mr. Bird Stringer, Miss Georgie Smith, and Miss Ella Pickard took dinner with Andy Owen and wife Sunday.

Riley Sims and family and Miss Reuby Newby all went to Bunker Thursday to the last day of singing.

Mr. Chester left Wednesday for his home in Burkburnett.

Everybody is talking about picking cotton, so Mr. Editor if you want a job just shoulder your sack and come a jumping. A. P. Owen and wife took

dinner with E. Sims Sunday.

Mrs. Oliphant of Goosers attended church here Sunday and took dinner at W. A. Sims.

Miss Cora Rose and brother attended church Sunday and Sunday night.

Joe Parsons attended church Sunday and Sunday night.

Mack Rose and Miss McLaren attended church Sunday and took dinner Mrs. James.

Askar James and wife attended church Sunday and visited his mother, Mrs. S. H. James.

Several of the Henry Chapel people attended church here Sunday night. Come again, we are glad to have you with us.

As I have written long enough will turn my pencil over to some good writer. Rainy Day.

DAKIN

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass spent Saturday with Edgar Craig and mother.

Curtis Findley was in Graham Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Raglan spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Raglan's mother.

A. J. Bryan and family and Hattie Belle attended church in Graham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Allen of Graham took dinner at W. C. Reed's.

J. T. Snodgrass attended church at Oakland Sunday.

Wesley Reed and Charlie Gibson spent Tuesday night with G. W. Robertson of Tonk Valley.

Miss Reta Ragland spent Friday night with her brother, Bennie Ragland.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett and family and A. C. White, Willie Clark, Claud Snodgrass and L. J. Bryan were callers at W. C. Reed's Sunday.

I don't know how many of you Correspondents like the Country Woman. I like her. Why not keep your children at home. The country people can have things just as well as town people.

As it is late I will ring off. Blondie.

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