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## REPORT OF GRAND JURY

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## REVIVAL CAMPAIGN AT M. E. CHURCH

The revival campaign in progress under the leadership of Rev. Mark N. Terrell and evangelistic singer Mr. Harrison is proving a great blessing to the people of Haskell. Large crowds are attending every service and hearing real old-fashioned gospel sermons. So far there have been 65 conversions and 47 additions to the church, with many coming forward for other churches. One of the soul-stirring sights of the meeting was the night that a father, mother and all the children gave their hearts to God.

Mr. Harrison is a wonderful organizer in addition to being a really great singer. He has organized a Junior choir, and Tuesday evening there were 75 children's voices filling the building.

The services will close Sunday night. ALL-DAY SINGING AT MITCHELL, MAY 20th

We are authorized to announce that the West Side Haskell County Convention will meet with Mitchell, four miles west of O'Brien in an Annual All Day Singing the Fourth Sunday in May, the 20th, the singing to begin at 10 a. m.

This annual singing has been meeting at Mitchell more than 12 years and it is well established and well known in this long time of meeting. The Committee has asked that we invite all the people to come that can possibly spare the day. Dinner will be served at noon and Mitchell has always fed the people and they will do so again.

The Convention will meet at O'Brien the fourth Sunday afternoon in July at the Jud people have their annual singing the fourth Sunday in June as has been their custom for many years.

FORMER HASKELL COUNTY GIRL TO ENTER JOURNALISTIC FIELD

Miss Wanda Treat of the Abilene Christian College was in the city Thursday visiting her many friends. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Treat, who now live at Troy, in Bell county. They formerly lived in this county, near Midway. Miss Wanda was our correspondent from the old Whitman community for several years. She was one of the most faithful correspondents we ever had, and the Free Press always carried the Whitman items every week while she was writing.

She is now taking journalism in the college and is making her degree and it is her intention to enter the journalistic field as a profession. She says that writing the weekly letters to the Free Press gave her the inspiration and she is not going to let up until she has reached the top. We appreciate this young lady and we are glad she is going forward and we feel sure of her success.

SAYLES SCHOOL CLOSES WITH A GOOD PROGRAM

The Sayles school closed Friday, and Friday evening a program was given by the pupils and teachers. The program opened with a Tom Thumb wedding and the children, from the oldest to the youngest, did their part beautifully. The little bride was lovely in her bridal veil, the groom looked handsome and happy in his dress suit. The flowers were beautiful and the wedding ceremony was beautifully read by Oliver Johnson. Seldom do we find more dignity in a man of years than this little minister possessed.

Good music, negro specialties, and dialogues completed the program. A large crowd was in attendance and each one present expressed the pleasure they had in witnessing this program.

Sayles school has had a successful term and this wonderful program was a fitting close to the term's work.

ROCHESTER MAN OPTIMISTIC OVER CROP CONDITIONS

A. B. Carthers of Rochester was in the city Monday on business and in a conversation with a Free Press reporter said that he had placed some cattle on pasture down near Moran and that he had just returned from a trip of inspection and the branding of his cattle and he is optimistic in his report regarding the fine condition of the cattle. Mr. Carthers says that he never saw the conditions for the cow-man and farmers better regarding the grass and weather conditions. He is an extensive land-owner in Haskell county and is numbered among the old timers and he has closely observed the past and his statements are worthwhile and can absolutely be depended upon. He is never a calamity howler at any time, neither is he a booster without facts, but is conservative in his life and statements, and when he talks he always says something.

ROCHESTER SELECTS SPONSOR FOR SAN ANGELO MEETING

Miss Andry Lee Cooper was selected as Sponsor for the Chamber of Commerce Meeting at San Angelo to represent Rochester.

SACRED HARP SINGERS WILL MEET AT RED TOP MAY 20th

The Annual Sacred Harp Singing will meet at Red Top, five miles west of Rule the third Sunday in May, the 20th, in an all day session beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. Dinner will be served at noon and all Harp singers from everywhere are especially invited to come. This has been a meeting place for the Sacred Harp singers for many years and large congregations gather every year at this place and enjoy the old songs and the associations of each other. If you do not attend this singing on this great day you will miss something you will always regret.

## Happens About This Time of the Year



### CELEBRATION AT MIDWAY SCHOOL, A GREAT SUCCESS

(Special Correspondent)

The Midway rural school closed Friday May 4th with a picnic, rodeo, baseball games, speaking and a number of carnival attractions. An enormous crowd began gathering early Friday morning and kept coming until noon, when a delicious feast was spread and everyone present was liberally served. The main attraction of the forenoon was an address by Mrs. Ed Robertson, which was pronounced by many who heard it as being the best they had ever heard on the subject she treated.

In the afternoon a closely contested game of baseball was played between Midway and Rochester teams. Midway being the victor by a score of 2 to 6. At the same time a rodeo was being conducted on another part of the ground.

In the evening the High School pupils presented "The Poor Married Man" to a record-breaking audience. Music was furnished before the play and between acts by the Rule Orchestra. Miss Wanda Treat of the Abilene Christian College gave two interesting readings between acts of the play.

The primary and intermediate grades gave a joint program to a large and appreciative audience Saturday. This program would have been presented Thursday night but on account of a rainstorm was delayed until Saturday night.

Midway has had a profitable school year and this celebration was a fitting closing for the term.

### IS JAILED FOR REFUSAL TO TESTIFY

A man by the name of Martin was sent to jail by Judge Chapman Wednesday morning for refusal to testify before the Grand Jury. After he had spent the day alone in a cell in the county bastille his heart was softened and he was ready to talk. After telling the Grand Jury his story late in the afternoon he was released.

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## SEVERAL CASES DISPOSED OF IN DISTRICT COURT DURING PAST WEEK

The following cases have been disposed of in District Court up until Thursday:

C. Matern, charged with the killing of George Pace at O'Brien in May 1922, was given ten years in the penitentiary late Thursday afternoon. The case was called for trial Monday morning and both the state and the defendant announced ready for trial. The jury was sworn by noon, and the testimony finished and the case given to the jury Tuesday afternoon.

The case of The State of Texas vs. Emmett Lynch, charged with burglary was tried Tuesday and the defendant given a two years suspended sentence.

Another case in which Emmett Lynch was charged with theft from a box car in Sangeron last year, was tried Wednesday and defendant was given two years in the state penitentiary by the jury in this case.

The following cases will be called Monday May 14th, and the dates of trial set.

State of Texas vs. Jake Shipman, theft.

State of Texas vs. Dixie Harris, theft.

State of Texas vs. Claud Anderson, theft.

State of Texas vs. John Yancy, selling whiskey.

State of Texas vs. Boss McGregor, selling whiskey.

State of Texas vs. R. M. Washburn, selling whiskey.

State of Texas vs. Raymond Brooks, transporting whiskey.

State of Texas vs. Byron Glascock, transporting whiskey.

State of Texas vs. Carrol Bledsoe, burglary.

State of Texas vs. Earl Turnbow, burglary.

State of Texas vs. Eli Leflar, arson.

State of Texas vs. Raymond Kreger, arson.

State of Texas vs. W. H. Gates, theft.

State of Texas vs. A. C. Taylor, selling whiskey.

State of Texas vs. Mrs. A. C. Taylor, selling whiskey.

Below we give the names of those who are summoned for the petit jury for the fourth week of District Court, which begins Monday May 14th:

W. H. Pearsey, W. D. Norman, J. H. Vernon, Woody Smith, James Aycock, S. A. Hunt, J. E. Fouts, N. I. McCullum, P. H. Campbell, R. H. Davis, R. B. Hooten, Jno. W. Pace, Scott W. Green, W. E. Sherrill, Dave Earnest, T. M. Poteet, J. L. Lluville, H. Brock, W. A. Carlisle, J. M. Ballard, H. D. Bland, Jess Miller, W. E. Wadkins, Fred Monke, J. S. Lee, G. A. Lambert, G. L. Sutton, J. E. Kelson, B. J. Jackson, C. L. Kurfrees, Frank Turner, D. T. Elmore, R. P. Chamberlain, C. M. Walsworth, C. E. Sumner, A. D. Adams, T. W. Tanner, L. R. Overby, E. W. Brown, W. O. Thorne, J. C. McKinney, I. V. Marrs, W. M. Trimmer, B. M. Hicks.

Mrs. M. S. Pierson of Abilene, president of the Haskell National Bank, was visiting her children here last week and looking after business interests.

### BAPTIST MEET AT LEUDERS TO ARRANGE ENCAMPMENT

An enthusiastic meeting was held by the delegates of the West Texas Baptists at Leuders near that city last Friday, May 4th. The purpose of the meeting was to establish an encampment some time this summer for the Baptists of West Texas. Lunch was served at noon by the ladies of that city and surrounding country which was enjoyed by the vast congregation. Rev. J. B. Rowan, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Stamford, presided at the meeting. No place was announced for holding the encampment, but it is thought that it will be at some suitable place on the Clear Fork of the Brazos. This encampment promises to be the largest ever held by the Baptist in the state and elaborate plans are on foot to bring this prediction true. Several from this city attended the meeting at Leuders.

## SIMMONS CHORAL CLUB HERE MAY 18

The Simmons College Choral Club of Abilene will give a recital at the High School Auditorium Friday evening May 18th, at 8:15, under the auspices of the Laymen's Council of the First Baptist Church.

The program will be in charge of Miss Zula Sibley, head of the voice department of the College and promises to be one of the best entertainments that has been given in the city this season.

About thirty people will take part on the program which will include readings, vocal solos, male quartettes, violinists, etc.

The Laymen's Council has gone to considerable expense to bring this entertainment to the city, and the public is invited to attend.

### REV. PENDER PREACHES AT SWEET HOME CHURCH

Rev. R. C. Pender of Abilene, field secretary for the Buckner Orphans Home, preached his third annual sermon last Sunday at 11 o'clock at the Sweet Home Church, which is across the river west of Rule. There were all day services at the church and dinner on the ground at noon. Rev. L. S. Jenkins, who is pastor of the church said of the occasion that "it was a great day with his church."

J. H. Ivey and J. H. Stanford, two of Haskell county's citizens, made a business trip to Aspermont and other points in Stonewall county Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Porter and E. F. Porter were shopping in Haskell Saturday. They live near Routon City and are extensive farmers and land owners of the county.

## SEVERAL RURAL SCHOOLS CLOSE

Mrs. Ed Robertson, County Superintendent of Schools states that the State Aid totalling \$6,840 has been received to date for the schools of the county. Of this sum, \$5,740 goes to the rural schools, the remainder being apportioned to the independent school districts.

A number of the rural schools over the county have closed during the past week. Below we give a list of those known to have closed their terms:

The Hutto school in the northwest part of the county closed last Friday with a record of a splendid school term. Miss E. L. Rimberry and Miss Dunn taught this school and their work is very much appreciated by the patrons and trustees.

Bensley school closed a very successful term of school Friday. B. B. Bensley and son Charles and Mrs. J. M. Mathey were the teachers of this school and their work was well done and the patrons and trustees appreciate the efforts of these good teachers.

The Ward school, which was taught by C. O. Field, one of the best teachers in the county, also closed the term Friday of last week.

Howard closed a successful term of school last Friday. W. M. Davis, Miss Gertrude Friesland and Miss Ethel Russell were the teachers during the past term. The patrons and trustees are well pleased with the progress the school has made.

Tanner Point closed the term Friday. Earl Franklin was teacher of this progressive school during the past term.

The Bonner Hill school closed last Friday with Graduating Exercises Friday night. Miss Mary Chitwell and Norbert Boelcker received Eighth Grade diplomas. Rev. W. A. Arnold made the address and delivered the diplomas to the young couple. W. C. McKenzie and Miss Iva DeBard were the teachers of this excellent school.

Voutress closed Friday with an all day picnic and exercises by the pupils at night. Miss Lola Sutherland made a success in teaching this school and we are told that she is wanted again at the same place.

Myers school closed a very successful term taught by Mrs. Gay Ralls and Miss Ernie Daugherty. The work of these young ladies is very highly commended by the trustees and patrons.

Midway closed a very successful term with a two days picnic Thursday and Friday and a program for each night. This is one of the largest schools in the county and they have made much progress in school work. J. C. Fletcher, Miss Anderson, Miss Chambers and Miss Lois Earnest taught this successful school the past term.

Jud school closed with a record term taught by David Rasher and Claud Smith. Their work is highly appreciated.

Cook Springs, one of the large rural schools of the county closed with programs and school exercises and the entire force of teachers have been offered their places again the school by the unanimous consent of the patrons and trustees. Fred Owens, Miss McLaughlin and Miss McCoy were the teachers.

Lone Star school district northwest of Weinert have voted bonds and expect to build a new brick school building before the next term of school.

Weaver District has also voted bonds and expects to build a new two room frame building before the next school term.

The school district at Corinth have voted bonds and will build a new two-room frame structure in a different location from the present site. This school district is making progress in their improvements and the betterment of their school facilities.

Haskell County as a whole is closing the most successful school terms ever known before, and the applications from teachers for Haskell county schools are greater than at any other time in the history of the county.

### MISS FLOY HAWKINS WILL SPEAK AT WEINERT SUNDAY

Miss Floy Hawkins of Abilene will speak at the Weinert Baptist Church Sunday morning May 13th at 11 o'clock and also at 3:30 in the afternoon. Rev. Blonny Foreman will sing during both the morning and afternoon services. This will be a great day for the Weinert people and a large congregation is expected on the above date.

### WORK STARTS ON 7-ROOM RESIDENCE FOR W. M. REID

W. M. Reid of the Reid's Drug Store has his plans ready and the foundation laid for a seven room residence on Main street in this city, just north of the Magnolia Paving Station and south of the Baptist Parsonage. The building will be a modern seven-room structure. J. M. Maxwell, a Haskell contractor, is doing the carpenter work.