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BUSINESS MEN RESPOND TO THE CALL FOR MEETING.

Discuss The Advisability Day for Afternoon Holiday Each Week During Months July and August.

Some eighteen or twenty of Marfa's representative business men responded to the call for a meeting Thursday evening and intelligently discussed the advisability of having a half holiday one afternoon of each week during the months of July and August. It seemed that the only hitch in the meeting was that it could not be definitely decided just what afternoon, (Wednesday or Thursday) could best be given up; but a small majority were in favor of Wednesday. It was finally decided however, to circulate a petition and have the signers designate the day and the length of time covered for the afternoon.

It is thought that Wednesday afternoon from 1 or 2 o'clock until 7 or 8, will be decided upon, as this seems the most logical day, owing to the fact that the railroad company will accept freight for shipment on Mondays and Thursdays could not well be given up.

Quite a bit of merriment was indulged in by different ones present and the time passed quickly.

In inaugurating this half holiday, it is the purpose of those at the head of the movement to furnish some sort of amusement, preferably baseball, to entertain the people on this particular afternoon, and Mr. H. W. Reynolds, manager of the recently organized baseball team, is to be commended for his untiring efforts in behalf of the half holiday movement. Mr. Reynolds, in company with Rev. D. Macune, Judge Miller, and several others, have worked the town thoroughly, talked with all business men and secured an almost unanimous cooperation in the movement. Mr. Reynolds has labored continually for several weeks past with his material for a ball team and has about got it in good working trim, and is anxious to show the public what good ball playing looks like.

In speaking of the ball games that are to be played during the summer by the local team, Judge Miller suggested that the opening day be properly observed by a preliminary three-inning game between the "Fats and the Leans," and immediately issued a challenge to the "Leans." He selected his men as the line-up will be something like this: Rev. P. F. King, catcher; L. D. Lester, shortstop; W. W. Lewis 1st base; Rev. D. McCune, pitcher; M. D. Bounds, 2nd base; K. C. Miller, 3rd base; A. G. Beard, left field; Capt. Jerry Gray, center field; W. B. Pearce, right field; R. H. Allen, Rev. J. J. Maurer, L. C. Brite, R. R. Smith, John Griffith, J. Humphreys and W. R. Ake, utility men.

Frank L. Anderson was selected as the captain of the "Leans" and he made his selection of men for a team as follows: Buck Casner, catcher; Frank Anderson, pitcher; Henry Reynolds, 1st base; R. E. Petross, ss; Bert Humphreys, 2nd base; Ernest Mabry, 2nd base; Frank Jourdan, left field; Ernest Williams, center field; R. N. S. 1st right field; C. C. Caruthers, J. E. Scott, et al, utility men; M. Wilkinson, Umpire. Anderson reserves the right to add as many "pig tails" to his team as will be necessary to keep the ball in play without entailing loss of time.

It is hoped that there will be no friction encountered in the inauguration of this half holiday and that the petition committee will report favorably on its efforts to secure unanimous action and harmonious feeling.

With a splendid ball team and a half holiday each week, the people of Marfa will be able to enjoy a good ball game, go fishing, or indulge in any other recreation which best suits their fancy.

This movement is one of merit and should be strongly supported by all business men and loyal citizens and when possible the ball games should be well attended to give the proper encouragement to the players.

Several memorial gifts are about to be presented to Saint Paul's Episcopal Church here. One is a magnificent pulpit. These gifts will be dedicated on All Saints' Day in November after Dr. McClellan's return from the East.

Much Interest Being Manifested.

The Prayer Meetings held at the Christian Church each Wednesday night are growing more interesting with each successive meeting, as was manifested the past Wednesday night, there being some thirty or more in attendance.

Wednesday night, the 11th, the service consisted of song service, devotional service and eleven three-minute talks on the three important characteristics of eleven Biblical characters. Last Wednesday night the service consisted of song service, devotional service, and each one present was to select and read a promise from the Bible and tell what it meant to them and others. Next Wednesday the service will be the study of the Psalms; each one is requested to find a Psalm he or she likes best, study it and then tell something that was learned therefrom.

These meetings are intensely interesting when once attended, and the soldiers are especially invited, with the assurance of a hearty welcome.

Change in Postal Rates July 1st

From July 1 to July 31, 1919, all 2c postal cards and 3c stamped envelopes, held by the original purchaser, will be redeemed at the local Post Office. Redemptions will not be made in cash, but stamps of other stamped paper will be given in exchange.

Robert Greenwood, Postmaster

Test Well For Presidio County.

Mr. Wilbur Hawkins of San Mateo, California, president of the International Petroleum Co., and Mr. Thos. Curtan, Geologist, also of California, and Mr. A. A. Ash and Mr. Sinclair of San Antonio, were Marfa visitors this week. They have been looking over their lease holding in Presidio County south of Marfa with a view of putting down a test well, and Mr. Curtan, the geologist, is highly pleased with what he found, and doesn't hesitate to say that he believes that oil will be found in paying quantities in Presidio County, and they promise to let us hear from them in the near future.

Epworth League Program.

Sunday, June 22, 1919.
School and College Days, "The Christian Athlete and his Training."
Hymn—"Stand up, Stand Up For Jesus," Page 126.

Psalms 26, read responsively, standing; followed by Lord's Prayer by Leader.

Hymn—"The Son of God Goes Forth to War."
Announcements.

Address—The Demand For Christian Leadership, by the Leader.

College Song—Mrs. C. R. Sutton.

Address—Why Should a Girl go to College, by Katherine Mitchell.

Address—Why Should a Boy go to College, by Charlie Thomas.

Solo—Howard Derick.

Address—Where go to College, by Luci Belle Snyder.

League Benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mellard and Mrs. Garland Mellard came down from Hope, New Mexico, with their father and mother to visit friends and relatives here this week. J. W. Mellard has just returned from France, and says he experienced quite a good deal of real fighting and had some real war experiences and was over the most of the main battlefields, but got home without any injury; but says this country looks good to him and very glad to get back.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Lieutenant McKenzie P. Moore, Layreader.

First Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion at 8 A. M.

Morning Prayer and sermon by Rector at 11 A. M.

Subject of sermon: "BY BABYLON'S WATERS"

Special Music.

All are invited to attend.

Funeral of Soldier Drowned in Rio Grande.

Last Saturday afternoon at one o'clock the funeral of Private Gunter Erich Esser of New York City took place at the Marfa Cemetery. Dr. McClellan of the Episcopal Church officiated. Young Esser was 22 years old and was lately drowned at Lajitas. His mother up to the time of the funeral did not know of her son's death. On all sides Private Esser was beloved by his comrades and his loss is a severe one to the Camp. The Band played at the funeral "Nearer, my God, to Thee," "Abide with me" and "Lord, dismiss us with Thy Blessing." Dr. McClellan read the plain but beautiful and impressive ritual of the Episcopal Burial Service and closed with the Hymn, "Go forward, Christian Soldier."

Fifth Week of Ford-Tribune Libel Case Devoted to Testimony of Texans Who Witnessed Mexican Border Raids.

The entire fifth week of the Ford-Tribune \$1,000,000 libel case was occupied by the defendant's witnesses from Texas who testified to the conditions which prevailed on the border during the Mexican revolutions which preceded America's entrance in the world war.

This line of testimony is admitted under a general objection by Ford counsel, who claim that the Mexican situation has never had a thing to do with the alleged libel. They insist that the Tribune base its attack on Mr. Ford on the charge that he would not hold places open for their dependents. Both of these allegations, they have sought to prove by introducing soldiers who were re-employed after returning from the border, and wives who received regular weekly allowances from the Ford Motor Co., were absolutely untrue.

The court has admitted the testimony, however, although without signifying that he will instruct the jury it is material to the case.

Meanwhile the courtroom is being entertained by a series of tales of border raids which rival anything in fiction. One of the most stirring stories told was that of Mrs. Nellie T. Austin, Sebastia, Texas.

Mrs. Austin told of a morning when mounted raiders swept up to the door of her home, entered it and demanded rifles and ammunition and then, taking her husband and son outside, shot them in their own dooryard.

Court, jurors and spectators at the trial leaned forward as Mrs. Austin in simple language told of awaking from her swoon and of rushing out to the bodies of her dead.

A second witness who held the attention of the little courtroom for a day was Marcus W. Hines, an officer of the U. S. Customs Service at Santa Maria, Texas. Hines, who is a deputy sheriff, deputy marshal and Texas ranger, has participated in several battles with marauding Mexicans. He testified, on cross-examination, that much of the trouble on the border was bred at public

Will Push Federal Building For Marfa.

A letter from Congressman Hudspeth states that he is doing his best for us on the Federal Building and is well pleased with the prospects, and requests his friends here to command him freely at any time he can serve them.

With Congressmen Hudspeth, Thos. L. Blanton, Carlos Bee, and John N. Garner in Congress from Southwest Texas, four of the old-timers, we need not worry that the interests of Southwest Texas will not be taken care of; in fact, we are indeed fortunate to have these four men on guard, especially when border conditions are in such a fix as they are now. These old "Brush Breakers" will stand guard until they are all counted when West Texas interests are at stake.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We wish to announce that there has been a barbecue pit installed at the Dairy Lunch Stand, and you may stop in and get good barbecued meat at any time.

meetings where armed intervention in Mexico was advocated.

Norman Walker, Associated Press Correspondent and chief of their bureau at El Paso, took the stand during the week and told a thrilling story of his capture by Mexican Federal forces. He described conditions along the border in much detail and said responsibility for the Columbus raid had been attributed to the burning of the El Paso jail in which Mexicans were held prisoners. He stated, on cross-examination, that he had heard representatives of American interests, with large holdings in Mexico, insist that intervention was the only way to settle the trouble.

The Mexican testimony is affording both the plaintiff and the defendant an opportunity to endeavor to establish claims which they have made. The Tribune is introducing these witnesses to prove that there was necessity for intervention in Mexico and that in opposing such a course Mr. Ford became an enemy of his country. The plaintiff, on cross-examination, is endeavoring to show that the trouble on the border was the result of propaganda on the part of American interests which wanted the United States to go in to Mexico to protect their holdings there. Counsel for Mr. Ford has charged that the Chicago Tribune was actuated in its stand on the Mexican situation by the fact that some of its stockholders are interested financially in the Standard Oil Company and the International Harvester Company, both of which have large holdings in the republic to the south.

Indications are that the case may continue for several weeks. Counsel for The Tribune state that they have by no means closed their defense and counsel for the plaintiff expect to consume two or more weeks in rebuttal.

The Tribune will call Mr. Ford and his son, Edsel Ford, to the stand some time during the presentation of their defense.

Ladies' Aid Entertained.

The Ladies' Aid of the Christian Church met with and was entertained by Mrs. P. F. King Wednesday afternoon, June 18th.

The Meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. T. Hamie. The hymn "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" was sung by the members of the society. The Scripture lesson, 2 Thes. 3rd Chap., was read by the president, which was followed by a circle of prayer by the members. After the regular routine business was dispensed with the meeting was closed with a prayer by Brother King.

Then followed the social hour which was made very interesting and entertaining by an original contest, the authors of which were the host and hostess. The contest consisted of fifteen conundrums, the answers to them being the names of some of the members of the society. Quite a lot of merriment was created by the answer to No. 3, "Murdering an Irishman." (Kilpatrick.) No. 4, "A disagreeable heir." (Crosson.) made some of us think long and hard. No. 7, "The ocean and the top of a wave," (Secret), was not so hard, as the name and the lady are always present at the meetings.

Delicious refreshments consisting of brick ice cream and cake were served.

The Birthday Offering amounted to \$8.22.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. W. R. Pearce.

The State Health Department by Dr. C. W. Goddard, State Health Officer.

(Continued from last week.)
In the Bureau of the Public Health Education we need an editorial staff composed of some of our best Doctors and Educators.

In the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering we need several field engineers to visit each town in Texas and also to assist in the handling of stream pollution and other sanitary problems.

In the Bureau of Vital Statistics we are now rearranging the method of compiling same so we can get daily, weekly or monthly reports of births, deaths and communicable diseases from every town and county. This is supplying the data which was so much needed in each of the Bureaus.

We are strongly advocating the employment of full time County Health Officers in every County with a population of 30,000 or more and by several of the smaller counties cooperating and employing a full time Health Officer to represent them. Also the employment of a full time Health Officer by all towns and cities of a population of 30,000 or more.

We need the complete cooperation of all County and Municipal Health Officers and desire to say that we are from the rank and file of the County Doctors and in a position to fully reciprocate. It is our purpose to render you all the assistance possible in the administration of public health, and the door of the State Health Department stands ajar for you. We trust you will not hesitate to call on us.

We are also in favor of public health nurses being employed by the more populous counties and cities that can afford same. We think that the nurse should be under the direction of the full-time Health Officer. This will insure complete cooperation of their work and will again be economy in service and avoid duplication of effort.

In order that we may have especially trained forces we need established in the Medical Department of the University of Texas a chair for

FIVE ARMY PLANES LAND AT MARFA CAMP TUESDAY.

On Way to Fort Bliss in Anticipation of Further Trouble on The Border.

Tuesday about 12:30 p. m. five large aeroplanes were sighted in the distance, coming from the East. Immediately shouts were heard in every section of the camp to "come and see the Big Birds." In a few moments the whole camp was hurrying to the parade grounds where it was evident that the planes would most likely descend.

The aeroplanes circled around over the camp and city of Marfa for about thirty minutes before they showed signs of landing.

Finally one large plane which seemed to be the leader, slowly and gently pointed its nose towards earth and alighted gracefully, like a huge bird, upon the parade grounds, which lay just east of Camp Marfa, amid the cheers of hundreds of soldiers and civilians who had gathered to see the Big Birds light. Some of them possibly never had seen an aeroplane so near before. This being the case, much interest was evident among the crowds that had gathered.

After the first plane had landed the others one by one, came to the earth and with the exceptions of two of the planes tangling up in the wire fences which surround the parade grounds, landed as gracefully as the first one.

Major Edgar Tobin, and American ace, was in command of the squadron and proved to be the first man to land at Camp Marfa.

As soon as the planes had been placed in position, curious spectators gathered around them, touching and looking them over with almost as much awe as a school child views its Christmas toys.

The machines proved to be large bombing planes. A machine gun was in place just behind the Pilot. They were coated with a brown paint with the red, white and blue stripes on the tail pieces to show that they were American planes. On the body of each machine was painted its number.

While resting at Camp Marfa, the planes took on a fresh supply of gasoline and other necessities. Repairs were also made where necessary.

During the two hours or so that the air men visited with the officers here, the larger portion of the crowd that had gathered to watch the planes alight, continued to stay around in view of the machines and waited patiently to see the departure of the visitors.

Finally when all was ready, one big plane pulled itself to the upper end of the parade grounds where it was turned around and came back in the opposite direction and when directly in front of the spectators, the big machine arose gracefully and swiftly like a huge bird and circled once more above the camp and city.

One by one the other planes followed their leader and soon the five big machines were humming in large circles high up in the clouds, like a flock of gulls rising and circling from a field of newly plowed land.

As the last plane arose from the parade grounds one of the airmen waved a farewell to the watching crowds below him, then he joined his comrades in the air. Suddenly and seemingly without warning or signal, one of the planes turned its nose towards the west and with the grace and ease of an eagle flew straight towards El Paso and was soon lost among the clouds. The other planes sailed playfully over the camp and city for a few moments and then turned their noses towards the west and were soon lost in the clouds where the leader had gone before them.

the training of doctors and nurses in public health work.

The greatest war the world has ever known, from which we are just now emerging, has brought to the attention of not only the Medical Profession, but to the entire citizenship of this country the necessity for the betterment of health conditions. Our gallant and noble soldiers to whom the world owes a debt of gratitude are now returning and they, having learned more about health measures will tell you that this country and especially Texas must wake up to a realization (Continued on Page 2.)

SPECIALS FOR MONDAY

JUNE 23rd.

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Law Governs Women's Vote.

In those states where women vote they come under the same laws as the men. That is to say, if there is an educational qualification, as there is in many states, a woman must be able to pass the test required in order to receive a ballot. If there is a property qualification as there is in Rhode Island, she must be able to show her tax receipt. Where registration is required of men, women must register in like manner. In this respect each state is a law unto itself, many of them having very lax systems of registration in the country districts with stringent provisions for voters living in the cities.

The only Federal law which has affected the vote of women is the act passed in March 1907, which disfranchises American women married to foreigners since that time. The American-born woman must wait until her husband completes his citizenship, in the states where full citizenship is required, before she can vote.

A very cursory study of the election laws of the United States shows the widest possible differences between them. In a few states all bars are down, and the foreigner arriving at Ellis Island in May can vote the following November. This is true in Alabama, but a number of states where it has been the case have changed their laws in this respect since the entry of the United States into the great war.

When women are enfranchised they expect to abide by existing law regulating elections. Massachusetts was one of the first states to adopt an educational qualification, which really amounts to very little. Florida, when it adopted the pure Australian ballot did much more to disfranchise illiterates, and Colorado, which has a law that requires the voter to indicate his preference by setting a mark opposite the name of each person voted for, has gone even further in the same direction by prohibiting any aid to voters, save for total physical disability, such as blindness or the loss of a hand, which would make it impossible for the voter to mark his ballot.

When the Nineteenth Amendment enfranchising women, becomes the law, women will still be liable to the restrictions set by the states. This is the case in 29 states where they have full or partial suffrage, and it will be so with the others.

Dr. McClellan has been in Fort Davis spending the week and resting with his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Graham Raht, at their new home "Hill House" in Fort Davis. Dr. McClellan is recuperating after a week's illness. Mr. Raht is about to bring out his new book, "The Romance of the Davis Mountains and the Big Bend."

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that a strong nation is largely dependent upon a physically and mentally good citizenship. Therefore we trust that the good people of Texas will respond to the emergency and ask that the State Health Department be furnished with sufficient funds to carry on the work.

The War Department was confronted with such emergencies as to necessitate the enforcement of military regulations in matters of public health, and we must admit that such regulations were a great improvement over the civil system of health regulations which existed prior to the war. Now, inasmuch as the War Department is withdrawing its forces governing health matters in Texas it devolves upon the civil authorities to take over the splendid system established by the War Department and maintain same. The State Board of Health being by statute the administrator of all matters pertaining to public health necessarily will be expected to keep before our citizenship the lesson learned during this war. Through the police power the State Health Department is not only given authority, but it is made a mandatory duty that it should protect the entire State when the public health is in danger.

Local Public Health matters as a rule are usually administered in Texas by local authorities, but these local authorities have not the opportunity of obtaining the scope and coordinated effort necessary to carry out a state wide Public Health organized coordinated effort.

When you have tire trouble, remember we can fix 'em quick. Casner Motor Co., at Highsmith's old stand.

It has been called to the attention of the writer on two or three different occasions, of the number of loafing Mexicans to be seen at and around the depot every day. They are to be found there day after day, and practically the same Mexicans. When asked if they want to work they act very indifferently and finally ask "What do you pay?" And when told, no matter what the amount, the answer almost invariably is "No." Now we have a State Vagrancy law, which, as we understand it, does not require a complaint to be filed by some citizen before an arrest can be made. It would certainly be a great sight to see a good long "chain gang" working the streets of Marfa, filling up the "chug holes" and otherwise making them at least as good as the country roads.

Mrs. J. C. Lindsay, who recently purchased the Palace Cold Drink business, wishes to announce that she is now prepared to deliver promptly the El Paso Herald, the agency for which she has secured, she will also make delivery of other articles within the city limits when purchased from her.

NOTICE!!!

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Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Metcalfe, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Anderson and John McDonald have returned from the State Christian Endeavor Convention at San Antonio, and all report a splendid meeting with much enthusiasm. The Convention next year will be held in Dallas.

After spending ten days with A. M. Avant and family in this city, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson left for Pasadena, California, Sunday night, where they will remain for some time in the interest of Mr. Johnson's health. He improved greatly while in Marfa and was delighted with our climate and country.

To Scatter My Chances, will trade oil lease in Ector Co. for lease in Presidio Co. Deep test going down in Ector. Only care to trade section or less.—J. M. Jemison, Midland, Texas.

Oil In Peeps Valley.

The man that takes a chance is the one that wins in the long run; I have a few acres left between the Troxwell and Sunshine wells that I am selling at \$10.00 per acre, deed, abstract and mineral rights; drilling all around it; some are sure to hit; shallow oil at 80 to 100 feet; write today. References, First National Bank.

O. J. GREEN, Pecos, Texas.

Baptist Church Services.

Sunday school at 9:45 A. M.
Preaching at 10:45 A. M. and 8:15 P. M.
B. Y. P. U. Wednesday at 8:15 P. M.

C. N. Maurer, Pres.
J. J. Maurer, Pastor.

Beautiful cut flowers, full assortment, for sale every Wednesday and Sunday at the Cozy Corner News Stand, in the postoffice building.

LOST One Cross—Reference Bible out of Car No 114041, while standing in front of Marfa Opera House last Sunday night. If returned to Christian Church no questions will be asked.

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And all ye need to know."

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There are many people in this vicinity who have not perfect sight—some know it and some don't. If you are one of those that realize that your sight is not perfect you owe it to yourself to come in and have your eyes tested. Testing is free, whether you need glasses or not.

I have only the best glasses and all of my work is guaranteed.

Dr. J. C. Midkiff
All Work Guaranteed
MARFA, TEXAS

Locals and Personals

Jim Harper of Presidio was a Marfa visitor this week.

H. W. Grierson of Fort Davis was a Marfa visitor Thursday.

Miss Emma Hamilton of Alpine is visiting the city this week.

P. F. Waggoner was up on business from Shafter Tuesday.

S. T. Wood of the Chinata ranch was a Marfa visitor last Tuesday.

Grover Sutherland was in Marfa Tuesday from Pinto Canyon ranch.

The Marfa History Club will meet with Mrs. Jack Miles, Tuesday, June 24th.

Ernest Williams was a visitor to El Paso this week returning Saturday night.

J. Anson Coughran returned Wednesday night from a business visit to El Paso.

N. L. Casner, of the Casner Motor Co., went to El Paso Monday night on business.

George W. Gleim of Fort Davis was in Marfa on business Tuesday of this week.

Little Jessie Eunice McClellan, who was burned so severely, is reported as improving.

A. M. Avant left Tuesday morning for Snyder, Fort Worth and Dallas, on business.

Mrs. E. L. Wade and her son of Alpine are the guests of Mrs. J. C. Lindsay this week.

W. J. Yates returned Wednesday from a business trip to the Southern part of Brewster County.

William Perry of Houston, formerly of this city, is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

A. J. G. Kerstens, the Kansas City Geologist, has been looking over lands around Marfa this week.

Mrs. Ida Jourdan returned Monday from the Hot Springs in Presidio County, much improved.

Ranger Jeff Vaughan was here this week from Lobo, Texas, where he has been stationed some months.

D. E. Lindsey will be in Marfa with a car of watermelons on or about the 28th of June. Look out for him.

Rev. Irving of Fort Davis was in the city Thursday, presumably to attend the lecture by Rev. Arthur F. Bishop.

Mrs. J. W. Macune and family arrived in Marfa last week on her way to join her husband Dr. J. W. Macune at Presidio.

Mrs. Jack Knight returned this week from a very pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. Hub Guyon, at Deming, New Mexico.

Mirby Aiken and Will Maurer left Monday night for Chicago, where they will take situations with the S. Government.

Mrs. Harry Hubbard returned Thursday from a very pleasant three weeks' visit with relatives and friends in San Antonio.

Hon. W. Vansickle of Alpine is here this week representing the railroad company in cases coming before the County Court.

County Attorney J. C. Fuller left Friday of this week for a three weeks' business visit to his old home in San Augustine, Texas.

W. A. Wells paid this office a pleasant visit Monday and says he and Mrs. Wells will leave in a few days for California to spend several months.

Rev. C. W. McCune left Marfa Tuesday, returning to his home in Hillsboro, Texas, after a visit to his son Rev. D. McCune and family.

Chaplain John McWilliams will preach at both services in the Methodist Church Sunday.

Murphy-Walker Co. wish to announce that the store will be closed all day July 4th. They ask that orders be placed as early as possible on Thursday, July 3rd.

Tom Cline returned Tuesday after having spent twenty months in the army, and most of this time in overseas duty. All of his friends are glad to see him back again.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Johnson and Helen Tix and Beverly Sims left for Snyder, Texas, on No. 9 Saturday after spending a few days visiting with their aunt, Mrs. A. M. Avant.

Methodist Church Services.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.; Morning Services, 11:00 a. m.; Senior League 7:30 p. m.; Evening Service, 8:30 p. m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday 8:30 p. m.

Miss Hester Britte, who has been attending the Christian College at Columbia, Mo., arrived home the first of the week, accompanied by her college friend, Miss Marcell Lively, of Durant, Oklahoma.

Mrs. E. B. Quick and daughters Misses Love, Pauline and Minnie came in the first of the week from California. They expect to make Marfa their home. We are glad to welcome these good people back to Marfa.

WANTED—To rent by 24th or the 1st of July, furnished house or housekeeping rooms. Address Mrs. Fred Stott, Limpia Hotel, Fort Davis, Texas.

Rev. D. McCune will preach in the Methodist Church in Alpine Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Walker who is attending the great Centenary celebration in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Quick, former residents of Marfa, but recently of California, are soon to return to Marfa to make their future home. Mr. E. T. McDonald will likely return with them.

On account of the illness of County Judge Miller, the Board of Equalization did not meet on June 9th as was scheduled and the meeting was postponed until July the 14th. Notices to this effect have been mailed to all property owners.

Rev. Baxter Golightly, Sr., died at his home in Bay City, Texas, June 10th, after an illness of six weeks.

Rev. Golightly was at one time pastor of the Christian Church of this city and the many friends here are sorry to learn of his death.

It is reported that J. W. Cooper, former manager of the local telephone exchange, is soon to return from Brownwood and again take charge of the Telephone as manager. The New Era joins his many friends in welcoming his return.

Announcement is made that Dr. McClellan will probably preach in California on his way back from New York City in October. He will visit Yosemite Valley, the Grand Canyons and the Yellowstone Park during his trip West.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Mellard, who formerly lived in Marfa, but now live in Hope, New Mexico, are visiting with their son, Courtney Mellard, and also with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Avant this week. Their many friends here are glad to see them back.

J. C. Bean informs the New Era that he has secured a contract for a part of the Government improvements at the Marfa Camp. The contract amounts to \$35,000, and we are glad to note that our local contractors are getting a part of this work.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Petross and little daughter, who left here about six weeks ago for Springdale, Ark., returned home Thursday morning, having come via the Grand Canyon and El Paso. Mr. Petross reports a splendid trip and says he is "feeling fit" but dreads to get down to the daily grind again after so pleasant a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Fennell and daughters, Elizabeth and Francis, returned Thursday night in their car from an extended trip of five weeks spent in various parts of the state. They visited Del Rio from here, and then to Galveston where Mr. Fennell attended the State Bankers' Convention; from Galveston they visited in Houston, Gonzales, San Antonio, Eagle Pass, and again at Del Rio, leaving there Wednesday and arriving home Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Fennell both report a very pleasant trip but are glad to be at home again.

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Save your dollars by Trading at the Big Store.

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Army John B. Stetson Hats	\$7.50
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Army Dress Shoes	@ \$6.75 to \$10.00
Khaki Shirts	@ \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.25
B. V. D. Union Suits	@ \$1.35
B. V. D. Shirt and Drawers	each @ \$7.50

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THE MASTER PLAN

FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREAT SOUTHWEST

BY CAPTAIN G WILBUR HAWKINS,

Petroleum Engineer And Geologist.

Time was—only a little while ago—when the great, big, broad land—the land of the Crescent, holding within its embrace the Gulf of Mexico—extending from the lowlands of Louisiana to the Rio Grande, and bounded on the North and Northwest by undulating hills—was the Land of Cacti, of salt marshes and sand dunes—the land of the Armadillo—the wilderness—the home of the bawl of the Maverick and the howl of the Coyote—the far-flung little known and little developed, Great Southwest—the land of

dreams and the land of manana...But, in these latter days—in this semi-tropical, sun-kissed, flower bedecked wilderness of the Crescent, the soul of the soil whispered, "I am athirst, give me to drink of subterranean streams and lakes, and I will manifest myself in bud and leaf and blossom and fruit—which men may transmute into gold."

Man heard the voice, obeyed, and now—or soon—this semi-tropical land of the Crescent—of the far-flung Great Southwest—

will be a veritable garden, richer by far than the ancient gardens of the Mesopotamia and the Valley of the Nile.

But, now attend and listen—he that hath ears to hear let him hear. Through the epochs of Geological Time, and in accordance with the laws of Evolution—the conservation of energy—that old miser the sun—beneath this land of the Crescent, stored unmined millions of solid and liquid wealth. Coal and oil! Each atom of coal and each drop of oil, a sunbeam, good on the Exchange of supply and demand for gold.

Ten Deep Wells to Tap Southwest's Deep Pool— Ten Deep Wells to Develop the Great Southwest

Ten Deep Wells to Put San Antonio—The Gateway City—the Metropolis of the Great Southwest—the far-flung Southwest—on the Map. Ten Deep Wells on the Geographical Center line from

BURK-BURNETT TO TAMPICO. Ten Deep Wells—for investments and the thrills of expectation.

The International Petroleum Company, 234 Bedell Building, San

Antonio, Texas, proposes to drill a deep test well of not less than Three Thousand, Five Hundred Feet deep on the following described property and in the following named Counties:

Presidio County—Two Hundred and Fifty acres situated about ten miles above the town of Presidio on the Cook land and about one mile from the banks of the Rio Grande. The reader is requested to refer to the geological map of the State of Texas for information relative to the many geological formations of Presidio County. This property is within the bounds of one of the geological formations—with a number of geological indications that would justify the sinking of a well and should develop oil in paying quantities.

La Salle and Dimmit Counties—One Hundred and Sixty acres occupying a dome situated in La Salle and Dimmit Counties—The Company will, also, in the near future consummate a lease on One Hundred and Sixty acres more within one mile of the present holdings. Geological indications point to the possibility of bringing in a well of some production on this property.

Hidalgo County—The Company has decided to it Twenty-two acres about two and one-half miles south of the town of McAllen—This property is in the Gulf Coastal Plain and geological investigation warrants sinking a deep test well.

Cameron County—Two Hundred and Fifty acres is held under lease by the Company—situated about six miles east of the town

of San Benito and about one mile from the railroad. If oil can be developed in Cameron County it should be developed on this property—it lies within the Gulf Coastal Plain.

Kleberg County—Two Hundred and Eight acres of land held under lease by the Company and situated about five miles east of the town of Ricardo—within the Gulf Coastal Plain and there are many geological reasons to believe that if oil can be developed in Kleberg County it will be developed on this land.

Nueces County—Forty acres situated about six miles west of the town of Corpus Christi—on a straight line west of the great gas well at White Point. It appears that it is almost geologically certain that either oil or gas will be developed in paying quantities on this land.

San Patricio County—Two tracts of land of Ninety-nine, and One Hundred and twelve acres, respectively—situated on White Point near the great White Point gas well which came in some years ago with a production estimated from thirty million to fifty million cubic feet of gas per day. It appears geologically impossible not to bring in a well on each tract, producing in paying quantities either oil or gas.

Uvalde County—Seven Hundred acres of land held under lease by the company about two and one-half miles southeast of the town of Sabin. The surface indications and other geological investigations justify the Company in sinking a deep test well upon this property. It is geologically almost absolutely certain that a well of some production should be developed upon this property.

Hardin County—A lot of two acres of proven property situated in the Jackson League—Sour Lake district—where, if proven property counts for aught, the company feels justified in announcing that a well of large production should be developed. It is the intention to drill two wells on this property.

Twenty Acres in the Batson-Saratoga District. It is the intention if oil is developed—to drill ten wells upon this property—This is proven property—This is the land that was investigated by Major Otley, a geologist, on whose advice the Sour Lake-Batson-Saratoga fields were developed. Major Otley advised our lessor, Mr. S. M. Robertson, to purchase this tract of land in preference to any other land in the Sour Lake-Batson-Saratoga districts. It appears geologically impossible for the Company not to develop one or more wells of large production on this property.

Ten Deep Wells for Investment and the Sanest Certainty of One Big Producer

Get a Map of Oklahoma—Get a Map of Texas—Get a Map of Mexico—Gets Books on Geology—Get Geological Maps—Consult

Geologists—interview oil men—old-timers—Everybody—Go and see the Gas Wells—God's index to Hidden Pools of oil—and you will

see that as straight as the crow flies that the Geological center line—oil line—gas line—is from Burk-Burnett through San Antonio, San Benito, Tampico.

NOT IN THE LEASE BUSINESS

The Company is not in the lease business—it will readily appear to the readers of this announcement that the Company's holdings—from an acreage standpoint—is small—there is a reason why—the Company is not in the lease speculative business—the Company's business was to investigate from a geological standpoint—thousands of acres of land in most of the Counties of the Southwest—and to only select those particular spots where in the Company's opinion there were more geological reasons why oil should be developed at that particular spot, than any other—The Company has refused thousands upon thousands of acres of land in different Counties because it would be of no value unless the Company were to go into the lease business—which it refuses to do—Of course the door is left wide open for lease speculators to acquire leases on thousands of acres of land around the Company's holdings and speculate on the same during the course of the drill-

ing of the Company's wells—This is the lease man's business and not the Company's—We hope he makes a million dollars—We do not want one cent of it—The Company's business is to develop oil if it can be developed.

TEN DEEP WELLS TO TAP SOUTHWEST'S DEEP POOL

There is no use telling of the millions made in oil—You know about that—No use telling you how and why certain people made a small fortune by investing a few hundred dollars in an oil Company when the shares were first put on the market—You know all about that.

TEN DEEP WELLS TO TAP SOUTHWEST'S DEEP POOL

There is no use telling you that one well producing 1000 barrels is estimated to be worth a million dollars—you know that—No use telling you that by being able to control, confine and handle Gas that there is a process by which Gasoline is manufactured from the Gas—No use telling you that by developing, controlling

and confining the Great Gas Reservoirs from San Antonio to San Benito that factories will spring up over night—Cotton Product Factories—Cotton Factories in the Great Southwest—Where we have the Cotton, the Water, the Gas, the Oil, the White, Mexican and Negro labor—No use telling you when those factories are in operation that we shall any longer send our Cotton to New England and Old England and Germany to be manufactured for us.

TEN DEEP WELLS TO TAP SOUTHWEST'S DEEP POOL

Look at the Map—Figure this thing out for yourself—Ten Deep Wells 3,500 feet deep—What do you think of it as a speculation—What do you think of it as an investment—You can buy one or more shares at One Dollar per share—Each share is equal—Each dollar is equal—Each share has the same say—Each dollar has the same say—Each share has the same earning power—Each dollar has the same earning power—Each share is issued fully paid and non-assessable.

WHO'S WHO

The men who launched this Company—who will devote their time night and day to the end that it be a success, are:

President—CAPTAIN G. WILBUR HAWKINS, who was born December 13th, 1879 at Acadia, Lee County, Virginia—Philippine veteran—Married—One Child—Residence San Mateo resident section of San Francisco, California—In business in Virginia, California and Philippine Islands—Profession, Construction and Petroleum engineer and geologist—During late war, captain United States Army in charge of construction.

Vice President—WILLIAM M. CECIL, who was born May 3rd, 1870 at Tazewell, Virginia—Resident of State of Texas for ten years—Married—In business in the States of Virginia and Texas—Retired merchant and land-owner.

Secretary and Treasurer—ROBERT CECIL HOGGINS, who was born July 15th, 1872 at Pyles Prairie, Kaufman County, Texas—Unmarried—In business in Tennessee, Illinois and California—Profession, Petroleum engineer and geologist.

LEST YOU FORGET

A One Class Company—A High Class Company—One Class Shares—One Class Dollars—One Class Folks—High Class Folks—Join us and help us drill.

General Field Manager—THOMAS CURTIN, who was born in the State of Pennsylvania about thirty-five years ago—Married—Four children—Residence Sawtelle, California—Profession, Petroleum engineer, geologist and expert oil driller—Learned the

business in Pennsylvania—in charge of drilling at Burmah, India—Amazon Valley, South America—Tampico Fields, Mexico—Every important field in the United States—Last two years inspector and expert driller in the Mid-Continent Fields for the United States Government.

Every man, woman and child—interested in the development of the GREAT SOUTHWEST—are cordially invited to meet personally—and become intimately acquainted with the above named gentlemen.

TEN DEEP WELLS TO TAP SOUTHWEST'S DEEP POOL

SAN ANTONIO TO SAN BENITO as straight as the crow flies along the Geographical—The Geological line from San Antonio to San Benito

IMPORTANT.

To the Citizens of Presidio County the company states that on June 15th the President of the Company and the General Field Manager selected on Mr. Cook's land which the Company has under lease the exact location of well.

It is almost absolutely certain an oil well of paying production will be developed. Millions of dollar should be added to the property of Presidio County—Each individual will be benefited. Citizens are requested to show their faith in their own county by subscribing to shares of the company thereby co-operating in and encouraging development of Presidio County.

If you want a well the Company is ready to begin the drilling

of it now—Only show your Faith where you are selfishly interested—your money will be left on deposit in the Marfa National Bank to be spent only for drilling your own well.

BUT REMEMBER

Your dollar equally participates with every other dollar in ten deep test wells—You Can't Lose—You Win.

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