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Our Redeemer.

J. A. MCCLAIN.

JESUS Christ, the Saviour of men
From His lofty throne did descend
To this wicked and sin-cursed earth
To give to man the second birth.

From that lofty throne on high
To the world He came to die,
To heal the sick, to lead the blind,
To give salvation to all mankind.

From that land so far away
To the world He came awhile to stay,
To raise the fallen, to cheer the faint,
To save the lost, for which He was sent.

From that celestial home above
He came to man with unbounded love,
To lead the way through the grave,
That life eternal we all might have.

Now He's entered the courts of heaven
To judge the righteous, dead and living;
So let us watch, let us pray,
He may call our names any day.

Now, He's soon to come again,
Not to redeem us from our sin,
But to call His own from the grave,
And immortality they all shall have.

Him the righteous dead shall hear,
We all shall meet Him in the air,
And leave behind all toils and cares,
To reign with Him a thousand years.

Then the wicked, great and small,
From their graves He will call;
Bid them all forth to come,
Here to meet their fatal doom.

For the earth will be set on fire,
And prove to Satan that he's a liar,
That he has no power to save the lost—
To save the mighty, countless host.

For the flames will devour them all—
All the wicked, great and small—
Satan too, with all his host—
All will be forever lost.

Then the Kingdom He'll receive,
And a home to His own He'll give,
And we'll live and reign with Him
In a land that is free from sin.

Mineola, Texas.

Importance of Personal Effort.

INDIVIDUALLY we must be earnest, zealous workers for the Master. The Lord desires that we shall communicate to others that which the

Eternal and Unseen communicates to us of spiritual realities. He desires that we shall study the truth for ourselves, that it may become rooted in our hearts, and a part of our very existence; and that, in turn, we shall represent its principles to others. Mind, and heart, and soul, and strength must be enlisted in the service of God. God has placed no barrier in the way of any Christian to prevent his working to bring others to Christ. But self has obstructed the path of obedience to God. Men to whom God has committed his talents have power, and when that power is allied to true goodness as it is in Jesus, it becomes a divine power. But men have appropriated their talents for selfish purposes; and when God has called for his own, their ears have been dull of hearing. When our powers are thus used to accomplish an evil work, they become a savor of death unto death. Never can corruption be so deadly in its influence as when connected with that which is pure and righteous. Pure rites and ordinances, when perverted to selfish purposes, become instrumental in dishonoring Christ, and hurting the souls with whom he identifies his interest.

partakers of the divine nature, and escape the corruption which is in the world though lust. The lay members of the church should have far more encouragement to bear responsibilities. They are to be educated to do service for Jesus. Teach them in what lines they can serve God best. Set them to work in many ways. Let there be fewer sermons, and far more taxing personal labor. All the discourses preached will not help the church-members to know their duty unless you teach them how to work. The satisfaction of seeing companies raised up in different places through personal effort will strengthen and establish them. The self-sacrificing efforts put forth by all who believe in Christ as a present help in their work, will give them strength and power. All who truly follow Christ will be used to communicate light to their fellow-men. Church-members need closely to examine their own hearts, to see whether they are servants of God or self. But great wisdom is needed in teaching the churches to have root in themselves. They must not be taught to trust in their sufficiency, but to depend on the Holy Spirit's guidance. The work must be more extended. There must be less hovering about the churches. Many are spiritually weak because they have not let the light which God has given them shine forth to the world. They have not connected with Christ, and become channels of blessings. God's people must read and practice his word for themselves. In the place of depending upon ministers, they must learn to place their trust in God. He exhorts them to "stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

God's people have neglected their solemn obligations to one another; they have not helped one another as it is their privilege and duty to do. Instead of finding ways and means whereby they could do earnest work for Jesus, who has done so much for them,—instead of encouraging, strengthening, and establishing souls in the truth,—they have called the Lord's delegated workman away from their appointed labor, to revive and strengthen their own souls. If they were in living connection with Christ, as the branch is in connection with the vine,—if they were drawing their support from Christ, the root,—there would not be such spiritual feebleness. If they would do the work that God has appointed them, they would be

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I call upon the church to arouse, to gather up the precious rays of light with which they have been blessed. Lift the torchlight high, that all may see it. Be strong in the Lord, and

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Arkansas Department.

A New Tent House.

THE readers of the RECORD will doubtless be glad to know that we have a tent house, a new building recently erected here in Springdale for that purpose. They are kept under lock and key, and securely sheltered from storms. It is something this conference has needed for a long time, and the tents are much the worse for the wear for the lack of it. We trust our friends will take pleasure in donating to the tent fund, to be used to purchase small tents, which we so much need, as they will realize that they will be properly cared for. We enjoyed our meetings under our new audience tent this summer, and now as a conference we want to begin our tent fund so by another state camp meeting we can replace some of our leaky tents with new ones. We will also appreciate any contributions toward paying for the tent house, which cost forty dollars; and we have only a short time in which to pay it. Please send all contributions to the Arkansas Tract Society, Springdale, Ark. Small or large sums will be gratefully received and duly acknowledged.

OUR people at Fayetteville are hauling and breaking rock for the foundation of the new church house in this place. Those who have or are about to contribute to this worthy enterprise will appreciate this fact.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

ELDER Griffin has closed up his work at Delaware and organized a Sabbath School. He met with some opposition there, one sister who accepted the truth was ordered off the place by her husband and he would not let the children go with her to Sabbath School. Finally when he found that she would not disobey the Lord to please him, he sent for her to come home. She went and is now in hopes eventually of getting the children to Sabbath School. Elder Griffin has gone to Neely to preach.

ELDER Sommerville has left the work in Gentry and is preaching in another part of the State. Brother Watts is continuing the Gentry meetings. Several have taken their

stand for the truth and ten or twelve more are expected to.

BROTHER Bender and wife are in hopes of being instrumental in establishing a good company in Texarkana.

DON'T forget the LOCAL CAMP MEETING at Newport, Arkansas, commencing October 15.

DON'T forget to renew your subscription to the RECORD.

WE read from the daily papers that the cotton crop in this State is very prolific, and prices are better than for years. What should this mean to the canvassers?

BROTHER L. C. Sommerville has located in Portland, Arkansas, to commence the canvassing work. Brother W. W. Palmer's postoffice is Hazen, Prairie county. These brethren report the cotton crop in the extreme south not so good as they expected to find it, due to the early drought; the latter rains have helped it some. They are faithful, tried, old, experienced canvassers; and they are of good courage and pressing forward with the determination of putting in a good fall's work. "Be it unto them according to their faith." The promises of the Lord are sure.

ELDER J. A. Sommerville is holding meetings in Anderson, Arkansas, at this writing, September 25.

BROTHER Bender and wife have closed their meetings in Texarkana, going from there to Newport, Arkansas to assist in the local camp meeting.

BROTHER B. F. Gowdy has been holding some profitable meetings with the brethren in Ava.

ELDER Griffin at last report was in Neeley, Yell county, Arkansas.

The Local Camp Meeting.

DON'T forget the time and place, especially those living in the central and notheastern part of the State. This meeting is particularly for those who could not get to our State camp meeting, and others who can come. It is at a season of the year after the crops have been gathered, and one can spend the time very profitably and not miss it from his work. It commences October 15, and will probably last a week or ten days. Newport is quite a city, and no work has been done there for many years aside from some

among the colored people by Brother Ryles. We have no Sabbath-keepers there now. Surely there are honest souls hungering and thirsting for the bread of life in this place as elsewhere. We hope that there will be a good representation of our people to attend the camp meeting, thus helping to sow the seed, and hold up the banner of light and truth in this darkened city. We trust that much good may be realized as the result of the local camp meeting.

NOTICE.

WE have received some on our appeal for the tent house, that is already up and sheltering the tents from the storms, but we have not enough to meet the needed payment of the same. Large or small contributions will be gratefully received and promptly acknowledged. The donations will be announced in the RECORD when we get them in full.

HAS your subscription to the RECORD expired? Please renew.

The Ten-cent-a-week Plan.

WE WISH that all societies that have not the mission envelopes, which are used in the ten-cent-a-week plan, would report to the tract society, and they will gladly be furnished. Urging the necessity of this method of giving was one of the resolutions passed at our recent State conference, and we resolved not only to make these resolutions but also to carry them out. Now the fact was brought out that if we were faithful in laying aside ten cents a week, it would amount to \$416.00 a year, which means considerable toward the rapid spread of the message; also if we were careful with the dimes and nickels, we could carry out this resolution; and may we earnestly strive with the help of the Lord to carry it out. If we realized as we should the shortness of time, the rapid fulfilling of the signs all around us of the Saviour's near coming, and that the Lord tells us in His Word that He will cut His work short in righteousness, we would do our utmost to advance this precious truth. The work of carrying forward this message is to all the world. It requires money to accomplish this work, and the Mission Board has called for \$205,000

to use in the support of the work already begun in various parts of the world.

This would look like a large sum of money if it had to be raised by a few, but if all the sixty thousand members in this country would take hold and lift just to the amount of ten cents a week, there would be over \$300,000 raised. Many have never adopted this plan, which is so easy to follow if entered upon with a will. This money must be raised. Who will raise it? May the Lord impress upon the hearts of all the importance of being faithful in this part of the work. We cannot all be preachers and teachers, but we can aid with our dimes and nickels, and thus help in the spread of the message and be missionaries indeed.

✦ Texas Department. ✦

THE FIELD.

BUFFALO GAP.—Our meetings continue. Rains and cool weather have nearly broken up our congregation twice this month. At present the weather is fine, but the congregations are small. Some interest has been manifested, and we hope to see some fruit of our labors soon. We are not very sanguine, neither are we discouraged. Elder Andrew Nelson, who came on the 24th ultimo will leave us after two more days. We have learned to love him and to appreciate his labors. He has been earnest and faithful and loving both in his public services and in his house to house work. We shall greetly miss him from our own little family circle.

Opposition to our message, especially on the Sabbath question, is beginning to develope. We desire the earnest prayers of all the workers who may read this report.

N. J. ETHEREDGE.

BOSQUE COUNTY.—In connection with Brother Miller we commenced meetings at the Fairview school house in Bosque County, September 11.

Owing to the condition of the people—busy with their crop—the attendance was very small; yet we feel that good was done. We left one family deeply interested, and hope that they will soon take their stand for the truth.

Leaving that place we came to the

Smith Bend and held seven meetings. One sister took her stand for the truth. About one year ago I held a four weeks meeting at the Smith Bend and a few souls took a stand. Since that time eight more precious souls have taken hold of the truth. There are still others here that are studying the message; some of these probably will obey. I expect to make them another visit in the near future and do some baptizing, as there are some there that want to be baptized.

We held quarterly meeting with the Peoria church. We had a good meeting. The brethren and sisters expressed themselves as encouraged and strengthened. The outside attendance was good, the house being nearly full Sunday night, and many expressed a desire to hear more. T. W. FIELD.

KEENE ITEMS.

ELDER N. P. Nelson and family reached Keene last Thursday morning. Elder Andrew Nelson's wife and little girl came with them. Their car of goods came in Sabbath morning and they are now busy settling in their new homes.

ELDER W. W. Eastman reports a good and profitable quarterly meeting with the Dallas church last Sabbath.

ELDERS T. W. Field and C. W. Miller returned this morning from Bosque county where they have been holding meetings. They report some keeping the Sabbath as a result of their efforts.

ELDER J. P. Lorenz, recently returned from the European field, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. C. W. Miller, the past week.

ELDER J. P. Lorenz and Prof. C. B. Hughes expect to leave to-night for Oklahoma, where they will visit the churches in the interest of the Keene Academy.

It is only four weeks and two days to the opening of Keene Academy.

THE Keene church enjoyed a good quarterly meeting last Sabbath. The Elders Nelson and Prof. Hughes were present to take charge of the exercises.

PROF. C. B. Hughes has been in Keene the past week, renewing old acquaintances and making preparation for the coming term of school.

PROF. H. T. Curtis, who will teach in the Academy, will leave Lincoln,

Nebraska on October 6, for this place.

A PRIVATE letter from Elder French tells of the serious illness of Brother Felter, in Houston. It is hoped he is better before this.

BROTHER H. H. Hall finished his audit of the Southwestern Union Conference, Texas Conference and Texas Tract Society books, and left last Thursday night for Oakland, Cal. He went by way of Kansas City, intending to stop there a short time.

Is your RECORD subscription out?

To Church School Teachers.

“**H**ow to Punctuate,” by Professor D. D. Rees, of Union College, is a little book that makes punctuation easy for the grammar student. This text was prepared especially for our schools, and has been placed in the suggestive course of study as outlined by the text-book committee of the Educational Conference recently held at College View, Nebraska. “How to Punctuate” should be correlated with grammar in all the schools in the conference. The book can be supplied by the State Tract Society. Substantially bound in cloth, 40 cents.

Our Roads Astonish Foreigners.

The development of passenger transportation in the United States astonishes all foreigners. Edwin A. Pratt, a representative of the London Times, was making some investigations yesterday at the Grand Central Station with a view to writing a comprehensive article on American railroads. His inquiries developed the fact that the New York Central has eight passenger trains a day between New York and Chicago, and when he learned that the distance is 980 miles, he remarked that it is a marvelous thing. He was still further astonished to find that four of the eight trains make the 980 miles in twenty-four hours, and that one, the Twentieth Century Limited, goes the distance every day, in either direction, in twenty hours. His amazement grew when he was informed that the west-bound Twentieth Century Limited carries only Chicago passengers and will not take a passenger for any other point. He remarked that his people would be equally astonished on learning these facts.—Selected.

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To anyone who will send us five subscriptions to the RECORD, either new or old, accompanying the order with cash to the amount of \$2.50, we will send the RECORD to their address free for one year; or for three yearly subscriptions and \$1.50 in cash, we will send it to them for six months. This should open the way for church librarians, or some young person in each church to have the RECORD free. Every church or company should be canvassed for it, so that each family may have it and be posted on what is happening in their conference.

Institute.

WE HAVE many reasons for thanksgiving for the institute that is now being held at Keene for the benefit of the teachers of the Southwestern Union conference. First, it is an evidence that there is a taking hold of the church school work in a decided way. Second, it indicates a systematic movement for the training of every child of Seventh-day Adventists for a mission-

ary. Third, it makes it possible to see eye to eye in the great fundamental principles of Christian education. Fourth, it means better teachers. Fifth, it will result in an encouragement to the teachers that are anxiously longing to see the salvation of their children.

To many it may seem foolish for teachers, who have followed their profession for years, who could obtain normal work within a few miles of home, to go to the expense of coming fifty to five hundred miles to attend a small institute; but, if they stop to consider for one moment the condition of the children of this denomination, the message which is now being given to the world by this people, and which must be closed by the children, we are sure it must seem wise.

There has been an anxious longing on the part of teachers especially, for methods in imparting knowledge in the different subjects taught in school, so that a burning desire may be planted in the child to have a pure and noble character; and, when the time comes for the child to leave school, the third angel's message will be first and uppermost in his mind. We believe if the key-note of the message—the soon coming of Christ—is kept constantly in mind, and every recitation conducted upon the right basis, that the above object will be attained.

We know that the Word of God is the source of all knowledge in every line of thought. Then it is plain that the Bible must be made the basis of every subject. But how can we teach every subject from a Bible basis? This is the question to be solved. This is the object of the institute. We as a people have been content to have a Bible class in school, thinking this was the only thing necessary. We must go further than this if we desire to attain unto satisfactory results.

The Lord is blessing our work, and the first day every one testified of being fully paid for their trouble and expense of coming.

Classes in the following subjects are being conducted:

Arithmetic, Geography, History of Education, Methods of Teaching, U. S. History, Physiology, Grammar, Drawing, Spelling, and Nature.

The following named persons have enrolled:

W. L. Adams, Mrs. W. L. Adams, Marietta, Texas; Cora Naomi Anderson, Antelope, Oklahoma; Nettie Newton, Jennings, Oklahoma; H. H. Brunsteter, Alva, Oklahoma; Myrtle Kirk, Rolyat, Texas; Clara L. Seaman, Keene, Texas; Metta Garret, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mrs. Emma Johnson, Keene, Texas; Mrs. Daisy McConnell, Enid, Oklahoma; Lizzie Eldred, Brenham, Texas; Ethel Taylor, Dallas, Texas; Lena Rust, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Hattie E. Sorenson, Perkins, Oklahoma; Hattie Robertson, Keene, Texas; Selma Schramm, Brenham, Texas; A. M. Woodall, Keene, Texas; Ray Hickman, Harper, Oklahoma; Hattie Mosley, Keene, Texas; Rena Stevenson, Keene, Texas; Ruth Green, Keene, Texas; Ira Smith, Corsicana, Texas; Sophie Conway, Keene, Texas; Mrs. Rebecca Stoner, Keene, Texas; Mrs. Satie Waters, Coalgate, Indian Territory; Sallie Ramsey, Antelope Gap, Texas; J. L. Jones, Keene, Texas; Cora Jones, Keene, Texas; Mrs. W. L. Young, Keene, Texas; Ada Phillips, Lowe, Kansas; Annie Laurie McCutchen, Keene, Texas; Anna Olson, College View, Nebraska.

J. L. JONES.

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in the power of his might. Gird yourselves, and go forth to proclaim the truth to others because you dare not hold your peace. But do not go in a spirit of self-sufficiency. Go, instead, weighted with the Holy Spirit, and then your words will have power. You are to be like men who are waiting for their Lord,—waiting, watching, and working. You have no time to lose. The signs specified by Christ as harbingers of his coming, are being fulfilled; the Lord is soon to appear in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. He is coming to be admired in all them that believe. Are you, dear brethren and sisters, ready for his appearing?—MRS. E. G. WHITE, in *Southern Watchman*.

THE *Southern Watchman*, the organ of the Southern Union Conference, is putting out a special number of their paper which they are sending to a large number of our people who are supposed to be interested in the work in that field, with an invitation to subscribe. Price \$1.00 per year. Address Southern Pub. Co, Nashville.

Oklahoma Department.**OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**

[Concluded.]

5. *Resolved*, That, inasmuch as the SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD is the regularly appointed organ of this Union Conference, we request our workers to send their reports to it that we may know the progress of the message among us.

6. *Resolved*, That conference laborers and local societies settle their accounts with the State Tract Society quarterly, and that the canvassers pay for their books as fast as delivered.

7. *Resolved*, That we urge our young people to attend the Keene Academy and thus fit themselves for usefulness in the cause of God.

8. *Resolved*, That we return to the delegate system of representation, one for the church and one for each fifteen members, or major part thereof; that the constitution be changed accordingly.

9. *Resolved*, That we recommend our church school teachers to attend the Keene Institute, and that the conference pay their traveling expenses.

10. *Resolved*, That the churches take the name of their nearest post-office.

Brother Bagby read the report of the nominating committee. It was voted to adopt the report as a whole by considering each name separately. The following are the conference officers;

G. F. Haffner, President; William Voth, Secretary; G. F. Haffner, C. Sorenson, M. H. Gregory, A. E. Field, T. J. Eagle, Executive Committee; T. J. Eagle, Conference and Tract Society treasurer; C. Sorenson, Superintendent of church school work; James Butka, Missionary agent; Mrs. A. E. Field, Sabbath School secretary.

This closed the work laid before the conference at this annual session; it was now moved to adjourn *Sine die*.

G. F. HAFFNER, Pres.

EMMA HAFFNER, Sec'y.

FIELD REPORTS.

OSCEOLA.—Last Sabbath I spent with the Osceola church. We had a few good meetings together. Not all the members were present. The church is pretty well scattered which makes it rather hard to keep up the

Sabbath School and meetings. For this and other reasons the brethren had not met together for some time, but promised to meet again. Of course, for some time it seems almost impossible to meet as they have to go fourteen miles on the Sabbath, but they will come as often as they can. This church is behind on the "Object Lesson" work, and those that were present showed their willingness to help finish it. Three have subscribed for the RECORD. I think it is a good plan for our laborers to mention the RECORD to our people when they meet with them; sometimes that is all it takes to get their subscription.

G. F. H.

SHATTUCK.—I am now with my family for a few days. I found that the Shattuck brethren have commenced to build a church. This is very much needed for the school house where they meet now is too small. We have quite a strong church organization here. The plan is to have a church school in the building the coming winter, if we can find a suitable teacher who can teach both the German and English. I wish that if these few lines reach one that he will notify me.

G. F. H.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE Putnam church is also planning to build a house of worship. The outside people take quite an interest in it. Some are willing to donate quite liberally.

ELDER Dake reports good attendance at Phillips, I. T., where he is engaged in a tent meeting.

LENNA.—It was my privilege to spend September 10-13 with the Lenna church. I found that after we had left there the flood of opposition begun. They had held meetings very nearly all the time, closing just before I returned. They villified us from the pulpit, calling us Mormons and everything they could think of. Also they have flooded the country with literature on the covenants and not under the law. I visited every member of the church, and I am glad to say that I found them all of good courage in the Lord. During our stay there we spoke to them on the covenants, also on not under the law but under grace. I am satisfied

that the opposition has been a blessing and that the church has been benefited thereby, as their testimony was that the truth shines brighter than ever. I leave there to unite with Brother Maxwell in a tent meeting at Okmulgee. We began our meeting September 18. Our attendance has been about an average of forty. Pray for the work here.

A. E. FIELD.

PERRY.—One week ago last Friday Elders Bagby and Conway pitched their tabernacle here one block west of the post office. Hand bills were circulated and posted, also invitation cards were distributed over the city, and the meeting well commenced with a fair showing of doing much good, but threatening rains and high winds hindered for a few nights. The Dragon also was wroth, the posters were defaced or torn down, but God's people do not become discouraged by Satanic opposition, but only work the harder to combat the enemy, and to overcome in every difficulty. From the beginning there has been an increasing interest to know the truth. Elder Conway spoke yesterday afternoon (Sabbath) on the importance of church schools, showing that the churches of today are far in the rear of what they should be in the true education of the children. The Lord has told us that the time is very near at hand when under trying circumstances this closing message will be proclaimed by the children. Then how necessary it is that we give liberally of our means, and that every possible effort be made, not only to give our own children a Christian education but every child that we can gather in and educate. It may be well to know that this is not only a parental work but a work of the church.

After the Sabbath was over the Perry church was called together to consider this matter. It was resolved that we have a church school and the following were elected as the school board: G. S. Wesner, chairman; D. L. Wagoner, clerk; M. B. Clinger, treasurer. The meeting then adjourned. How applicably the Lord has spoken to us in Psalms 144:11-15, concerning public and church schools.

G. S. WESNER.

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| \$2.15 | { On sale daily, September 25 to October 11, limited to October 12. | |

FULL INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIAL EVENT DAYS AND TRAIN SCHEDULE FROM SANTA FE AGENTS.
W. S. KEENAN, GALVESTON, TEX.
G. P. A.



Canvassing Reports for One Week Ending September 26, 1903.

| Name | Address | Book | Hours | Exh. | Ord's | Value | Helps | Del'd | Value |
|-----------------|-------------|------|-------|------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| Texas. | | | | | | | | | |
| *J. A. McClain | Mineola | G C | 86 | | 67 | \$ 205 00 | \$ 6 25 | | \$ |
| E. F. Seat | Wood Co | G C | 11 | | 1 | 2 50 | 1 00 | | 75 00 |
| *A. S. McCully | Wood Co | D R | 87 | | 54 | 129 75 | 12 50 | | |
| *I. T. Reynolds | Harrison | B R | 65 | | 46 | 116 50 | 3 00 | | |
| *W. F. Mayers | Lufkin | G C | 90 | | 40 | 80 25 | 12 50 | | |
| Grace Taylor | | P H | | | | | | | |
| Sophie Conway | Sommerville | H M | 16 | | 4 | 6 00 | | | |
| *Cullie Taylor | Hood Co | D A | 63 | | 6 | 21 00 | 9 25 | | |
| A. Prewitt | Roadoke | B R | | | | | | | |
| P. H. Fisher | Walker Co | D A | | | | | | | |
| G. A. Lagrone | Walker Co | D A | | | | | | | |
| A. J. Jensen | Bosque Co | C K | | | | | | | |
| Artie Taylor | Sommerville | D A | 16 | | 5 | 15 50 | 3 00 | | |
| J. P. Spears | Cherokee | B R | 10 | | 5 | 10 50 | 2 50 | | |
| J. T. Milton | Cherokee | B R | 120 | | 56 | 186 00 | | | |
| Delia Jamison | Fort Worth | P H | 12 | | 36 | | 9 00 | | |
| Vertie Mayers | Lufkin | C K | 21 | | 17 | 17 00 | 50 | | |
| Mamie Harper | Fort Worth | P H | | | | | | | |
| W. L. Brandon | | | | | | | | | |

Total: Agents, 19 597 338 788 72 54 50

* Two weeks.

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