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DR. HARRIS, VERSATILE MINISTER---LIKES THE OUTDOORS

Dr. J. Will Harris of Dilley, preacher, teacher, lecturer, is also a stockman-farmer, and in using the word "versatile" in the title above, we do so, in its meaning given in Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, as follows: "Versatile turning with ease from one thing to another; having an aptitude for new tasks, or facility in various subjects, versatile genius."

The inspiration for this item was a visit by the writer to the Dr. Harris home ranch El Guajolote, to view fat Hereford calves and yearlings which Dr. Harris has on feed. At present he is feeding out for market 82 head, ages ranging from 4 to 14 months, 21 now ready. These cattle were raised by Dr. Harris, and are from his herd of fine grade Hereford cows. He has contracted sale of the fed animals at 10c per pound for the heifers and 11c per pound for the steers, a profitable price. He is feeding ground begira, maize, corn, peanut hay, and cottonseed meal; all feed, with exception of the cottonseed meal, raised on his farm. Arrangement of feed to cattle pen is economical, he using a feed mill grinder connected to barn room with blower, thus the feed passes right into the barn, and the feed pens are adjoining; also has concrete water tanks in pens to

assure at all times plentiful supply of fresh water. And "lest we forget" there is 50 acres of the ranch fenced goat proof; his herd of goats numbering about 180; the goats, too, bring in revenue, from sale of kids.

To further emphasize our title "Versatile Minister" we mention that Dr. Harris has a few head of cow ponies, and it is his delight each morning to ride over the range, looking after cattle, fences, woodland, etc., and find time to do other chores about the place; we thought this should keep a man busy, but Dr. Harris finds time to preach a sermon on Sunday, to attend most of the agricultural meetings, serve on farm boards, teach Bible classes, interpret English into Spanish for benefit of our Mexican farmers whenever any farm program is discussed at meetings; also make talks in both English and Spanish to school children; and as if this was not sufficient to employ his time, will stop for a few minutes to chat with the "man on the street."

This item would not be complete without divulging part of his secret in this busy life; the aid of his good wife, who is very capable in many lines of endeavor, and the mainstay in his success.

DILLEY METHODIST CHURCH

H. H. Washington, Pastor.
10:00 A. M. Church School.
11:00 A. M. Pastor preaches at Big Wells.

7:00 P. M. Leagues Meet.
7:45 P. M. Worship Service.

Commissioner Oscar Thurmond has been grading roads over this precinct since the rain.