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PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

High School

S. W. Seale, Principal.
Georgia Kirk Davis, Reporter.

Among the Midlandites who were seen at the Texas-A. & M. game at College Station were: Herman Klapproth, Thord Dockray, and Lillie Pliska from the University of Texas; Earl Williams and Jim Flanigan and father, J. M. Flanigan. Jim and Earle are doing splendid work in A. & M. College, Jim being a member of the college band. A. & M. College has more buildings than the University of Texas, the College of Industrial Arts, and the North Texas Teachers' College, combined. It has the largest mess hall in the South, feeding at one time three times per day 2,800 people. It takes 1000 lbs. of flour for one meal. Meat is ordered by the car load eight or ten beaves being kept in the cold storage all the time.

Among former teachers seen at the Texas State Teachers Association at Ft. Worth were: J. E. Nelson, former principal of the high school but now superintendent of schools at Clarendon; Miss Beulah Talley, Miss Lorraine Davis, Miss Mary Barron, and O. L. Killian, all now of the Dallas schools; Mrs. Rowena Gentry and Miss Beulah Graves, of the Fort Worth schools, and Miss Myrtle Tanner, superintendent at Lorena, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Holt were in Ft. Worth during the association and enjoyed meeting the prominent school men of the State, and seeing the great exhibit of the Ft. Worth schools. Mr. Holt is president of the Midland school board, and he and Mrs. Holt take great interest in our schools and in the cause of education everywhere. Miss Mabel Holt, of C. I. A., and O. B. Holt, Jr., of Southwestern University at Georgetown, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Holt in Ft. Worth and Dallas, going over to Dallas to see the Baylor-S. M. U. game.

Gov. Neff, Dr. Bralley, Dr. Bizzell, Dr. Sutton and Supt. Marrs spoke in very complimentary terms of their visits to Midland last spring and of how they were impressed with the good people here.

The following new pupils have been enrolled in the high school: Artie and Louise Ponder from Sulphur Springs, and Edna Ferrell from Aspermont.

Supt. W. W. Lackey, Misses Oliphint, Herron and Ballard returned Monday from Ft. Worth and Abilene, respectively, where they had spent the Thanksgiving holidays. They report fine trips.

The ninth grade celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday with the second social class event of the year in the form of a party Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Ada D. Pearce. A large per cent of the class was present and spent several hours very happily in playing games. Refreshments of punch, cake, candy and fruit were served.

Grammar School

Miss Barzak, Principal.
Margaret Francis and Louise Clayton, Reporters.

The seventh grade has two new pupils, Albert Brown from Loraine, Hassie Flowers from Mt. Vernon, and Richard Ward re-entered.

The seventh grade has begun work on their Christmas program.

Jack Mayfield from Bosque County, enrolled in the primary department this week.

Those who heard the primary Thanksgiving program were: Mrs. Dock Wesson, Mrs. L. T. Wesson, Mrs. Jess Prothro, Mrs. Robert Fasken, Mrs. J. F. Fernandes, Mrs. L. E. Hinson, Mrs. M. D. Johnson, Mrs. Bob Scruggs, Mrs. W. L. McIntosh, Mrs. J. B. Thomas, Mrs. Hurt, Mrs. A. W. Stanley, Mrs. C. E. Trammell, Mrs. Stacey Allen, Mrs. Charles Gibbs, Mrs. F. A. Smith, Mrs. Rube Evans, Mrs. J. F. McQuatters, Mrs. D. B. Jones, Mrs. R. M. Clayton,

PORTER A. WHALEY WRITES THIS WEEK

Porter A. Whaley, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, has the following to say this week: Income Tax Disputes

We have been asked by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce to direct your attention to the fact that it is now necessary where disputes occur in income tax adjustments for the disputant in most instances to go to Washington to adjust the matter. Generally it is necessary for this representative whom you must send to Washington to appear before the income tax commission.

It is believed that a ruling should be passed by the income tax commission by which representatives might be sent to the various regions of the country to pass upon these disputes, and the Illinois Chamber requests that you write your senator and congressmen suggesting this, or in lieu thereof advocate legislation at Washington in the matter.

Doubtless this will appeal to your larger firms and corporations.

Standard Bred Poultry Breeders Directory

One of the most useful little booklets we have yet seen is published by M. Bruce Oates, agricultural agent, Ft. Worth & Denver and Wichita Valley Railways, Wichita Falls, Texas, on the subject of Standard Bred Poultry Breeders Directory. It contains much valuable information and a list of breeders.

We suggest considering writing Mr. Oates at Wichita Falls for a copy of the booklet.

More About Cotton Mills

We have received an extraordinary response to our service letter of recent date about Cotton Mills in West Texas, and therefore note with interest a letter recently written to the Texas Press by E. E. Sheehy, treasurer Corsicana Cotton Mills, Corsicana, Texas, in which he warns Texas communities to consider carefully before endeavoring to develop cotton mills in Texas at this time with the extraordinary cost of construction per spindle. In his article Mr. Sheehy stated almost precisely the facts mentioned in our service letter. Remember the per-spindle construction cost must go down before it is practical to develop new textile enterprises anywhere now.

To any who are particularly interested we suggest writing to the Corsicana gentleman.

ACCEPTED POSITION WITH CITY DRUG STORE

A. W. Cato, recently of Weatherford, has accepted a position with the City Drug Store. Mr. Cato came well recommended both as a druggist and a gentleman. We are glad to welcome him and his wife into our midst and are sure they will be quite an addition to our citizenship.

George Clayton, Robert Prothro, Helen Fasken, Waddell Fernandes, Walter Wesson, J. B. Thomas, Jr.

Grammar School—South Ward

L. L. Thomas, Principal.
Miss Barham, Reporter.

The following new pupils have entered this week: Valton and Marie Ponder from Martin Springs, Texas; Marie, Jaunita, Jackson and John Wood from Cisco.

South Ward is planning one of the best programs in the history of the school. The program will be featured by several appropriate little plays put on by different rooms.

Several of the teachers spent the Thanksgiving holidays away from Midland. Mr. Thomas went to Seagraves, Miss Scott to Pyote, Miss Ballard to Abilene, and Miss Oliphint to Dallas.

South Ward's soccer football team is anxious for a game with the seventh grade of Central Ward.

Mexican School

Miss Lillie B. Williams, Teacher.
Joseph Ochva, Reporter.

The Mexican school opened Monday with 16 pupils. The following have enrolled: Joseph Ochva, Cristina Ganzales Francisco Hernandez, Gregorio Moreno, Ynosente, Maroles, Ysobel Regalado, Manuel Moreno, Filmomeno Vasquez, Alego Hernandez, Valentine Moreno, Pedro Ranjel, Modesto Munos, Paula Ochoa, Petra Blancarte, Concha Blancarte, and Reinaldo Blancarte.

"FAMILY ALBUM" WELL ATTENDED

The production of "The Family Album," by the Ladies Civic League, at the Rialto Theatre Tuesday night was a decided success. The league realized a handsome profit. The scheme of production was unique and the manner in which it was carried through was a marvel inasmuch as there were no rehearsals.

The members of the November committee of the Civic League have asked that these columns be used in extending their thanks and appreciation to the public for their generous patronage, to the many friends to whom they are indebted for the use of the costumes, to the Community Orchestra for their splendid music, to the management of the Rialto Theatre for the use of their building and their earnest, untiring co-operation, to those who modeled the costumes and to everyone else who assisted in any way.

The proceeds netted about \$75.

FENWICK NEWELL CONCERT COMPANY

This company, the first of our lyceum course, comes to our city on next Monday night at the Methodist church, and is highly recommended as a concert company.

Miss Marguerite Holt, soprano, has a voice of appealing purity, and has had excellent training in professional appearances in concert, oratorio, musical comedy and opera.

Joseph Marks, violinist, is a young Canadian, who has made rapid strides in his music in the few years he has been before the public.

Rosamund Crawford, pianist, is a pupil of Frank LaForge. She is a recitalist of note and her playing has been highly commended by musical journals.

WEST TEXAS WELL SOAKED BY SLOW RAIN

Cattlemen and farmers say that the Midland Country was never in better shape than it is at present. The slow rains that have fallen for the past week has soaked well into the ground and the season was never better. From all localities comes the joyful report of good rains.

San Angelo—Every town within a radius of 75 to 100 miles of San Angelo heard from by telephone Sunday afternoon, December 2nd, reported drizzles and showers since before Midnight Saturday. The average participation then was from one-half to three-quarters of an inch. Mild weather prevailed. Range conditions and the season for planting already good, are being improved, but harvesting of last of the cotton is being further delayed.

Odessa—All of West Texas is thoroughly soaked after an all night rain which was still falling at noon.

CAME NEAR BEING A SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Audie Henry, an employee on the George Broome ranch, had what came near being a serious accident Tuesday. The horse which he was riding fell with him. He received a broken arm which was very painful, it being broken next to the shoulder. He is reported as doing nicely at this time.

MARRIED LAST FRIDAY AT METHODIST PARSONAGE

Miss Della Davis, of Colorado, and Mr. S. P. Bone, of Lamesa, were married at the Methodist parsonage last Friday by Rev. L. U. Spellman. The couple left that day for Lamesa, where they will make their home.

MIDLAND SUCCESSFUL ON TURKEY DAY AT PECOS

Midland Hi completely outclassed Pecos Hi in a last game last Thursday week. The score was 15 to 13, but Midland should have had two more touch-downs, which were lost by costly fumbles. The Midland aggregation was superior to Pecos in every form of play. There were no outstanding stars.

Midland kicked to Pecos, who failed to make their downs and it was Midland's ball. Midland smeared the Pecos line for gain after gain and in this manner the ball reached the Pecos 1 yd. line. Here a fumble resulted and Pecos recovered. On the next play, Midland broke through the Pecos line and tackled Cowan for a safety score 2 to 0 Midland. The ball was put into play on the 30 yd. line and after several tries to gain Pecos punted to Midland as the quarter ended. Score 2-0, Midland.

Second Quarter

Midland again smashed the Pecos line for consistent gains and Williams skirted tackle for 10 yds. and a touchdown. Buchanan kicked goal. Score 9-0, Midland. Gains during the rest of the quarter proved fruitless for both teams and the half ended with Midland on the Pecos 4 yd. line.

Third Quarter

Pecos kicked to Midland and on a series of end plays and passes the ball was placed in mid-field. Pecos intercepted a pass and completed two passes for a 25 yd. gain. After the failure of two line plays, Cowan made a pretty run around left end for a touchdown. Cowan place kicked the goal. Score Midland 9, Pecos 7. Pecos kicked to Midland. Long gains were made on tackle out and open field plays. These accounted for Midland's last touch-down, which was made by Buchanan. Try for point failed. After several plays the quarter ended. Score 15 to 7, Midland.

Last Quarter

Pecos had the ball in mid-field at the beginning of the quarter. The Midland team weakened momentarily and Pecos made four first downs, placing the ball on Midland's 1 yd. line. Midland's line was impregnable for three downs, but on the fourth Cowan went over for the touch-down. Pecos was given point on account of an offside by Midland. Score, Midland, 15; Pecos 14. Midland received the kick-off and made their first downs at will. The game ended with the ball on the Pecos 5 yd. line. J. Wiley Taylor, Jr., Reporter.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IN RURAL SCHOOLS

Many pupils attending rural schools will soon begin to talk about the Christmas program for which they are rehearsing.

Fortunate are they if the poems they are becoming familiar with are chosen from among the great poems which have been inspired by the Christmas spirit.

Among the Christmas poems which are loved by all who have the opportunity to know them are:

O, Little Town of Bethlehem—Brooks.

Everywhere, Everywhere, Christmas Night.—Brooks.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night.—Tate.

The Night Before Christmas.—Moore.

A Christmas Carol.—Lowell.

God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen.—Muloch.

May these poems and others equally beautiful be read over and over—and at least one learned by heart—by every child attending a rural school during this December.

Nor should Christmas stories be forgotten. To name only three: The Birds' Christmas Carol, by Wiggins; Why the Chimes Rang, by Alden; and The Story of the Other Wise Man, by Van Dyke. Any of these stories told by a teacher to the parents and pupils gathered for an evening program can not fail to put new meaning into the Christmas festivities.

W. F. and Elliott Cowden purchased 400 steer calves from Mrs. Ida Wolcott at \$25. Delivery will be made at an early date. These calves are from the OX herd, which is also known as the Wolcott herd.

Bud Whitefield, of Waxahachie, is a guest of his brother, B. F. Whitefield and family this week.

HOG TRADE ACTIVE, CATTLE UNEVEN, LAMBS LOWER

Charles M. Pipkin, market correspondent, writing from Kansas City under date December 3rd, says that few hogs at the principal Western markets than expected following the advance in prices late last week, caused a further advance today. Today's prices were back to the high point of the past three weeks, and 40 to 50 cents above the low point last week. Trade in cattle opened slowly. A heavy run in Chicago and lower prices there, tended to make buyers here hold back for a time, but they finally traded at steady to 10 cents lower prices. Sheep were steady and lambs lower.

Receipts today were 19,000 cattle, 12,000 hogs and 6,000 sheep, compared with 14,000 cattle, 15,000 hogs and 6,000 sheep a week ago, and 27,800 cattle, 21,000 hogs and 5,350 sheep a year ago.

Though buyers were slow to enter the competition here owing to heavy receipts in Chicago, they finally cleared the pens of all offerings at steady to 10 cents lower prices, exceptions more. Average quality was much the same as for some time past. Short fed grades at \$8 to \$9.50 predominated, and they are the kinds that ten days ago brought \$7.50 to \$9. A few steers showing some degree of finish sold at \$9.75 to \$10.50 and nothing prime was offered. Receipts of both fat and stock and feeding cattle are falling short of a year ago, and only moderate supplies are in sight for the rest of this month. Cows and heifers were quoted strong to 15 cents high, and calves steady to 25 cents higher.

Demand for stockers and feeders was active at strong to 10 cents higher prices. Receipts were moderate and quality fairly good. Some Panhandle yearling stockers sold at \$7.75 and Colorado stockers at \$7 to \$7.50. Stock cows, stock heifers and stock calves were stronger.

Hog prices averaged 10 to 15 cents higher than last week's close, and 40 to 50 cents higher than the low time last Tuesday. The top price \$6.90 was paid by packers and the bulk of the good hogs and pigs at \$5 to \$5.50 were 15 to 25 cents higher. The strength in demand indicates that the buying side is fairly well satisfied with present prices. Chicago had 67,000 hogs, or more than one-half the total supply at the five western markets.

Fat sheep were steady, and lambs 10 to 15 cents lower. Some ewes sold at \$6.25 and New Mexico wethers at \$7.85. No choice lambs arrived. Some good western lambs brought \$12 and fair to good natives \$11.50 to \$12.

Good horses and mules sold at about the same prices as last week, but there was a dull trade in the common kinds.

MISS SNEED NEW HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

It will be of interest to the patrons and friends of our schools to learn that Miss Lillian Sneed, of Ft. Worth, arrived Monday morning of this week to take charge of the mathematics in the high school. Miss Sneed is a graduate of Peabody College, of Nashville, Tenn., perhaps the greatest teachers' college in the South, holds a State permanent certificate by virtue of her degree, and has had several years of successful experience, having been at the head of the mathematics department of the Bonham high school for ten consecutive years. She resigned her position there to spend a year in college in the north, and happened to be available at this time. Miss Sneed takes the place of Miss Frances Walthall, who resigned to enter the book business in Dallas. Miss Sneed is a very strong disciplinarian and a forceful instructor, the superintendent of the Bonham public schools stating that she was the best he had ever had. We are glad to have Miss Sneed with us, and we congratulate our school authorities on being able to secure her at this time.

Attorney Ed M. Whitaker, of El Paso, is a business visitor in Midland this week.

Mrs. George Broome left Wednesday for her home in Lobo, after an extended visit in Midland.

Miss Myrle Moody, who is ill in the Midland Sanitarium, is reported as doing nicely.

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WHAT SEAL SALES HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES

For 1923 over one billion Seals are on the market in the United States. Last year \$3,842,500 was raised from the sale of Seals and in the 16 years of conducting annual Seal sales over 25 million dollars have been raised. The Seals have been sold in rural and urban centers throughout the country. People in all sections have had a share in helping to spread information and teach the pupils how to prevent and combat the disease. Media used for stamping out tuberculosis may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. Approximately 650 institutions making provision for tuberculosis patients (of which 16 years ago there were but 100) with approximately 66,000 beds.
2. Over 555 clinics and dispensaries where persons may go for periodic physical examinations and there discover the disease in time for treatment.
3. At least 12,000 public health nurses of whom a large majority have had special training in tuberculosis and can detect disease in the schools and homes and give instruction and help in the ways of health.
4. Research workers who collect

5. Statisticians who are continually at work on necessary information.
6. Publicity experts who in the past 16 years have distributed over one million pieces of printed matter through circulars, pamphlets, newspaper articles to appeal to all ages, types and classes of both native and foreign born.
7. The Modern Health Crusade movement which has enrolled over 8 million children throughout this country since the crusade started and who have learned daily health habits.
8. At least 3,000 open air schools, preventoria, outdoor camps, for children who are pre-disposed to tuberculosis.
9. Lecturers, speakers, demonstrations and exhibits, motion pictures, health plays and pageants, posters, stories.
10. The annual Christmas Seal sale that gives every man, woman and child a knowledge of the disease and a chance to be a partner in the educational campaign.

Try It and See

"It takes real grit to keep a smiling face when you're losing steadily at poker."
"Oh, I don't know. I find it harder to keep from smiling when I'm winning."

OUR WEEKLY FINANCIAL REVIEW

Week ending November 30, 1923, prepared for The Reporter by the First National Bank of St. Louis, Mo.

The report on the consumption and distribution of cotton, as issued by the census bureau for the month of October, showing an increase in consumption, came as a surprise to the cotton trade, which had expected the widely reported curtailment of mill operations to be reflected in consumption figures for the past month. The total consumption of cotton proper for the month is given as 541,825 bales as compared with a consumption of 532,744 bales in October, 1922. The October consumption of linters, however, dropped off 5,507 bales as compared with 1922, making the total consumption of American cotton during the month 4,298 bales less than October, 1922, when the consumption amounted to 575,462 bales.

For the first three months of the present cotton year, which began in August, the consumption of cotton proper by mills was 1,517,281 (of which 1,443,382 bales were American cotton and 73,899 bales were Egyptian and other foreign cotton,) as compared with 1,554,137 bales consumed in the same period of 1922.

Stocks of cotton in consuming establishments and in public storage and at compresses were considerably smaller this year on October 31st, in comparison with last year. Stocks in consuming establishments, public storage and at compresses this year amounted to 4,588,422 bales as against 5,669,064 bales on October 21, 1922.

SHALL TUBERCULOSIS DISAPPEAR IN TEXAS?

The fight for the elimination of tuberculosis through the registration area of the United States is over one-half won, says The Health Round-up editorially. In 1904 202 out of every 1,000 living persons died of tuberculosis. In 1921 this 202 had been reduced to 99. It is probably fair to say that what applies to the registration area, in general, applies to the State of Texas, although our State is not included in this territory. There is less tuberculosis today in Texas, therefore, than ever before.

The State Tuberculosis Sanatorium located at Carlsbad, Texas, is responsible for the statement that there are 10,000 deaths annually from tuberculosis in Texas.

It is well known by practically every one that tuberculosis may be prevented.

The Seal Sale which is from Thanksgiving to Christmas provides the finances for the national, State and local campaign against this preventable disease. If you have been unfortunate enough to have had tuberculosis in your family you will of course continue to support this tuberculosis preventive work by buying Seals. If you have not had tuberculosis in your family and believe that the annual loss of those 10,000 lives from preventable disease is unnecessary, you will support the Seal Sale in order from to reduce the loss of life in our State from this cause. Organized tuberculosis work has but one financial campaign annually—this is the Christmas Seal Sale, and people are expecting their Christmas mail and packages to carry Tuberculosis Seals more than ever before.

If you want tuberculosis to disappear from Texas, you will buy more Seals this year than ever before, just as during the war with Germany you bought more government bonds and contributed more liberally in that conquest. The battle against tuberculosis is half won; but there is a great fight yet ahead. If you believe in health and in preventing disease, you will BUY SEALS, SELL SEALS, USE SEALS.

MASONIC LODGE FOR BIG LAKE

The Ozona Masonic Lodge has recommended the petition of Masons at Big Lake for a charter that will be sought for a lodge there when the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas convenes next week in Waco, it was learned in San Angelo Thursday from R. W. Willoughby, Big Lake stockman. Mr. Willoughby, now a member of the San Angelo lodge, is slated for the first worshipful master of the Big Lake lodge, with the following other officers: Senior warden, H. L. Puckett, Orient agent at Big Lake; junior warden, E. L. Bland, garage proprietor; secretary, Frank Pistole, with the Orient railroad, and treasurer, Fulton Emerson, Ford dealer.

The Big Lake lodge is assured of eleven charter members and the number may reach 23. Masons at Big Lake, Rankin and Stiles will affiliate. At the start, lodge sessions will be held in the Big Lake public school and later the lodge will erect a home of its own, it is planned.—San Angelo Standard.

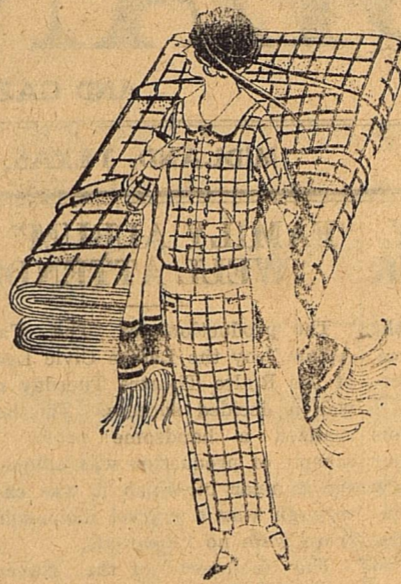
Phil Griffin, of Abilene, is a business visitor in Midland this week.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

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40 INCH CREPE DE CHINE, \$1.69

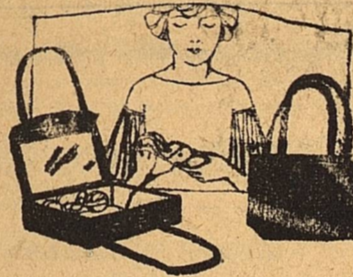
A beautiful quality in white and flesh only, regular \$2.35 value, priced special for the pre-holiday period, at the yard.....\$1.69

SPECIAL VALUES IN KIDDIES SWEATER SUITS

The quality is the same as this store has sold at \$5.85, which means a better than usual value. We bought this lot of eighteen suits at a special price by closing out the entire lot and we pass this saving on to you. Absolutely the finest all-wool suit of Cap, Sweater and slip-on pants with leggings, in White and Tan. Priced special, at the suit.....\$4.85



MANY NEW BAGS AND PURSES FOR CHRISTMAS



It will be easy to choose a beautiful new hand bag or vanity case from the many new numbers that we are showing at this time.

Especially to the men folks, this is a suggestion well to remember.

The new bags are priced at \$2.85, \$3.50, \$4.75 and up to.....\$7.50

A MAN IS ALMOST HELPLESS

AT TIMES, and one of these times is when he must decide on a Christmas present.

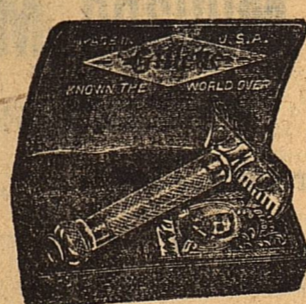
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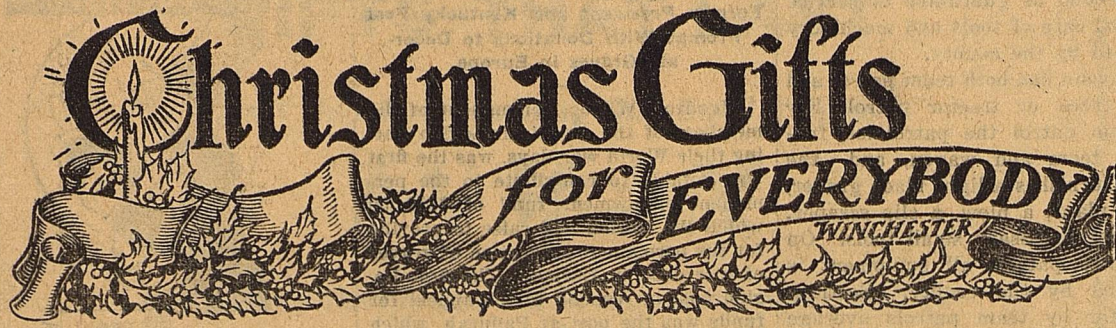
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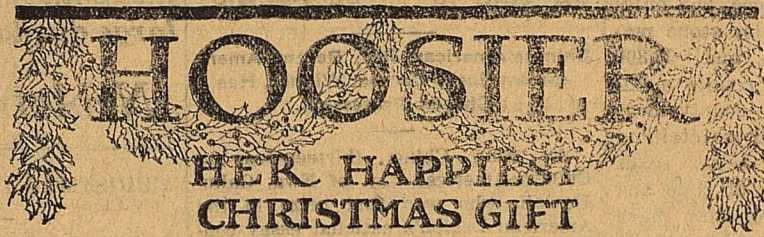
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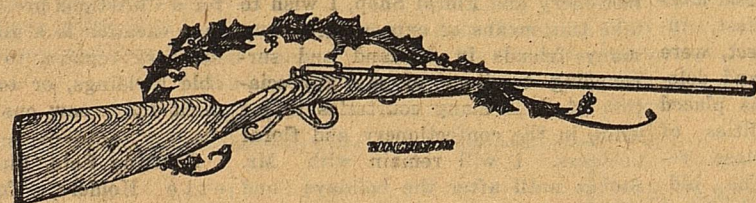
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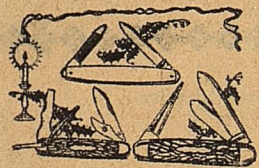
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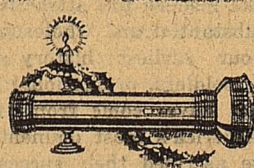
Express Wagons
Miniature Farm Wagons
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Knife and Fork Sets

Child's Rockers
Child's Chairs
Child's Bed and Mattresses
Kiddie Koop



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Coasters

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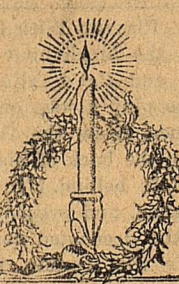
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SWEET BILL AIDS THOUSANDS

Measure Passed at Close of Sixty-Seventh Congress Benefits Many Afflicted Soldiers.

The lives of nearly ten thousand World war veterans will be saved, or at least prolonged, by the passage of the Sweet bill just at the close of the Sixty-seventh congress, according to American Legion officials. The United States veterans' bureau has highly commended the activity of the American Legion in bringing this bill to a vote at the eleventh hour, though National Commander Alvin Owsley was forced to get into the fight himself and, through his organization, insist on the passage of the act.

Countless veterans afflicted with some form of tuberculosis have left their homes and are now wanderers in Western states in hope of seeking out a cure for the disease. Many of these are destitute and the passage of the bill, which permits a greater leniency by the extension of the time in which disability resulting from service origin may be termed as entitling the veteran to compensation, is one of the beneficial results.

The provisions of the bill, affording more practical, beneficial protection for the veterans, are sweeping. Perhaps that feature which struck out of the former law the word "pulmonary", so that every veteran may come under the extent of the act, is the most far-reaching. The previous law limited the veterans' bureau to a consideration of pulmonary cases alone, and no examination was required, but officers of the bureau were permitted to use their medical knowledge in determining the approximate date when the affliction became active.

In another section of the law the time for securing a certificate of disability has been extended to March 1, 1924. The former ruling terminated this period on August 9, 1922. These certificates are incontestable evidence of the service origin of the injury, except in cases of fraud, and holders may receive compensation and hospital care; or, if the veteran dies, death compensation.

More elastic rulings affecting disabled veterans were included in the act. These provide that discharge on the grounds of "moral turpitude" and "persistent misconduct" would not disbar the soldier from receiving compensation unless he was found guilty by court-martial. A further provision of this section is that if an injury was incurred in an enlistment previous to the one during which the veteran was discharged, that this would not disbar him from compensation.

The Sweet act also provides that, in cases where a deceased veteran leaves insufficient funds to pay funeral expenses, the government will pay \$100, and an additional \$5 for the cost of a flag with which to drape the casket. A further provision will keep the bodies of many veterans from potter's fields, for the government will prepare and transport home or to national cemeteries the bodies of ex-service men who were receiving government medical, surgical or hospital treatment.

The previous method of payment of insurance for disability and death only on death of the veteran has been so amended that, instead of the beneficiaries being the only ones to receive the benefits, the veteran will be entitled to the payments, on total or permanent disability, if his uncollected compensation at the time of the disability was sufficient to meet past due insurance premiums at the time the policy elapsed.

Rejection for reinstatement of insurance because of a service disability at the time of application for reinstatement was also so amended as to permit reconsideration of the policy. Eight thousand veterans are believed to be affected by this provision. Further protection is offered those veterans who were mentally incompetent and whose guardians permitted their insurance to lapse while the patient was rated mentally incompetent. Policies of this nature are considered unexpired under the new law.

Everyday Heroes.

(Being a few that the War department missed).

The man who can get into the bathtub without knocking off the wire soap-holder.

The man who, when the lower drawer of the bureau gets stuck, does not give it a kick.

The man who doesn't think that he "stands in" with the garage mechanic.

The man who can see a frosty pane, while waiting for a train, and not scratch his initials on it.

The wife who, when there are fresh peaches for dinner, does not remind her husband that peach stains won't come out.

The man who does not tell how far he can hear over his home-made radio set.

The wife who does not remind her husband how attentive he was before they were married.

The husband who took down the awnings the first time his wife asked him to.—American Legion Weekly.

Ingenious.

Private Blimp was a modest and sensitive man who dreaded a rebuff. He had fallen in love with the prettiest girl within a mile of the camp, but hesitating proposing for fear that she would turn him down. At last, when he could stand the suspense no longer, he was struck by an inspiration. Hastily seizing a pen, he wrote her an anonymous letter asking her to marry him.—American Legion Weekly.

Ford Display Week

Beginning Monday, December 10th, we will put on a Special Display of Ford Cars and Fordson Tractors.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM SORGHUM MILL

There's been a lot of disturbance in the Sorghum Mill community skule for the past few weeks. The Supt. sez that if some of the boys on the football squad don't make a better showin' in football that they hev got to give up some of the other studies they air pursuing. Some of the patrons of the skule is also kickin' 'cause the gal teachers stays up so late at nite that they ain't fittin' to teach the young 'uns the next day. They kum to skule and air so nervous an' upset from losin' so much sleep that they take it out on the kids. We wuz told that one of the teachers threatened to bust a ink bottle over the head of Jim Tober's kid the other mornin'.

If the Skeeterville foot ball team can't make a showin' at the game, an' let the Sorghum Mill skule team beat 'em all the time, why we would advise the editor of the Skeeterville Early Bird to be more keeful in his untimely remarks about our referees and time-keepers doin' crooked work. Its the way of some folks; everything is fair an' square as long as things kum their way, but jest let it reverse a peg an' then they howl an' git insulting.

Our esteemed skule Supt. went to Franklin Korner's tother day to see the Hamphats and Bearcats play the interesting game of foot ball. He says everything wuz o. k, with the game es fur as he know'd, an' that he got writ up in the paper, which wuz all wuth the trip.

The Sorghum Mill string band played a konsert before the entertainment given by the ladies of the Upbuilding Society. Jed Whistlebomb, the fust fiddler of this aggregation, sez that the next time he has his string band to play in this community they shore has got ter listen, that he aint goin' to play his klassickle pieces fer folks ter gab by.

Josh Razorback, our tonsoral artist sez the gals are getting no better fast and that he's still a good mind ter go back to scrapin' hawgs.

Lawyer Skinem, our leadin' legal lite, hes been makin' the rounds of his district this week, and sez that if folks don't start to bootlegging better he's goin' to have to take down his shingle and go to more progressive parts of the country.

The Whiz-Bang whist club is figuring on starting the game of authors and mumblepeg.

The president of the Sorghum Mill Kommerical Klub, sed at a mass meeting tother nite, that what this community needed wuz about four, honest-to-goodness wide-awake citizens that had enough pep to start a dog fight or a pink tea.

Parson Wheezer sed in his sermon last Sunday that is wuz awful the way the kids wuz raisin' their parents nowadays.

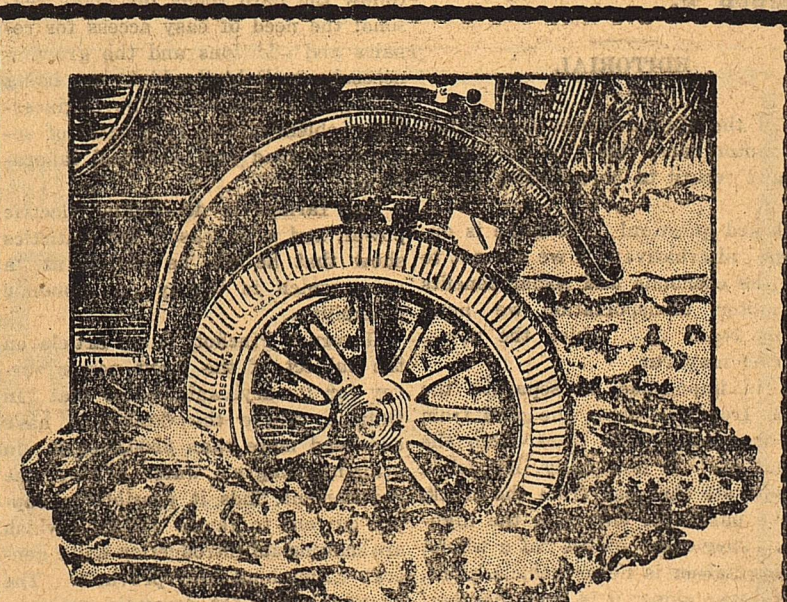
Miss Sallie Dozenberry and Mr. Johnnie Yallerhammer wuz quietly married at the Sorghum Mill community church last Wednesday nite, a large and enthusiastic crowd wuz in attendance. The groom wuz beautifully decorated in a blue and yellow suit of broadcloth, white and red striped vest with white shoes and white pall-bearer's gloves to match. His lovely jelly-bean mustaches bristled beautifully and his auburn hair made a perfectly halo as the suninted west. On entering the sanctuary he blushed a deep krimson as the organist played "Come Ye Disconsolate" as a wedding march. Upon arriving at the altar rail a perfect hush prevailed as the parson beamed upon the radiant beauty of the groom and pronounced them twain which no galoot could cut asunder. The bride wuz dressed in the regulation white.

Marlin, Texas, Dec. 2.—With Christmas less than a month away, several onlookers, including a reporter, stood unprotestingly while C. O. Moore, Falls County sheriff, emptied jugs, jars and bottles of their alcoholic contents at the Marlin jail Saturday afternoon, under orders of Judge Prentice Oltorf of the district court.

THIRSTY ONLOOKERS SEE "FIREWATER" EMPTIED OUT

The Cooper County Chapter of the Red Cross at Booneville, Mo., has shipped 56 fitted bags for the soldiers, sailors and marines in Hawaii. These bags were completed and sent in the Red Cross shipment of Christmas gifts to the 7,000 American troops in Hawaii.

Jim Locklar this week is nursing a bruised arm in a sling, the result of a car kicking back while he was cranking.



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EDITORIAL

Will the United States stop building motor cars, close up its factories and return to horse-drawn vehicles?

Absurd question! Yet there is only one alternative; if we are not to lose the economic and social benefits of motor transportation, we must supply roads upon which the power vehicles may run.

It is impossible to separate the water from the wave, the gold from the bracelet, or the track from the locomotive. It is equally impossible to separate the road from the truck, or the passenger car from the highway. They are halves of a whole; transportation is never vehicle alone, or highway alone; it is both together.

Our roads were planned and built for a means of transportation which is gone. The earliest highways were for horse riders, the stagecoach came next, after which we had the buggy and the wagon. The narrow road, the steep grade, the soft surface were all admissible for these; none of them are economic for the swift and powerful motor.

We have improved our highways—some of them—and widened a few, but we still build a road with the idea that it will last but a few years, and need constant repairs. We still

build in widths predicated upon slow-moving vehicles, and we still wind our highways up hill and down dale and around devious curves because it is easiest and cheapest so to do.

That era is gone! The new one is fiery here. We must either build our roads for our modern vehicles, or scrap motor transportation. As the latter is unthinkable absurd, it seems logical to believe that the era of the wide, expensive, permanent, hard surface road is here.

POWER AND ROADS ARE RELATED

The proposed "Giant powder system" of Pennsylvania and the "Superpower system" of the Atlantic seaboard, have an intimate relation with highway development which the proponents of such systems are now considering as of very great importance.

Hard roads offer a solution to this problem lines which are to be underground, since such conduits naturally follow the hard roads for many reasons; the need of easy access for repairs and additions and the growing necessity to light the highways being among the greatest. The engineering problem is now in process of solution in road and electrical laboratories.

The farmer is demanding electric power, and with reason, for statistics show that he can be supplied at a price which is wholly an economic possibility.

Governor Pinchot, in an article on the subject of the giant power survey for Pennsylvania, notes that "In Ontario, where the Canadians have expended more than \$200,000,000 in utilizing Niagra's water power, the government finds it possible to supply current to farms at rates which are making its introduction quite general throughout the province. The power is used for domestic purposes—cooking, cleaning, washing, and ironing—and for purely farm purposes, such as milking, churning, pumping, and thrashing.

"There was a time not so long ago when the farmer's ideal was to own a homestead free of mortgage. He is no longer satisfied with that. He knows that the country can not prosper unless he prospers. He feels that he and his wife and children are entitled to as many of the advantages of modern life as the folks who live in the city. He wants to have his farm as fully equipped with labor-

saving machinery as the best modern factory. He wants to be able to use his brains for something better than chores. He wants to share in the benefits of the electrical age. He and his wife want an electrically equipped farm. And nothing is more certain than that in the end he is going to have it.

INFLUENCE OF SURFACE ON POWER REQUIRED

That the surface of the road has much to do with the amount of effort required to move a wheeled vehicle and to keep it moving is well known; just what these efforts are has been determined by a series of experiments conducted by the Horse Owners Association of America, by means of a testing apparatus invented by Mr. E. V. Collins, of the State Agricultural College, at Ames, Iowa.

According to these experiments, a given load of 7,700 pounds was started by a team of horses on a level brick surface by a 200 pounds pull while the same load on an asphalt surface required 300 pounds pull and a good cinder and dirt surface needed 520 pounds pull. A concrete road allowed the team to start the load with a pull of 125 pounds.

ROADS MAINTAINED BY COUNTY CO-OPERATION

Counties in Wisconsin took over the maintenance of their roads on May 1, 1918. The State commissioner established nine divisions in the States, each having about eight counties. A resident engineer is in charge of each division, under him a corps of assistants, who maintain, mark and sign their territory, visit the patrolmen twice a month, and report each visit by card to the main office. In 1922 the commission at Madison received reports of 10,940 visits. Three members of the county board supervise road work, and a county highway commissioner is also elected to have charge of all road construction and maintenance work in his county.

The patrolmen enter into written contracts with the county and put up a \$500 bond as guarantee of service and good care of tools and machinery furnished by the county.

Wisconsin has both team patrol and motor truck or tractor patrol. For the team patrol the patrolmen furnish a team and wagon, and the county furnishes a light blade grader, a road plane, a plow, a slip scraper, and other necessary small tools. On the motor patrols all equipment is furnished by the county. Sections cared for by team patrols average six and three-quarters mile, and the patrolment work from April 1st to December 1st for \$140-\$165 per month. Between December 1st and April 1st patrolmen agree to work when requested, at a fixed price per hour. Motor truck and tractor patrols cost the counties on the average about \$110 per month each.

The Wisconsin system is the result of investigations which the commission carried on in other States regarding satisfactory systems of road maintenance, and for practical methods of improving ordinary town roads which had heretofore been under the care of a township director with wide territory, limited time, and more limited money. Wisconsin's total mileage on all classes of highways is 78,000. When the county maintenance work was commenced, 255 miles were concrete, 1,775 miles stone macadam, 15,670 gravel, and 60,300 miles earth. Under the county maintenance system, each county owns much of its own road maintaining equipment, and enjoys better roads with less expenditure of time and money. Many improvements have been originated by township votes.

If you wish to see, see Inman. adv 10tf

RECENT CONFERENCE DEVOTED TO HOME

Interest in farm homes should certainly receive a new impetus as a result of the splendid program of the Country Life Conference which met in St. Louis November 8th to 11th. Speakers of national reputations in various fields of rural endeavor, farmers and farm home makers, rural church and school officers, and delegates came from 35 of the different States. Therefore the audience was representative of all sections of the country, as the topics discussed were representative of all phases of farm home life and influence which affect it.

The Federal Government manifested its interest in the work of the Association through representation on the program of two of its largest departments—the Interior Department, Bureau of Education, essentially concerned with the intellectual and spiritual welfare of the new generation, and the Department of Agriculture, primarily concerned with economic aspects of farm living.

What the rural home should mean to the farm family; how it can be made beautiful, convenient, spiritually inspiring; how it can and should be kept physically healthful and morally wholesome; a place of rest, inspiration, affection and respect, were all stressed by speakers and delegates. Special emphasis was placed on the mutual responsibilities of home and school and their close relationship to each other. The old-fashioned home with its cherished traditions and accoutrements; the home as a place in which the fine virtues of honesty, integrity, and thrift may be cultivated is not extinct in our rural communities. Indeed, the farm home has a great opportunity of preserving the best of the old home life and combining with it new ideals which make modern life attractive as well as substantial and wholesome.

From our earliest history great statesmen, soldiers, professional men, and artists have come from farm homes. America's most eminent citizens have ascribed their success to the training received about the fireside in the farm home. May not our present farm homes, then, be the means of preserving the sterling qualities of home life so long revered during the time that city homes are adjusting themselves to the new conditions which the exigencies of modern civilized living are bringing about? Consideration of the proceedings of the recent conference of the American Country Life association encourages the belief that the meeting may contribute to this desired end.

Playing With Pat

It was the lunch hour on the new building, and Pat's fellow workmen, decided to play a joke on him during his absence, drew the features of a donkey on the back of his coat, which he had left behind. In due course Pat returned, and presently appeared bearing the decorated coat.

"What's the trouble, Pat?" asked one man, trying to appear indifferent.

"Nothing much," replied Pat, equally indifferent, "only I'd like to know which one of you wiped his face on my coat."

WILSON AND PADUCAH FIRST

Former President and Kentucky Post Prompt With Donations to Decorate Graves in Europe.

Woodrow Wilson, commander of the members of the American Legion during their World War days, was the first war notable to contribute to the permanent endowment fund of \$100,000 which the Legion will raise to provide for the permanent decoration of graves of war dead in Europe. The first Legion post to respond to the appeal for funds was the post at Paducah, which announced a contribution of \$25 within a few hours after the appeal was broadcast.

The Legion, in announcing the campaign, stresses the fact that the raising of a permanent fund will obviate the necessity of making yearly appeals for contributions. The fund will remain in the national treasury of the American Legion, subject to expenditure only for the purpose of decorating the graves of 32,100 war dead in Europe.

Many posts will raise their quotas for the fund by selling poppies during the week preceding Memorial day. Legion national headquarters has obtained a supply of 2,500,000 silk poppies and has urged all members and patriotic citizens to wear the flower in honor of those who lie in Flanders fields.

AH SING IS TO BE CHEMIST

Chinese-American Boy, Recent Americanism Essay Contest Winner, Has Chosen Profession.

Ah Sing Ching thirteen-year-old Chinese-American boy, of Ewa, Oahu, Hawaii, who won first prize in the American Legion's national essay contest, was the guest of honor at a recent meeting of the Ad Club of Honolulu.

After the luncheon, some one asked little Ah Sing Ching, who defeated 50,000 American-born school children in the contest, "What do you expect to study as you grow up and go to college?"

And he answered without hesitation, "chemistry."

The man who asked the question said afterward:

"That little Chinese-American boy has picked what to my mind is the great coming profession—that of chemist. The world today is being developed by chemistry, and the great industrial developments of the future will come through chemistry."

Ah Sing Ching will receive a scholarship of \$750 in any college or university, donated by Hanford MacNider, past national commander of the Legion.

Garland W. Powell, national Americanism director of the Legion, has announced that another essay contest for school children will be held this year.

A very complete line of Christmas Gifts and Novelties are now on display at the Elite Confectionery & Floral Shop.

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Having disposed of the Elite Confectionery and Floral Shop, I wish to take this means of expressing to my many friends in Midland and surrounding territory of my appreciation of their many courtesies to me while in the confectionery and floral business. I will remain with Mr. Stokes until after the holidays and will be glad to assist you in the selection of your gifts.

M. R. HILL.

Mrs. C. M. Beachamp left for Ft. Worth last week where she will visit her sister and daughter, Mrs. M. R. Hull and Mrs. Joe Jung.

Mrs. N. C. Vest will leave Saturday morning for Chandler, Ariz., where she will spend the winter with her sons.



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CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

Christmas in the farm homes and in the rural schools! What memories it brings to thousands of men and women in crowded cities as well as in the open country. The spirit of making others happy is abroad in the land. At this happy time when our main objective is to add to the joy of the Christmas Season for our boys and girls may we not also take stock of the kind of permanent service we are giving our children in providing for their future welfare and happiness, especially for their education? Houses and lands, money and jewels, may be of temporary endurance. Good health, a trained mind, and a sound moral inheritance are treasures stored where moth can not enter nor rust destroy. The best Christmas Gift any community can give its children is an efficient school, one which assures in so far as it is humanly possible the spiritual and intellectual training that prepares them for the "good life."

School trustees and parents, why not, when you go to a Christmas program at your school-house, look about you carefully, see that the school building is sanitary, comfortable and convenient for its purpose? Desks must be occupied five hours a day by school children, eyes must be used day after day; sanitary conveniences should be adequate. If these things are not satisfactory the children need a new school building for a Christmas present. The Christmas vacation is a good time to make necessary repairs, to remodel unsuitable buildings, or to arouse sentiment for a new one.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXTENDS LONGER PERIOD

"Until a few years ago nearly every one tried to crowd all of their Christmas shopping into a week or ten days previous to Christmas. This last-minute rush destroyed the entire spirit of Christmas," said Geo. D. McCormick of the local Winchester store, yesterday.

"Nowadays," continued Mr. McCormick, "the Christmas shopping period is longer, beginning early in November, and the bulk of the shopping is done by the middle of December. In consequence Christmas is now a day of exceptional good cheer, because the merchant can enjoy the day and season as well as others.

"When the majority of Christmas gifts were purchased in the few days preceding the holiday, shoppers had no time to make a careful selection and usually they bought a great deal of useless merchandise, dust collectors on the mantle or in the corner. Few people started their Christmas buying early enough to procure sensible gifts.

"That is all changed now. Merchants throughout the country, aided by the postal authorities, inaugurated a campaign to 'do your Christmas shopping early' and the idea has gone over big. About the same time the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving—otherwise known as the 'Spuge'—was formed. This organization preached the gospel of giving useful things for Christmas. Due to the excellent work done by this society, no one thinks of giving anything now that is not practical or useful. For these gifts most people go to the hardware and sporting goods store.

"Whether the gift is for a man or woman, boy or girl, the donor now begins an active campaign to secure it some time in advance, and with plenty of time to look around a serviceable article is secured. This naturally makes for a more enjoyable Yuletide season.

"Everyone is aware that a growing boy will relish having a pair of ice skates, roller skates, a pocket knife, a .22 calibre rifle and some cartridges, possibly a punching bag, boxing gloves, baseball goods, or a set of tools. Boys like to tinker about the house and with a number of good tools they can construct useful articles and satisfy a boy's natural desire to make things. Today people realize that it does not cost any more to give useful presents than it does to give ornaments.

"Such articles as carving sets, manure sets, kitchen sets, cutlery of all kinds, flashlights and batteries, fishing tackle, razors and strops, rifles and shotguns, automobile and camping kits, pocket knives and skates are in great demand now and it is with difficulty that merchants keep up their stock; but they do any every one goes away satisfied. With the public doing their purchasing over a longer stretch it enables the merchants to take care of their wants and give them better service."

Gifts Worth While

A high grade full nickeled six pound electric iron (written guarantee will not burn out) sent to you by insured parcel post prepaid for only \$4.50. Send me your order and check today. John C. Sherman, (Electric Dealer) Cisco, Texas. adv 10-2t

Have you seen the new Christmas cards being shown at The Reporter office?

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY METHODIST STEWARDS

Resolved, that it is the conviction of this official board,

1st. That our church building, dedicated for religious activities should not be used for any purposes that are not in keeping with the highest Christian ideals; that the use of the church should not be granted for promiscuous programs, shows, cheap plays and entertainments, or for any uses that may cheapen or lower it in the estimation of our people.

2nd. That lectures of a moral and educational value, high class musical numbers and programs in the general interest of community betterment may be permitted in our auditorium without violating its legitimate uses.

3rd. That in the future we will use every possible precaution that the spirit of these resolutions may be carried out to the letter.

The above is a copy of resolutions adopted Thursday afternoon by the official board of the Methodist church, a body which the pastor is a member ex-officio.

In this same meeting it was decided after careful investigation that the church might be used for the first lyceum number, with the understanding that if this number proves unworthy of our confidence we will not be expected to open our doors to others.

We were encouraged to do this because the lyceum is a community proposition, sponsored by our schools for educational purposes and is in no sense a money-making proposition. As pastor of the Methodist people may I urge that we support this unanimous action of the board in their effort to do the fair thing by all concerned.

L. U. SPELLMAN.

THE RURAL SCHOOL LIBRARY IN WINTER

Now is the time for the teacher to make the very best use of the rural school library. It is useless to expect much reading in the rural communities during the active farming months but in the long evenings of winter there are two or three hours after supper that country folk have for leisure. Parents and children will welcome good books and magazines. The many fine books of animal stories are especially interesting and appropriate now. The hunting seasons are on and through the natural interests aroused in wild life, there is an opportunity to teach the boys and girls about the animals of their own and other countries, kindness to all folk of forest and field, and a better way of treating our wild friends than killing them.

The holiday seasons bring with them special and charming editions of old books that will tempt children to read when they otherwise would not, as well as large numbers of new and worthwhile books and stories. In the winter, too, the Congress is usually in session and people's minds are more easily turned toward questions of national and State-wide interest. There is better opportunity to teach good citizenship, patriotism, and loyalty through well-selected timely articles on current thought and movements. Moreover, in rural sections such local governmental activities as grand jury and town meetings, sessions of county court, and meetings of tax-levying bodies are usually held in the winter months when the farmers are not so busy, and the rural library may be well used to give help and information along these lines of civic duty.

HELLA TEMPLE SHRINE BAND WILL BE HEARD

The Hella Temple Shrine Band, which is probably the most popular and most widely known Shrine band in North America, will broadcast a program from Station WFAA, the Dallas News and Dallas Journal, on Sunday, December 9th, from 10 to 11 p. m.

This band received the highest praise and was the most popular band at the recent Shrine convention in San Francisco and it promises to be a musical treat for Midland's radio fans.

The broadcasting station WFAA, of the Dallas News and Dallas Journal, is one of the most powerful broadcasting stations in the United States. Its broadcasting has reached London, England; Hawaiian Islands; Buenos Aires, Argentina; the Ship of the McMillan North Pole Expedition, Refuge Harbor, North Greenland.

The receiving set of the Elite Confectionery will be tuned in to receive this program and the management of the Elite invite all Shriners and their wives to be present and hear the program.

Following is a letter received by the local chapter:

Nov. 26 1923.

Illustrious Sir and Noble: Now that the December elections in the various Shrines are about to take place and the Potentates are wondering as to their chances to be elevated to that exalted position known as Past Potentate, and the Chief Rabbans are wondering if they'll ever become a "Pote," I'm thinking that here and there "nerves are bound to be unstrung."

So, between the hours of 10 and 11 p. m., central standard time, Sunday, December 9th, Hella Temple Band (the finest band in all Shrine-land, excepting, of course, the Band of your own Temple) will broadcast to you from the powerful WFAA Radio Station of the Dallas News and Dallas Journal, comforting, soft sweet and soothing music especially selected for the quieting of all nervous conditions—and you will find: "The cares that infest the day Shall fold their tents like the Arabs, And as silently steal away."

While broadcasting is from one illustrious to another illustrious, we would be glad indeed to have the nobles of your Temple who are radio fans "cut in" providing the "lisnin' ain't all took up."

And now, illustrious co-officers and imperial co-representatives of 1923, as we approach November 30th, the close of the Shrine fiscal year, let me say on behalf of Hella Temple, we are happy to reflect on the ideal relationships that have existed between our Temple and your Temple—not a single discordant note having marred the beautiful harmony—and we are glad to have lived in the Sunshine of the Shrine of this year. I can best express our sentiments to you by the prayer of the Orient:

"I pray the prayer the Easterners do, May the peace of Allah abide with you;

Wherever you stay, wherever you go, May the beautiful palms of Allah grow;

Through days of labor, and nights of rest, The love of good Allah make you blest;

So I touch my heart—as Easterners do, May the peace of Allah abide with you."

Sincerely yours in the True Faith, Al H. Reed, Potentate.

APALLING WASTE

Short school terms and poor attendance in the rural schools represent an appalling waste. Statistics compiled by the Bureau of Education show that the average rural school term is approximately seven months and that the average daily attendance is but 72.2 per cent of the enrollment. Even this poor showing is bolstered up by including a rural all places of less than 2,500 population according to the Census classification. If we count as rural only the population of the open country and the smaller villages the situation appears much worse. Because of the poor enforcement of the school laws in the open country many children of school age are not enrolled in the schools and because of unfavorable rural conditions the attendance is reduced. In these regions the average school term is about six months and the average daily attendance is hardly 57 per cent.

Short-school terms and poor attendance waste the farmers' money, reduce the future earning capacity of the children and permit coming citizens to be handicapped by illiteracy. The whole Nation was made ashamed by the high percentage of illiteracy revealed by the examination of recruits for the Army in the World War. So long as we permit short school terms and irregular attendance in the rural districts, just so long will we continue to produce thousands of men and women unfit to perform their duties as citizens in a Republic.

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Midland.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Midland County, on the 5th day of December, 1923, by the District Clerk of said district court, for the sum of eleven thousand four hundred thirty-eight and 20/100 dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of The Midland National Bank in a certain case in said Court, No. 1459, and styled The Midland National Bank, a corporation, vs. W. J. Moran and J. Wiley Taylor, placed in my hands for service, I, A. C. Francis, as sheriff of Midland County, Texas, did, on the 5th day of December, 1923, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Midland County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All of lots 4 and 5 in block 36, of the Original Town of Midland, Midland County, Texas; all of the east one-half of block 20, in Haley Heights Addition to the town of Midland, Midland County, Texas; the west 1-2 of the southeast 1-4 of the northeast 1-4 of section 26, block 39, Tsp. 1-south, certificate 3132, T. & P. Ry. Co. survey in Midland County, Texas, containing 20 acres of land; all of lots Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in block 79, in the Southern Addition to the town of Midland, Texas, as per plat of said addition as recorded in Deed Book No. 2, at pages 2 and 6, Midland County records, each of said lots being 50 feet front by 140 feet deep, in all 150 feet front by 140 feet deep, and levied upon as the property of W. J. Moran, and that on the first Tuesday in January 1924, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the court house door, of Midland County, in the town of Midland, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale and Judgment, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. J. Moran.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Midland Reporter, a newspaper published in Midland County.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of December, 1923.

A. C. FRANCIS, Sheriff, Midland County, Texas. adv 10-3t

(SEAL)

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—To buy second hand piano. A. J. Guthrie, phone 268. 51tf

WANTED—To harvest your feed. Have good row-binder and charge \$2 per acre. Will Manning. 51tf

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FOR SALE—Second hand Voce piano, Majestic range, Fox typewriter, all in good shape. Also a few Plymouth Rock pullets and young roosters. J. H. Wilhite, Phone 261. 8tf

FOR RENT—Bed rooms. Priced reasonable. Call at first house north of Methodist parsonage or call for Mrs. Cosper on phone 170. 8-3tp

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FOR SALE—A Fordson tractor, one 3 gang disc plow, one two row Case lister planter. For price or any other information see J. V. Gowl, two miles northwest of town. 10-1f

Sheriff's Sale

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable County Court of Midland County, Texas, by the clerk of said court, on the 4th day of December, A. D., 1923, in a certain cause wherein F. A. Youngblood is plaintiff and W. E. Newton is defendant, No. 785 on the docket of said court, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 21st day of November, A. D., 1923, in favor of F. A. Youngblood and against the said W. E. Newton, for the sum of five hundred thirty-two & 00/100 dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from November 29th, 1921, and costs of suit, with the foreclosure of an attachment lien on the following described personal property, theretofore levied on under writ of attachment on the 19th day of October, A. D., 1923, to-wit:

1 bay horse about 16 hands high, branded T on left jaw, 1 bay horse about 16 hands high branded "cross" on left jaw, 2 black mares about 16 hands high, no brands, age about 6 and 10 years, weight about 1200 lbs., Peter Schuttler wagon, narrow tire, 3 inch with home-made bed, 2 sets of chain harness, 1 leather collar, 1 ducking collar, 1 and 1-2 sets of leather lines, as said attachment lien existed on the 19th day of October, 1923, and to me as sheriff of Midland County, Texas, directed and delivered, I will, on the first Tuesday in January, A. D., 1924, it being the first day of said month, at the court house door in Midland, Midland County, Texas within the legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest secure bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said W. E. Newton in and to the above described personal property, levied upon as the property of the said W. E. Newton, to satisfy the judgment hereinabove described.

Witness my hand this the 6th day of December, A. D., 1923.

A. C. FRANCIS, Sheriff, of Midland County, Texas. adv 10-3t

John Dublin was a business visitor in Big Spring Tuesday.

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LETTER FROM TOKYO TO MIDLAND FRIEND

DESCRIBES HORRORS OF THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE AND OTHER THINGS

Our townsman, Fred Wemple, has received an interesting letter from his friend, a Mr. Murray from Tokyo, Japan. Mr. Murray is an attache in the American Embassy at Tokyo and was associated with Mr. Wemple in the U. S. Navy during the war. The letter follows:

Tokyo, October 12, 1923.
Dear Fardie: Your letter of September 4th reached me this afternoon, and you can rest assured that I was glad to get it. I am glad to report that I am still amongst the "living," but I am what the aviators during the war termed, "living on air," meaning by that, that I came within an ace of losing my sweet young life.

As you know, I had taken a summer house on the beach at Kamakura, about one hour and fifteen minutes from Tokyo, and I was spending the last of my month's vacation on Saturday, September 1st when the earthquake struck us. It is very difficult for me to describe just what happened, as it was all done so quickly and without warning that it was impossible to take it all in. I had just returned from the barber shop, from getting slicked up, and after going up to the second floor and removing my shoes and putting on bedroom slippers I returned to the first floor and took an easy chair and began to read. I had been reading about three minutes when one of my domestics came in and asked me what I wanted for luncheon. I mumbled something about getting something light, as the weather was quite hot, and she turned to leave me alone, when I noticed the house beginning to shake. Inasmuch as we had had no tremors all during the summer, I had made up my mind that at the first sign of one I would make an effort to get out of any house that I happened to be in if possible; well, at the first sign I jumped from my chair and made a dash for the door; by the time I reached the front door the house was doing all kinds of stunts and I almost lost my equilibrium; I was thrown against the door jam, but caught myself and dashed outside just as my house, with a terrible crash, completely collapsed. It fell toward the way I was running, or the way I was trying to run, as I was not making much headway. It was all I could do to keep my balance. The earth movements were something awful. I cannot begin to tell you of the sensations I experienced. As a matter of fact I believe my brain for once ceased completely to function for a few moments. Houses were falling all about me, and it was only through an act of Providence that one of the other houses around me did not fall on me as I ran. The earth was opening up all about me; stone walls and fences were falling across my pathway and in one place I scrambled up over a break in the earth where the ground had sunk about two feet. Water mains were bursting and my thoughts naturally turned to a tidal wave. I made a detour of all the houses where foreigners were living and found that all had escaped with the exception of one young fellow living about two doors from me. He was pinned beneath his house and it was some time before he was removed. He was cold when we finally got to him. A number of women were very severely wounded, bruised and generally maimed. I took a look out to sea and saw a wave forming out quite a ways which looked as though it might be pretty dangerous if it succeeded in gaining more momentum as it came nearer the shore. It certainly was ugly looking. To make a long story short, it finally came roaring in and came all the way up to our front doors, or at least where our front doors used to be, but inasmuch as all the damage was done it did not amount to much. The paper stated that it was about 30 feet high. I noticed in the paper later that the whole shoreline along the beach at Kamakura had risen eight feet higher than it was before the quake. That, I am firmly convinced is the only thing which saved us all from being swept away by a tidal wave. If, on the other hand, it had sunk even half that much, the wave would have been powerful enough to do some nasty work. Thank God, it happened as it did. Quakes continued about five minutes all the rest of that day (Saturday) and night and for days afterwards. We all gathered in front of the foreign hotel, part of which was still standing, towards evening and after carrying out blankets for the ladies to lie down upon, we made ourselves generally useful in gathering bits of food here and there and providing for those who were hurt. After spending a most miserable night without sufficient clothing to keep me warm (the quake having caught

me with nothing on but underwear, a pair of silk pongee trousers, shirt and socks. I lost my bedroom slippers some time during the afternoon,) we started for Tokyo on foot on Sunday morning about 7 o'clock. Just as we were leaving Kamakura, a young Japanese arrived on foot from Tokyo, informing us that Yokohama was completely destroyed and Tokyo burning in nearly all sections. We walked all that day until about 4 p. m when we came to a place where we were provided with rice and some Japanese vegetables. We slept out under the stars, or at least we tried to sleep. I took the coat off that I had borrowed from the hotel at Kamakura and put it on a little girl and I paced up and down most of the night in an effort to keep warm. I cannot begin to tell you of all the hardships we suffered while en route to Tokyo; how we were drafted into service to protect the place from Korean bandits who were reported to be headed our way for the purpose of robbing the place of food, and how we finally reached Tokyo late Tuesday afternoon, is a story that I must relate in person, as it is too long, and too sordid for me to relate so soon after it all happened. Papers are just now reaching here telling of it, and I can only say that for the most part there is no exaggeration. In fact in some parts it could not have been painted blacker. I have procured a few pictures which tell the tale even more than the papers, and when I see you I shall show them to you.

I am sailing for the United States on the 29th of November on the S. S. President Lincoln, if nothing prevents, and if I find that I can stop off to see you for a day or two and reach my home before Christmas I shall most certainly do it, otherwise I shall have to defer it until after the holidays when I shall probably return to the middle or far west. I am leaving Japan for good. I am sorry that my term should be closed with this black chapter, but so it is and there is no undoing it.

With all good wishes, and my best thanks for your very good letter inquiring as to my fate. It certainly is a comfort to be able to report that I not only went through the worst of the quake zone, but through the fire and was almost in the path of a tidal wave and came out without a scratch. The only discomfort suffered was a pair of pretty sore feet from rushing here and there on Saturday afternoon doing relief work. I procured a pair of Japanese rubber shoes (red) which I shall keep as a souvenir, and in which I walked back to Tokyo.

I shall be hoping to receive a reply to this before I leave if you have time. I shall get this off on ship tomorrow.

Your old and sincere friend,
Elmer.
P. S. I believe I forgot to state that I lost nearly all my clothing and many other valuables in my house at Kamakura, but such is life.

CO-OPERATIVE FERTILIZER EXPERIMENTS

Co-operative fertilizer experiments will be conducted by the division of chemistry of the experiment station in 1923. An experiment will consist of ten plots of one-tenth acre each in case of corn, cotton, or similar crops, and of one-twentieth acre each in case of potatoes, tomatoes or truck crops, for which fertilizer will be furnished to farmers desiring to co-operate, on condition that the freight is paid, sample of soil sent if requested, and a report made on the experiment. The number of experiments will be limited to fifty, and those first applying will have the best chance to secure them. For an application blank, address G. S. Fraps, chief division of chemistry, College Station, Texas.

Miss Lydie G. Watson, of Gallo-way College, Searcy, Ark.; Landon's Conservatory, Dallas, Texas, and the American Conservatory, Chicago, Ill., now has her studios open for 1923-24. Those wishing to study music, phone 88. South Side Studio at Mrs. Robt. Currie. adv 1f

TOLD AT 19 HE HAD TWO YEARS TO LIVE MAN DIES AT 101

Franklin, Tenn., Dec. 3.—Told by physicians when he was 19 years old, that he had but two years to live, John B. Murray died at his home one mile from this city Monday at the age of 101 after a brief illness. He was born at Triune, Tenn., in 1822. In 1922, when he celebrated his 100th birthday with a big picnic here, Gov. Al. A. Taylor was the guest of honor. When he was a boy of 12 Mr. Murray stood on a bridge at Nashville and watched the triumphal return of Andrew Jackson. He was a personal friend of Jackson.

Mrs. V. V. Simpson and children came in from Sweetwater, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Cowden.

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SNYDER PLANNING EAST AND WEST HIGHWAY

There is a proposition on foot to build a hard surfaced highway east and west through Snyder, connecting Stamford, Hamlin, Rotan, Snyder, Gaff and on to Lamesa, and west to New Mexico. A great deal of the traffic east and west goes to Abilene from Stamford and then west along the Texas & Pacific, and some of the travel goes north from Stamford, thence along the Ft. Worth & Denver. It is felt that a more direct route east and west is needed.—Dallas News.

STOP THAT ITCHING

Use Blue Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak, Sunburns, Old Sores or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet. For sale by City Drug Store, Midland, Texas.

WHO WANTS THE JOB IN 1940?

William Henry Harrison was elected president in 1840 and died in office; Abraham Lincoln was elected in 1860 and died in office; James A. Garfield was elected in 1880 and died in office; William McKinley was elected in 1900 and died in office; Warren G. Harding was elected in 1920 and died in office. These are facts. Fit your own theory to them. It is a coincidence and seems to be an established custom that every twenty years a president shall be elected who shall die.—Conroe Courier.

Your patronage solicited and appreciated at the Camp Filling Station, near Camp grounds. Day and night service. Bert Stringer, prop. adv 8-12t

The oldest "Junior" Red Crosser in the United States is Dr. Elliott Smith, of Kansas City, Mo., who is 70 years young. Dr. Smith is port scout master of the Kansas City, Missouri, boy scouts and has been active in sea scout work for several years. He took the original Red Cross life saving test in 1919 at the Kansas City Y. M. C. A. and is an expert swimmer, canoeist and life saver. He is chairman of the first aid committee of the Kansas City, Mo., Red Cross Chapter.

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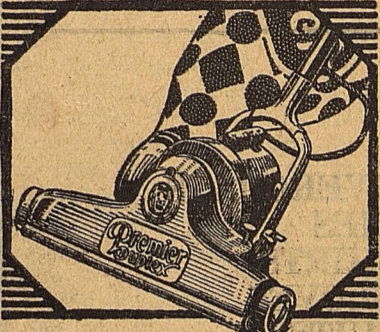
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BREEDING IN GRAIN SORGHUMS

Results recently published by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station on the inheritance of seed coat color in crosses in grain sorghums throw new light on the breeding of these crops which is of value to all farmers growing sorghums, and particularly those interested in the practical breeding of them. Crosses of yellow milo with produce a head colored like the yellow parent in the first generation, the yellow color being dominant, says the Progressive Farmer, and continuing: When grown in the second generation the progeny

breaks up into a ration of three yellows to one white.

Hybrids between red and white kafir give a seed coat intermediate in color—a pale red, as does also the first generation hybrid between pink and white kafir—a pale pink. These crosses also break up in the second generation in a three to one ratio similar to the milo.

In crosses between yellow milo and white milo or red kafir and white kafir, that is between closely related strains or varieties, it was found no hybrid vigor was exhibited, wheats crosses of milo on kafir resulted in extraordinarily vigorous, large growing and late maturing plants. A much closer relationship is shown between varieties of milo and of kafir than exists between different classes or groups of sorghum such as feterita and kafir or milo and kafir.

Such information on the inheritance of these crops gives an explanation of the origin of some of the varieties which have come into existence. For instance, dwarf white milo which made its appearance unannounced and unexplained several years ago, and is now an important variety, can be ascribed with reasonable certainty to hybridization and re-combination of characters between standard milo and dwarf yellow milo, then already existing varieties. With the made of inheritance of different characters in the grain sorghums once fully determined and understood, the breeding and isolation of new and better varieties will be a much simpler problem than at the present time.

TWELVE MEN SENTENCED TO THE PENITENTIARY

Twelve men were sentenced to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., by Judge W. R. Smith, at El Paso last Monday, following pleas of guilty in the United States district court. Ten of the men pleaded guilty to charges of violations of the Harrison narcotic act. The sentences range from one to three years, with fines of \$100 in each case. The prisoners will be taken to Leavenworth early this week.

Costume Recital

The Following Program by the Expression Pupils of Miss Leona McCormick will be given at Methodist Church Tonight at 7:30

Pianologue—"Mr. and Mrs. Audience"	Worrell
Annie Fay Dunagan	
Reading—"Santa at Home"	Baker
Edna May Elkin	
Reading—"A Little Girl's Speech"	Anon
Ada Lee Reiger	
Playette—"Dolly Has the Flu"	Henderson
Doris Damron and C. A. Goldsmith	
Reading—"All His Own"	Baker
B. C. Driver	
Reading—"A Naughty Girl"	Anon
Brookie Jean Dozier	
Reading—"Wish't I Wuz a Girl"	Cooke
Merwin Haag	
Pianologue—"Why"	Fergus
Anabel Youngblood	
Reading—"The Broken Egg"	Cooke
A. W. Stanley	
Reading—"The Hen"	Cooke
Louise Greenhill	
Reading—"A Christmas Prayer"	H. H.
John Nobles, Jr.	
Play—"Idowanna"	Waldo
Characters	
Amy Girl	Alice Buchanan
Nurse	Addilese Haag
I-Don't-Want-To (who appears as Idowanna)	R. L. Damron
Coffee-Pot	John Nobles, Jr.
Knife	B. C. Driver
Bread	Merwin Haag
I Will	A. W. Stanley
Scene—A Nursery	
Reading—"How Gentlemen Are Made"	Cooke
Bush Elkin	
Pianologue—"Bringing Up The Family"	Franklin
Dorothy Bess Stanley	
Reading—"Here's The Way You Look"	Riley
Lelman Damron	
Dialogue—"Molly and I"	Anon
Martha Louise Nobles and Helen Margaret Ulmer	
Reading—"The Girl 'at Lives Next Door"	Anon
Wade Stevens	
Dialogue—"A Christmas Heroine"	Hare
Dorothy Bess Stanley and Lorena Eiland	
Reading—"The Tomboy"	Hare
Addilese Haag	
Pianologue—"The Rheumatiz"	Fergus
Martha Louise Nobles and Lelman Damron Helen Margaret Ulmer and Wade Stevens	
Reading—"Gimme De Leavin's"	Cole
Aaron Damron	
Play—"The Women Of To-morrow"	Anon
Ten Girls	
Reading—"A Tramp With a Tramp"	Newton
Clinton Dunagan	
Pianologue—"Belinda's Fan"	Anon
Frances Ratliff	
Impersonation—"Old King Faro's Daughter"	Hare
Kitta Belle Wolcott	
Monologue—"In Grandma's Chest"	McCollum
Mary Hobbs	
Reading—"Mrs. Clancy's Confession"	Newton
Margaret Currie	
Monologue—"Pink Carnations"	Anon
Oriel Horton	
Pianologue—"That Old Gang of Mine"	Rose
Clay Floyd	
Reading—"Me and My Down-Trodden Sex"	Newton
Lorena Eiland	
Pianologue—"It's Rainy When You Go"	Worrell
Kitta Belle Wolcott, Frances Ratliff, Mary Hobbs	

DATES FOR 1924 FAIR FIXED AS OCT. 11-26 AT DIRECTORS MEET

Oct. 11 to Oct. 26, inclusive, will be the dates of the 1924 State Fair of Texas at Dallas, directors of the State Fair have decided, says the Dallas News in last Monday's issue. The dates were selected in an unusual manner at a board meeting, opening day being the Saturday nearest Oct. 15th. The dates, it is said, also work out to best advantage in conjunction with the dates for all fairs in the Middle West Circuit, and will be "claimed" by Secretary W. H. H. Stratton at the meeting of State Fair secretaries in Chicago Monday. Accompanied by Past President and Director E. J. Kiest, Mr. Stratton left Saturday afternoon for Chicago, to attend the session.

The Middle West Fair Circuit is made up of the Missouri State Fair, Sedalia; Iowa State Fair, Des Moines; Nebraska State Fair, Hutchinson; Kansas Free Fair, Topeka; Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma City; Oklahoma Free Fair, Muskogee; Texas-Oklahoma Fair, Wichita Falls; Arkansas State Fair, Little Rock; State of Texas, Dallas; Cotton Palace, Waco; State Fair of Louisiana, Shreveport, and the South Texas Fair, Beaumont.

Dates for all these fairs will be set at the Chicago meeting.

RED CROSS' PLAN OF TAKING CARE CHILDREN

Twelve hundred and sixty children of Chickasha, Okla., developed sturdy little bodies and healthy alert minds because of the nutrition classes conducted under auspices of the Grady County Chapter of the Red Cross last year. These children were found to be underweight due to malnutrition and while in many cases the malnutrition was not due to lack of food but to the wrong kind of food, the results were the same.

Hot lunches of properly balanced diet were put into 17 schools. The children were taught what to eat and how to eat, that is, how much and how many times a day, and were encouraged to eat fruit and vegetables, to drink milk, and to eliminate coffee and tea from their diet, and a health rule contest by which the children were encouraged in the practice of out door exercise and personal hygiene and well ventilated sleeping and living rooms was inaugurated. This all made for a general improvement in health and incidentally a decided improvement in the discipline in the school.

The percentage of underweight was greatly reduced and the parents were so much pleased with the improvement that they are demanding a continuance of the program for another year.

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USES OF THE NEW FERTILIZER FORMULAS

Eleven standard high grade formulas for mixed fertilizers were adopted by a representative committee of experts last June, in the hope of simplifying fertilizer problems arising from the use of more than 150 different mixtures, none of which fills an important need which the committee thought cannot be filled by some one of the eleven formulas adopted. Following this action, Circular No. 31 has been issued by the division of chemistry, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, outlining suggested uses of the newly adopted formulas for crops. Growers of cotton, corn, rice, alfalfa, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, melons, onions, lettuce, cabbage, spinach, carrots, beets, peach trees and sugar cane are advised as to which formula is likely to succeed best on each of the various soils where these crops are likely to be grown. Suggestions as to the amount to be used are also given. This circular will be mailed without charge if request is made to B. Youngblood, director, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, Texas.



CONSPIRE TO BEAT WORLD IN TON LITTERS

The Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Farm Bureau, supported by merchants, bankers and farmers, down in Denton County, Texas, set out last spring to beat the 1922 Indiana record of 3,040 lbs. of pork from one litter of pigs in six months. When all the litters were weighed in, seventeen were found to average 2,369 lbs. and the top twelve averaged 2,589 lbs. The 120 pigs in the twelve litters averaged 259 lbs.

Two world records were made and stand as such. The top litter made an average weight of 333.2 lbs. per head, which is 8.3 lbs. above the average of the Texas litter which holds the record for total weight of 3,898 lbs. One gilt of this litter made a record of 364.5 lbs. which officially weighed on the 180th day, or three days less than six calendar months.

This litter was of pure bred Poland China breeding, and was bred by J. M. Martin, of Denton Texas. He won \$150 in special prizes offered by business men to any one who would exceed the 1922 world's record.

The cost of the litter from the time the dam was bred until the pigs went to market was \$183.89, and selling at \$8 the return was \$266.56 making a profit of \$82.67.

The ration consisted of six parts ground corn and one part shorts soaked in skimmed milk, with tankage.

A goal was hung up by the farm bureau. The business men offered inducements to reach it, farmer feeders worked, and the goal was achieved. Co-operation won. The moral is obvious.

Weak Back

Mrs. Mildred Fipkin, of R. F. D. 8, Columbia, Tenn., says: "My experience with Cardui has covered a number of years. Nineteen years ago... I got down with weak back. I was run-down and so weak and nervous I had to stay in bed. I read of

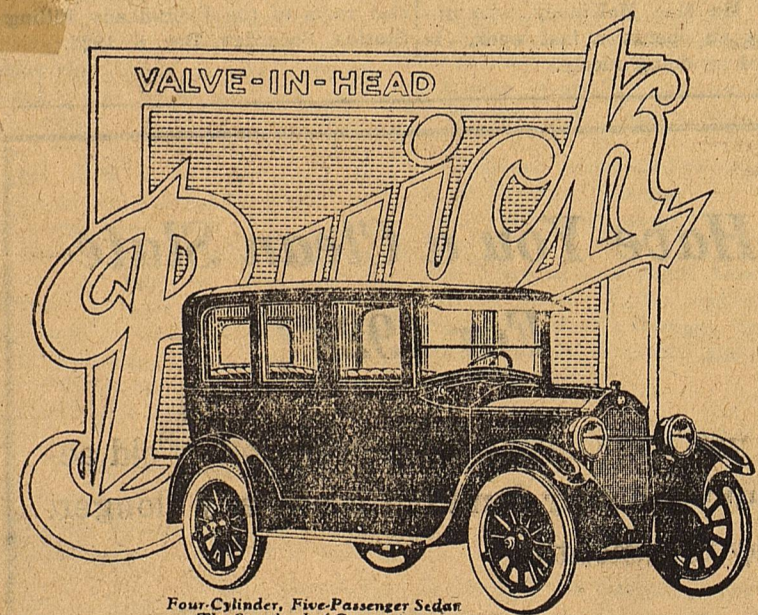
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and sent for it. I took only one bottle at that time, and it helped me; seemed to strengthen and build me right up. So that is how I first knew of Cardui. After that... when I began to get weak and 'no account', I sent right for Cardui, and it never failed to help me."

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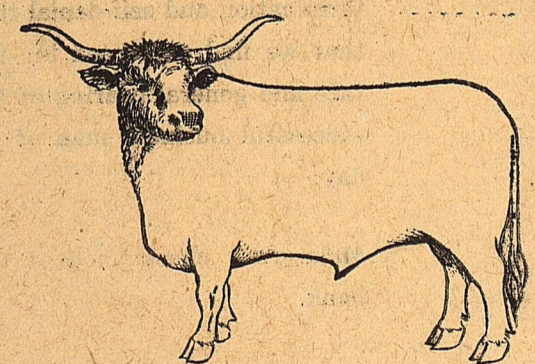
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"Oh! wad some power gie us a liftie To choose the right and fitting giftie."
(With apologies to Robert Burns)

Christmas trees—During the holidays I will have family trees for sale. All beautiful cedars. Order before Christmas. Oswald Phillips. 10-2tpd

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Half who left last week for San Angelo are now in Mineral Wells for a few days before returning home.

Mrs. C. A. Taylor, of Center Point, Oregon, arrived last week and will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Purcell and sister Mrs. C. E. Lange until after the holidays.

Mrs. Myra D. Hill, of Lomato, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. E. W. Floyd.

Miss Lula Elkin, who is teaching near Lubbock, arrived last Saturday for a few days visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. L. Holmesly left last week for a visit to relatives in Comanche.

Mr. Henry Wolcott Honored

The home of "Uncle Henry" Wolcott was the scene of a happy gathering on Thanksgiving Day when many relatives gathered there in a family reunion, honoring his birthday. A cake of exceptional beauty adorned the centre of the table and "Uncle Henry" blew out the candles. The dinner was sumptuous—a Turkey (and a real Thanksgiving bird it was) with all the delightful accessories was beautifully served. Many pretty and useful gifts were presented the honor guest as well as many loving wishes for years more of continued health, happiness and prosperity.

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We neglected to mention some two weeks ago the marriage of Mr. Tommie Sharp to Miss Bernice Feeler. Both young people are well and favorably known in Midland and The Reporter and numerous other friends join in congratulating the happy wedded pair, and wish for them a future of prosperity.

Good specks for bad eyes at Inman's. adv 10tf

Rev. F. M. Wadley, of Missouri, was here a few days this week visiting his brother, our townsman, T. B. Wadley. Rev. Wadley is a Baptist minister, and preached an interesting sermon at the Baptist church last Sunday morning.

Miss Leona McCormick wishes to announce a costume recital of her pupils in expression at the Methodist church on December 7th. adv 7-3t

Mrs. C. D. Adams was called to Mineola Friday to the bedside of her brother, who is dangerously ill.

Miss Mary Jane Potter, who spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Midland, has returned to the Frank Wolcott ranch, where she is teaching.

I have moved my barber shop to one door north of John's tailor shop. Frank Criswell, Prop. adv 94tpd

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Currie, who have been on a hunting trip, were in Midland Friday, on their return to their home in Garden City.

Mesdames W. E. Carter, R. W. Smith, Glenn Allen, Calvin Smith, Jester Deere and S. R. McKinney were Odessa shoppers in Midland Tuesday.

Dr. L. B. Pemberton announces the opening of his new dental offices in the Llano Hotel building, rooms 209-210, and will continue in the general practice of dentistry. Office phone 402; residence phone 384, Midland, Texas. adv 7-4t

Forest (Cotton) Ward returned from Alpine Saturday where he has been a student in Sul Ross.

J. P. Inman and family and Misses Lois Ballard and Mary Hobbs, started a cross-country trip to Abilene last week. Owing to car trouble the trip was abandoned at Big Spring. The party returned to Midland excepting Miss Ballard, who continued the trip by rail.

Camp Filling Station, near camp grounds, will appreciate your patronage. Service day or night. Bert Stringer, proprietor. adv 7-12t

W. A. Vest, of Monahans, passed through Midland Wednesday on his way to Lorraine. He made a short visit with his mother, Mrs. N. C. Vest.

J. F. Collins, local agent for the Dodge, sold three cars recently. A sedan to B. N. Aycock, a touring car to Donald Hutt and a touring car to Lige Davis.

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY.—Elite Confectionery & Floral Shop.

The Christmas cards which are being shown at The Reporter office are worthy of your investigation.

You can buy engraved Christmas cards at The Reporter office at a price which should be investigated. Come in and let us show them to you.

We are the exclusive selling agents for Whitmans, Johnstons and Miss Saylor's Candies.—Elite Confectionery and Floral Shop.

Miss Mary Bingham returned from Lovington, N. M., on Wednesday of last week where she has been visiting with her parents.

Announcement
Mrs. Fred Wemple will open a Holiday Gift Shop in the ladies rest room of the Ever-Ready Filling Station, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Hand-work, Fancy work and novelties. adv 9tf

Are you leaving out any of your friends this Christmas through error? Prepare yourself for such an emergency. Let us show you the line of Christmas cards at The Reporter office.

Stationery, Candles, Candle shades and Candle Sticks.—Elite Confectionery and Floral Shop.

J. M. Flanigan returned Monday from College Station where he went to spend Thanksgiving with his son Jim, who is attending A. & M. College. Mr. Flanigan witnessed the Texas University-A. & M. Thanksgiving football game.

BASKETS—A very complete line of Flower and Fern Baskets. Elite Confectionery and Floral Shop.

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CHURCH NOTICES

METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
League, 6:45 p. m.
The Missionary Society meets on Monday at 3 p. m. with Mrs. Thomas. Prayer meeting and choir practice Wednesday, 7:15 p. m.
L. U. SPELLMAN.

BAPTIST CHURCH

All regular services will be held at the Baptist church next Sunday. The subject for the morning sermon will be "Should Christians Tithe," and for the evening, "The Dislike of the Commonplace." Every member of the church is urged to be present at the morning service, especially visitors are cordially invited to worship with us.
W. S. GARNET, Pastor.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass will be on every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Beginning of mass at 10 a. m.

INTERMEDIATE ENDEAVOR

Topic, "Lessons from the Psalms." Leader—Willie Pearl Dockray. Scripture, Ps. 40:1-10—Leader. Thoughts on the topic—Homer Ing-ham.
Piano solo—Jessie Mae Estes. Clippings—Endeavors. Sentence prayers. Business and benediction.

I have recently purchased the Elite Confectionery from M. R. Hill, and take this opportunity of assuring all that they will receive the same Elite service as heretofore given. The remodeling of the Elite, for your convenience, is almost completed and the public is cordially invited to come in and note the changes. Assuring the public that they will receive the same courtesy and service given in the past by Mr. Hill, I am sincerely,
S. Dewey Stokes. adv It

Tom Potter, who underwent an operation for appendicitis some three weeks ago, is reported as convalescing rapidly.

Buy mother a pair of glasses for Christmas at Inman's. adv 10tf

The Civic League's new Cook Book is off the press and will be on sale at Wadley-Wilson's on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Price \$1. Get your copy early. adv

Announcement

J. P. Rankin has sold the Rankin Motor Company, Rankin, Texas, to R. C. Harlan. All outstanding accounts due on or before Sept. 26, 1923 are due me and I ask that they be paid so that my books and accounts may be closed.
J. P. RANKIN. adv

Miss Ida Mae McKinney, who underwent an operation last week, is reported as doing nicely. adv 9-1f

Porter Rankin and Bob Estes, who have been on a hunting tour, have returned and report a very pleasant trip.

BOOKS—The Lasting Gift. We have them for all ages from infancy to old age.—Elite Confectionery & Floral Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wyche are visitors from Odessa this week in the home of Mrs. Wyche's mother, Mrs. Henry Thompson.

Attention Ladies

Mrs. Wemple announces the opening of her Holiday Gift Shop, consisting of hand work and novelties in the rest room of the Ever-Ready Filling Station, Saturday, Dec. 8, 1923. adv 9-1f

Have You a Clean Slate For 1924?

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