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Oil Activities On Every Hand

New Production, New Locations, New Blockings and General Busy Times in Field and Wildcat Localities

"Things are happening so fast in the Chalk field that detailed reports of all the movements and developments can hardly be assembled" is the situation for the past week. The many reports and "rumors" as could be best run down for reasonably certain confirmations by The Herald, are given in the broad range of information afloat and in omission of some operations from which direct information could not be obtained.

A transaction of particular interest to the city of Big Spring was the closing this week of a leasehold by the Marland company on sixteen sections of land which in part abuts on the corporation line of the city, on the southeast. This big blocking, under commercial lease, is largely from lands owned by B. B. Fox and Ray Wilcox. While no drilling contract is entered into the indications are that the lease is intended for testing. As The Herald has heard it, but without official confirmation, the Marland company has nine blockings in Howard County and is busy in testing of seven of them and with a program to cover the county with test holes.

Another prospect which is as yet to be developed is the possibility or probability that Big Spring will secure the general offices of the Marland Company for this section of the state. The headquarters is now at San Angelo, but with the far greater interests of the company more readily accessible from Big Spring. It is pointed out by those who study the maps that Big Spring is as close to Big Lake as is San Angelo and that most of the company's leases and active drilling are north of the Orient road and are readily accessible from the T. & P. road, with Big Spring or Midland favorable points for a central direction of operations. Big Spring is unquestionably the logical place for headquarters offices and the supply yards are already here. The stumbling block appears to be the securing of desirable housing for offices and men and families. B. O. Winn, district manager of the Marland company has been in Big Spring for several days and his duties call him here often. He has not given out any information with respect to the removal of his office here but the situation itself is indicative of the necessity for a seat of operations for this immediate section.

Still another good news item is that of a special to a Fort Worth paper, from San Angelo. It announces the location of a drilling project on the W. S. Martin ranch, some twenty miles to the northwest of Big Spring where the Marland company has a large lease blocking now completed. This operation would be the first activity north of the railroad except for a test near Gull, report of which is not available since striking of slight oil and gas showings of the previous week.

The old Reeves-Apperson well, otherwise known as the "Thompson" and which was recently purchased by the Marland company after it came in with oil and gas and gave promise of being a good producer, is in the way of this week. One test has been run in and another derrick intended for a second offset was moved to the Chalk field after being erected. This removal was in order to comply with an immediate start of a number of wells on a tract acquired by the Marland people from the Otis Chalk home tract. This transaction, the purchase of the additional Chalk lease, is not confirmed by all the details afloat in street talk but that the lease has been executed at a high price for the acreage appears to be correct. The unofficial report is that the fancy price of \$25 per acre was paid for the desired location off the home tract and that a trend of what appears to be big production of the Chalk field as so developed.

The Fred Hyer well, a mile or so from the Thompson well and between the four miles from the Chalk field is not furnishing any fresh information available to the public. The reports of the strike of oil and gas on deeper drilling by the Marland company are well confirmed. Reports of the initial production

on sinking the bit to depth of about 1750 feet, from around 1500 feet, vary from 100 to 200 barrels per day. That the new sand was found and that it is the best producer so far tapped in the county, is well established. This well was the original discovery well of that section and it has consistently, for several years yielded from seven to fifteen barrels a day without attempt to increase the flow until the Marland company bought it and put a crew to work cleaning it out and deepening. A few days work uncovered the new sand 250 feet down.

Outlying Tests

The Settles ranch well, on line of Howard and Glascock Counties, a joint operation of the Texon and Marland companies was reported as being down 600 feet Wednesday of this week.

The Tom ranch well west of town is reported at 1000 feet down.

An independent operation on edge of the developed Chalk field is reported with Fred Carey the driller and the location on a choice spot in the Otis Chalk ranch. The terms of this lease is said to be a 50-50 proposition, Mr. Chalk to receive that share in royalty. Acreage included in not known.

The later operations are not known for the past week.

Several items from the McDowell ranch are to be expected within the next few days. Locations are made and active drilling is due to follow soon.

The Chalk Field

Developments are happening thick and fast in this splendid field which is growing in activities and importance day by day. Definite reports of new wells include one for the Magnolia company and one for the Humble company, this on section 25 Chalk. The Marland company is credited also with a producer, their No. 7 Chalk. Others may have come in, some were to be shot and new locations have been made in number and frequency to further arouse the interest of the oil fraternity. Many oil men and others visit this field and the nearby producers, the Thompson and Hyer wells.

Oil field "talk" is plentifully afloat. One such story is that one contractor has signed up for drilling sixteen wells and that there are three rotary rigs in the field for new developments. That the Marland company has a program for 100 wells this year is a sample of the "rumors," maybe so but not confirmed.

Drilling Resumed

The Plateau Oil Co. who has been at working drilling a well ten miles southwest of Garden City this week abandoned this hole which had reached a depth of 2200 feet and started a new hole. The first was abandoned because of the crooked hole.

Glascock County Has Gas Showing

A good showing of gas was obtained this week in the well being drilled on the Calder ranch, east of Garden City. This well has reached a depth of 2800 feet, and drilling is being continued.

SUSPECT HELD IN OLD CASE

The sheriff's department has in custody a young man who is suspected of being the one who a year or so ago murdered Fred Connor near Breckenridge. The car stolen by the murderer has been in possession of the officers since soon after the crime but the murderer has never been apprehended although Sheriff House has never let up in his search for the guilty one.

As is well recalled by many Connor was killed by a hobo whom he picked up for a ride as he was leaving Breckenridge.

CITY CHARTER IS APPROVED

The City Charter, drawn up and adopted by the city of Big Spring was sent to Austin several days ago and has been returned to the office of the City Secretary, approved. Big Spring is now under the Charter form of government, the new government going into effect Tuesday evening, January 11.

HELPED THEM CELEBRATE

Messrs Weaver and Watson of the Chamber of Commerce were visitors to Stanton Tuesday night upon invitation of the Chamber of Commerce of that city to be their guests at the annual banquet.

E. E. Fahrkamp visited friends in Colorado Tuesday.

Farmers Call on Commissioners

Representative Real Farmers Confer on Agricultural Program—Ask for County Agent and Demonstrator

In response to invitations sent out from the Chamber of Commerce of Big Spring, there was an important and highly interesting meeting of farmers held last Monday. A representative from each community was invited and the majority of the list responded.

The conference was planned, so explained Secretary Watson of the Chamber of Commerce, as a means by and through which the farmers particularly might take lessons from the present depression in agriculture and inaugurate constructive measures which would give some immediate help but which would be more a blessing of the future. The trend of the secretary's remarks was that the abandonment in whole or in part, of the raising of products other than cotton and of depending entirely on cotton as a living and money crop, had brought the South to its present deplorable condition of so much cotton raised that prices for same were below the cost of production. This condition was not a new exposition but was well known and recognized and the discussion went into the question of what might be practicable in way of getting out from under the load that is being carried and into a more profitable line of farming and stock raising.

Mr. Watson attempted to answer this inquiry by laying down basic principles in diversification of crops, livestock, poultry and other interests as well as purity of seed and blood in livestock. These subjects and "advice" although old and of common knowledge as to being recommended, were handled by Mr. Watson in manner to appeal as feasible and desirable. He stressed as a fact that there was no get-rich-quick bait held out but that by slow processes, in giving attention to the minor products of the farm, there could be gradual gain of independence of the cotton single crop. Something to sell as the seasons come and go, raising of home supplies, improvement of grade of products in seed selection and better breeds of stock and poultry, rotation of crops and other ways which have often been pointed out, he held could be realized to some extent for the present year's profit and especially in the beginning of a line of farming which would from year to year yield better than cotton.

This line of talk, from town man to farmer, might read as something to be coldly received but the propositions were placed with such convincing and argumentative way that there was evidently a general agreement and a better face-to-face looking into the situation as now confronts the Southern farmers.

Leading from general principles to concrete application of what might be done now to start the upbuilding program as outlined, there was brought forward the subject of county agent and home demonstration agent for Howard County, to take hold of the subjects of better profit in farm life and as leadership in the ways and means through and by which the desired forward movement might be conducted. The proposition of county and demonstration agents, for the field acreage and for the home, was thoroughly "sold" to those present most of whom were already converts to the benefits of same. The appeals for the boys and girls, in training them into the best ways to handle the rural problems and in their education to take interest and acquire real love for agricultural and livestock pursuits, were enthusiastically echoed by all present.

Up to Commissioners

While the iron was hot and with the splendid representation of prominent representatives from over the county, Secretary Watson invited his audience to go with him before the county commissioners, then in session.

Before that body, with the causes presented by several of the visitors and by the secretary, there was asking that a county agent and home demonstration agent be employed. The arguments were advanced pro and con, the general expression of the commissioners being as personally favoring but as officially impracticable, through lack of

means to pay the county's part of the expense. The court advised that the general fund is now some \$6,000 in debt, that the tax rate was up to the limit by law allowed and that the only avenue through which additional funds could be raised was that of raising the renditions on property listed for taxation.

The cost of jail repairs, \$15,000 was mentioned and also the expense of jail upkeep, averaging about \$300 a month or total of \$3,600 per year.

As argument on the other side it was shown that the lands of Howard County, ranging in value from a few dollars per acre for grazing lands to \$100 an acre and better for improved farming lands, was assessed a maximum of \$5.00 per acre and ranging downward from that. This low rendition system was defended as advisable in the fact that what the county rendered it was adopted by the state for state taxes and that with the rate of taxation at the limit there could not be raising of income without adding the double burden of the state also basing its collections on the higher renditions.

In other words, the commissioners court did not hold out any hopeful encouragement for the agents requests. The polling of the members as to their personal attitudes toward the proposition was favorable, feebly so probably as to some and heartily as to others, but with a practically unanimous opinion that the projects could not be financed. No decision was formally rendered by the court which took the matter under consideration.

T. F. NABORS IS GETTING AWAY FROM ONE-CROP IDEA

T. F. Nabors who has found it both pleasant and profitable to diversify on his home place north of Big Spring is already making plans to prepare his land for the 1927 crop. Mr. Nabors, according to his plans, will have something to market throughout the growing season. Instead of selling his feed, he intends to sell the finished product and keep plenty of stock on hand to finish at his home.

"I am going to plant plenty of feed," Mr. Nabors said. "Thirty rows of feed to every row of cotton, and I am going to plant several acres in peanuts. I have found that this is fine food for hogs, and it isn't a bad one for children, or grown-ups," he concluded.

At present Mr. Nabors is busy curing meat. He recently killed four hogs which netted him a nice income from the fresh pork, sausage, backbone, spare ribs, etc., which he sold besides the hundreds of pounds of lard he made.

He still has nine hogs on his farm and these will be well fed on peanuts and other fattening foods for killing next season.

Mr. Nabors advocated that the farmer ought to first try to aid himself before he asks aid from the government, and that is the reason he has adopted the diversification plan of farming. Farms with hogs, chickens, and dairy cows, and plenty of feed, truck gardens, and other eatables for home consumption can make their way and will not find it necessary to ask for government help.

BURGILARS ROB WOOTEN WHOLESALE GROCERY STORE

Burglars entered the wholesale grocery store of the Wooten company Tuesday night and so far as checked up with certainty contented themselves with smokes and chews.

The goods missed consisted of 400 cartons of Camel cigarettes, 200 cartons of Chesterfield cigarettes and 40 pounds of thick Tinsley chewing tobacco.

At last report the culprits had not been arrested although Sheriff House had his suspicions as to who was guilty and arrests may be expected to follow.

GOOD SIZED STILL FOUND ON FARM NEAR BIG SPRING

Without giving definite names due to the fact that there were no arrests accompanying the raid, the sheriff and his deputies report the finding of a going concern in whiskey manufacturing industry on a farm in this county. The still was found but the operators were not caught; arrests will follow later when investigations indicate the owner of the manufacturing plant which is described as up to date but of recent installation.

Miss Mabel Ricker returned Tuesday from a visit with relatives in San Angelo.

New Charter Now Governs the City

Formal Change in Government and Installation of Commissioners Accomplished Tuesday, Jan. 11th.

Big Spring is a city operating under a modern charter with commissioners, mayor and city manager, the last named official to be supplied.

This change of government form occurred Tuesday night, Jan. 11, 1927. It succeeded an aldermanic form of government established in 1882.

The process of abandoning the old form and instituting the new included in the preliminaries the framing of a new city charter, which took months of time of a committee appointed for that purpose. Then, on the 7th day of December last this charter was submitted to vote of the people for adoption and it overwhelmingly carried, although the vote was light as compared with the voting strength of the city.

With the charter duly filed by the secretary of state the remaining operation was the transfer of the reins of government by the old city administration to the newly-elected commissioners who were chosen by vote along with the adoption of the charter proper.

This transfer of authority was consummated on the 11th in a final meeting of the council and an introductory meeting of the commission afterward, the session lasting until a late hour.

The Proceedings

The old council had in a previous meeting wound up their affairs. With Mayor Thomas presiding and all the members present the Mayor went into a statement of the condition of city affairs. He told of the financial situation, of the obligations out, of income, of litigations pending and in other points explained just what the new administration would have to confront it and with information as to the history of the items presented. He invited questions and in a general discussion the various subjects transferred were elucidated. The statements as to the city's present affairs with accomplishments of the old administration are given in separate treatment.

With the friendly and informative session of the council finally concluded, there were felicitations as among all present, hand shakings and wishes of good luck for the new officials and commendations and congratulations to the retiring body, individually as collectively.

R. D. Matthews Mayor

Installed and in their places ready for business the city commission consists of: C. W. Cunningham, R. D. Matthews, R. T. Piner, W. W. Inkman and W. A. Gilmour.

C. W. Cunningham was called to the chair after all members had duly signed their oaths of office. Nominations for mayor were in order and Commissioners Cunningham and Matthews were presented. Mr. Cunningham argued the cause of Mr. Matthews who was loath to accept the honor but in the discussion of the duties of the office and his recognized fitness for the place, he was unanimously chosen.

With the body organized there was long and open discussion of the preliminaries of the new administration, with explanations of affairs by Mrs. Robt. Middleton, city secretary of the city under the old administration. The subject of city employees was taken up, their duties and salaries were explained and the decision was formally made to retain all employees in their present status temporarily. With the employment of a city manager the appointive offices will be filled by him. The charter reads: "All employees of the city shall be hired by the City Manager or under his direction, and he may discharge such employees at will." The appointive officers named in the charter consist of: city manager, chief of police, city secretary and tax collector, city attorney, city fire chief, city tax assessor, city treasurer. By charter provision and as adopted by motion, all applications for positions under the city government must be made in writing, and filed with the city secretary.

Times of Meeting

On motion the commission voted to hold regular sessions the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, in the city hall, at 7:30 p. m. The

charter provides that the commissioners shall receive as salary the sum of five dollars each for all regular meetings attended. Called or special sessions may be held at will, but with no pay for attendance on same.

The first regular business of the newly created body was receipt and reading of a petition from M. H. Bennett, B. T. Parr and others asking for improvement in the water service in the south end of town. The situation with regard to same and also as to similar conditions on the north side, was discussed and remedies suggested but with no official action taken.

Long informal discussions of the problems presenting were held until eleven o'clock came when adjournment was taken until next Tuesday night.

The City Commission is now operating and His Honor, Mayor Matthews, is a busy man.

The next important step is to secure a City Manager. Some applications are already in and it will probably take some time before a selection can be made and the new officials can get to functioning. Until then the commission will go along as best can be managed, operating with the organization inherited from the retired officials and retired form of government.

ALLEGED CHICKEN THIEVES IN BIG SPRING HOOSGOW

Sheriff Frank House and his deputies have in jail a couple of young fellows who claim to hail from Roby. The names given and probably correct are I. J. Sharp and W. C. Ratliff. They are charged with theft of chickens.

Voluntary written statement made by Ratliff seems to fix the crime on the boys. One statement was made in which it was claimed that the chickens were found by the roadside, already cooped and that they had been loaded in the car claimed to be the property of Ratliff. On arrival in Big Spring the fowls were sold, an even dozen hens, which brought between ten and eleven dollars. With the money in hand the boys camped in the brush at the edge of town and the sheriff was not far behind them in search suspicion that they had stolen the chickens. After the sheriff had gone, the coop was hidden in the brush and nearby were other articles of automobile parts, found when a research was made following the arrest of the boys. A very smooth story was put up but the officers worked a little game on the suspects and Ratliff came clean, so claimed, admitting the theft in Colorado and giving a detail account of the movements of himself and companion, whom he sought to shield.

BIG SPRING LEADS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST

Last Sunday, the second of the three months contest between the Big Spring and the Colorado Methodist Sunday schools, Big Spring led in two of the four divisions and Colorado led in two. The contest has already exercised an influence in all departments and it may be expected to spread in interest to where both schools will be greatly increased in membership as in all the other excellencies of record.

The last Sunday score was as follows:

Colorado—attendance 308, number contributing 207, new pupils 19.

Big Spring—attendance 354, number contributing 322, new pupils 16.

The combined scores of the two Sundays puts Big Spring in the lead on lines most prominent.

DOUGLASS HOTEL COMING

In interview with J. C. Douglass, owner of the recently burned Cole Hotel, the statement was authorized that he has his financial affairs in such shape that he expects to let contract for erection of a hotel building within the next few days. His expectations is to contract for the entire job, of wrecking and building, with the same company or individual.

As before published the drawings for the new building cover the entire lot space, from Runnels street to the alley, facing on 3rd street, the Bankhead highway, and extending south on Runnels street to nearly the lot boundary. The plans call for store buildings on both street facings and for a hotel modern in all respects, two stories for the present and with foundations capable of supporting a five story building.

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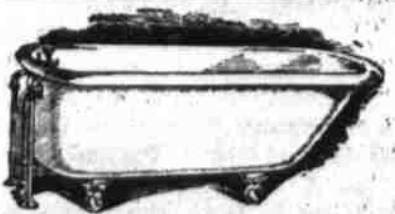
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WHERE OIL COMES FROM

Theoretical reconstruction of the earth, on geologic facts as discoverable, is an entrancing occupation for imaginative minds. Theorizing to ascertain how and why oil is present and in such great quantities, is not, however, with certainty revealed when the old earth is dissected and the strata, or log, ascertained.

Whether oil is a chemical union of elements or is a secondary product of animal or vegetable life is a question which the scientists are not all agreed upon. Generally, the theory is that it is a secondary matter, the oil from substances which have at some time long ago, had living existence on the earth's surface.

It is on this theory that speculation takes the direction of accounting for oil deposits through uncovering, layer by layer, the top crusts overlying the porous oil stratum. Old seabeds which in bygone times must have supported vast quantities of animal life and shores which produced tropical vegetation though years in number beyond the power of imagining, are favored factors in the geologist's accounting for oil pools.

This theory is right now one in which West Texas is interested. Oil over large area is a fact, regardless of all theories as to how it came here, and the interest which hinges on the geology of the section is connected with the question of how far, and where, the old Permian Sea extended, where its shore lines in successive changes and particularly, where oil is calculated to be now. The geologists are mapping the Permian Sea, that old part of an ocean which left red earth deposits behind it. The idea of the mapping is to learn where oil is "apt" to be found, basing the oil probability on the theory that the oil itself is a deposit rather than a chemical combination even now going on deep in earth's cauldrons.

Howard County is an oil section, by test of drill. Other neighboring counties are, some of them, proven to be oil bearing while still others as yet untested or are negative in their testings. The old Permian Sea, once its extent is outlined is expected by geologists to mark the extent of the great oil deposit of West Texas. Following their mappings the oil companies will sink drills along the shore lines, along fault lines and in search of the final bed of the waters which in the untold centuries of time finally evaporated after being cut off by upheavals from main ocean connection.

On the theories of the geologists and in the actual finding of oil over an immense area so far tested, this part of the country is in for a drilling campaign to make things good for the present and to bring wealth, great wealth, to the country through years to come.

Howard County is one of the main districts to be drilled, in the following of the mapping of the old sea which once covered the hills, the valleys and the mountains even, of the earth in its formation as a habitation for man.

Before another issue of The Herald the state will be under the new administration, with Dan Moody signing the pardons, should there be any left in the prisons to be turned loose, Jim Ferguson, in his Forum, takes the change philosophically and says that he hates no one. There is a move on foot among his admirers and the admirers of the Governor-Wife to build them a fine home in Austin. At time of evacuating the Mansion when Jim retired as governor, the family drove back to their Temple home in the old family automobile.

The jolly drummers, in their individual "trains" are out on the road again, most of them. The holidays checked the traffic and the first of the year invoicing held the boys in their houses. Now, with the new year policies laid out by the firms and factories the army of road men are getting back to their routes.

Not only one, but two hotels, is what Big Spring is due to get this year and this first half of the year. They are both needed.

The Frank Norris trial at Austin is overshadowing the legislature in newspaper reporting and local interest of the Capital City. A small army of newspaper reporters is on the ground, handling every angle of the case and creating angles as space fillers.

Twenty blocks of paving in the Big Spring business district is now completed to where all the blocks can be traversed. A little more, sunny weather and the top dressing will all be spread. Paving is the primary step toward city building and the rest of the improvements will follow.

Our distant neighbors at Ozona are either highly prosperous or have gone nuts on automobiles. The tax collector of Crockett County, in which Ozona is located and is most all there is of the population count, is issuing auto license plates in proportion of two and a half to three for each family.

Howard County may never become a great oil producing field but she has enough oil already in her few wells to continue to receive benefits and she is in for a testing this spring which is putting money into pockets of most everyone, directly or indirectly. The "oil money" comes in mighty handy in a springtime and summertime following the agricultural hard times.

The present session of congress is about as colorless as such an important event ever gets to be. There is not a big question in debate and nobody "het up" on political question. The main idea is to build political fences, or to tear them down, ahead the coming presidential election. Control of the leaves and fishes department is the main objective. And, in looking on the situation in one light, this lack of stirring differences among the people and parties may be considered as that "blessings of peace" which is so hoped and prayed for.

When some farmers can raise from a bale to several bales of cotton to the acre by following cultural methods advised, their neighbors could surely increase their yields by adopting the same systems. The "More-Cotton-on-Fewer-Acres" contests have definitely proven that the yield and the quality of cotton and other field products can be improved, and through means within the reach of all. A West Texas renter led the state by following directions and he seems to not have known what he had accomplished as he moved off the farm cultivated and rented in another county.

Some conception of the extent and the asset which motorists are to this western country may be had in estimating how many people and how much money they spend day by day as they traverse the Bankhead highway enroute to California, for the most part. Out in Pecos account was kept one cold, rainy day, and 714 cars passed a given point, nearly all of which were tourists. Big Spring catches its share of the trade of these migratory birds and adds the traffic which comes from the north and south highway, not as important as the east and west routing yet a big help in making times good at the cross roads.

The U. S. Government aid to building highways in Texas is not withdrawn, except as to withholding further advances until the state shows that its current obligations involving federal aid, have been paid and that contracts desired to be entered into are fully financed as to the state's part of same. The Ferguson element is shouting "Politics," as being responsible for the government withholding its contributions to the road-building partnership. And so it may be. It is good politics if so to be classed. A comprehensive statement of the highway department finances may be expected when the new administration takes over the books and the cash balance, if any.

Noticing the pictorial illustrations of magazines, "news reels" of moving picture shows and other close-ups on what the world is doing, there is realized the fact that the whole world today, in its "western" civilization, is one body, not years nor weeks nor even days apart but all acuated by same thoughts and all in adoption of same ways of living, including clothing. The Australian women, the European women and the American women are up with one another on dress styles, the pictures reveal. The short skirt and the bobbed hair is all around the globe, and one "mob" scene from life is a practical duplicate of what the other side of the world looks like at the same time.

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The most valuable lesson taught by the cotton growing contests is not so much in isolated instances of big yields per acre as in the demonstration that increased yield is possible in every section of the state and under all conditions of farming, from the highly fertilized and irrigated patches to the light sandy lands of native strength only. Black lands, gray lands, red lands; sandy, loam, coast, buckshot and in fact every variety of soil is found to respond almost miraculously to the recommended cultural methods. The lesson is practicable as to being learned, and followed, by farmers anywhere, in any kind of land and in any kind of season as to dryness or wetness.

Al Smith is a probable candidate for the presidency. The term "probable" is used advisedly in face of the fact that he is practically nominated by his own state, New York and that he is the only prominently mentioned candidate of the democratic party. Even if backed by the wet faction of the country and boosted all over the land in a super-propaganda program, it is not certain that his name will be before the national convention. They are trying out Mr. Smith. If he "takes" he will be pushed to the limit, but if the response is cold he will hardly stand hitched. The South is the stumbling block. The South is dry and lots of southern voters like Coolidge even though he is nominally the Republican leader. The South and other sections also may be expected to vote for Coolidge on a noncommittal platform as to prohibition in preference to Al Smith with his extreme wet opinions and backers.

FOR WORKING PEOPLE
The best of workers get out of sorts when the liver fails to act. They feel languid, half-sick, "blue" and discouraged and think they are getting lousy. Neglect of these symptoms might result in a sick spell, therefore the sensible course is to take a dose or two of Herbin. It is just the medicine needed to purify the system and restore the vim and ambition of health. Price 60c. Sold by

CUNNINGHAM & PHILIPS
A. G. Hall after spending the Christmas and New Year holidays in this city with his mother, Mrs. Sam Hall, other relatives and friends, left Saturday morning for Culver, Ind., where he is a student in Culver Military Academy.

Run-Down gave out easily

"MY health wasn't any so count at all" says Mrs. H. L. Cayton, of Washington, N. C. "I would start to do my housework and I would give out before I had done anything at all. I did not have any strength, and if I did the least thing it seemed to tax me so I could not finish. I was run-down sure enough.

"Several of my friends had taken Cardui and they said to me, 'Why don't you try it?' I knew I needed something to build up my general health and to increase my strength.

"Finally one day when I was recovering from a spell of sickness, I decided to try Cardui. I got a bottle and began to take it. I could notice that I was improving as my appetite got better and I did not give out nearly so quick. I took several bottles and I feel lots better.

"Two years ago I decided to take it again. It built me up and made me feel like a different person. It is the greatest medicine for women that I know anything about."

CARDUI

For Female Troubles

LEAVES FOR EASTERN MARKETS FOR SPRING STOCK
Bernard Fisher, of the J. & W. Fisher store, left Saturday morning for New York, Chicago and other eastern markets, where he will buy spring stock for this popular department store. Especial attention will be given to the purchase of ladies ready to wear, including spring coats, dresses, and ladies footwear. Mr. Fisher will bring back the very latest models in the new styles, colors and fabrics.

RETURN TO FORT WORTH
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carney, Mrs. R. L. Minter and children, and Miss Mamie Prichard of Fort Worth, who were here to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Prichard, returned to their home the first of last week.

BOUNTY ON RATTLESNAKES
Representative J. H. Boggs will introduce a bill in the coming legislature to provide a bounty of fifty cents for each rattlesnake killed in Texas.

Rattlesnakes kill more people in Texas than all the wolves, bear, wildcats and panthers in the world. The yearly toll of human life taken in Texas by the rattler is something fearful, not mentioning the suffering caused from the venom of these deadly creatures.

The loss of livestock from the bites of rattlesnakes, if sold at market prices, would more than pay the bounty for their destruction. The public is not aware of the enormous damage inflicted on stockmen by these reptiles, or measures for the extermination would have long since been taken.

If the bill becomes a law, it would sound the death knell of the rattlesnake, for thousands of men and boys would become snake hunters. The habits of these reptiles make their extermination easy and sure. They den in rocky bluffs and caves and during the first warm days of the early spring they come out of their dens to sun themselves. During the sunning season they can be easily found and killed. —Sterling City News-Record.

FIRE AT LAMESA
Fire was discovered about 10:00 o'clock last Thursday night in the storage room of the Randalls Motor company, and before it could be put out had practically destroyed two automobiles and badly damaged several others.

There was a damage of about \$1,500 to the cars stored in the building at the time and was covered by insurance. The damage to the building was very slight and no estimate was obtainable as to what adjustment was made on it. —Dawson County Journal (Lamesa).

Wife: "I see by this paper that certain parts of India a wife can be bought for two dollars. Isn't that perfectly awful?"

Husband: "Well, I don't know. Good wife would be worth that." —Akron Times.

We have a few of those Endeavor shaving sets left. Razor, powder, shaving lotion and blades all for one dollar. Cunningham & Philips.



The Edwin Clapp
SHOE

DISTINCTION

THE name of Edwin Clapp stamped on a shoe carries with it the distinction of over seventy years experience in the production of boots and shoes of the Highest Grade Only.

OXFORDS SHOES
\$12.50 to \$14.00 \$13.50 to \$15.00

New Spring Styles Now Showing

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The Store That Quality Built

GEM BARBER SHOP
WARREN & EARLEY, Proprietors
BIG SPRING, TEXAS
Bath Rooms in Connection
WE LEAD — OTHERS FOLLOW
IF YOU HAVE NOT, TRY US. WE PLEASE, GOOD SERVICE
Basement of Ward Building

E. H. JOSEY
BUILDER
of
"BETTER HOMES"
Alterations and Repairs
PHONE 90

Henry Ford was asked what he would do if called upon to take charge of a manufacturing business that was failing because of excessive cost of production. "The first thing," he said, "would be to see if the plant was clean. It is a hundred to one that I would find it dirty. If so, I would clean the place from end to end before I did another thing. There is nothing that demoralizes working-men as a dirty shop. A dirty shop drives away good men and attracts bad ones."—Wm. Feather, in Philadelphia Public Ledger.

There called upon a famous theatrical manager an inspiring play-act with a melodrama he had written. The young man may have been gifted in other respects, but he floundered terribly. "You are sensitive, he rarely mentions his affliction. Indeed, he had no idea how to do so—as soon as he opened his mouth it advertised itself. I am now by appointment to be the greatest manager. As he entered the room the theatrical manager promptly: need for introductions — I

know who you are. You know who I am. You say you've got a play. All right I'm a busy man. Sit down here and read it to me." The young dramatist obeyed. He made heavy going of it, but eventually he finished. "I'll take your play," said the manager. He pressed a button, and his secretary entered. "Fix up a contract for this young fellow," commanded the chief, "I'm going to take his play. It isn't much good, but it ought to make an audience laugh their heads off—all the characters stutter."—The Office Cat.

Sore Gums — Pyorrhea
Foul breath, loose teeth or sore gums are disgusting to behold, all will agree. Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy is highly recommended by most good dentists and won't fail you. Druggists return money if it fails. ALL BIG SPRING DRUGGISTS. — advertisement.
Mrs. Owen M. Jones and daughter of Fort Worth after a pleasant visit in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wynn and friends, returned to her home the latter part of last week.

Improved Uniform International
Sunday School
Lesson

(By REV. F. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean of Day and Evening Schools, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)
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Lesson for January 16
THE CHRISTIAN'S USE OF HIS BIBLE

LESSON TEXT—Deut. 6:4-9; II Tim. 3:14-17.
GOLDEN TEXT—Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
PRIMARY TOPIC—The Best Book in the World.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Studying our Marching Orders.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How to Read and Study the Bible.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—How to Get Help From the Bible.

I. God's instructions to Israel as to the Use of the Scriptures (Deut. 6:4-9).
1. The central truths to be taught (vv. 4, 5).
(1) The unity of God (v. 4).
"The Lord our God is one Lord." This was a testimony against the polytheism existing among the Gentiles of that day.
(2) Man's supreme obligation (v. 5).
"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul and might." God should be loved with all the heart, soul and might because He is the alone and supreme God. This being the first and great commandment, we know what is man's supreme duty.

2. How these truths are to be kept alive (vv. 6-9).
"These words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart." In order that God's Word might be in the heart they were enjoined—
(1) To teach them diligently unto thy children (v. 7).
The most important part of a child's education is that given in the home in the Word of God.
(2) "Shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house" (v. 7).
This is the right kind of home life.
(3) Shall talk of them when walking with our children and friends (v. 7).
What more interesting, important and uplifting topic upon which to converse with our friends.
(4) Shall talk of them when retiring for the night (v. 7).
The last thing upon which the mind should rest before going to sleep should be God and His truth.
(5) Talk of them when rising in the morning (v. 7).
How fitting that God should speak to us through His Word the first thing when we awake.
(6) "Bind them upon thine hand for a sign" (v. 8).
This was literally done by the Jews as portions of the Scriptures were worn upon their wrists.
(7) "They shall be as frontlets between thine eyes" (v. 8).
This also was literally done by the Jews even to wearing portions of the Scriptures in little boxes between eyes.
(8) "Thou shalt write them on the posts of thy house and on thy gates" (v. 9). They were to be constantly before their eyes.

II. Paul's instruction to Timothy as to the Scriptures (II Tim. 3:14-17).
In this chapter Paul makes clear to Timothy that perilous times would come. False teachers would arise within the church and lead astray sentimental and unsuspecting people as neurotic women. People professing godliness would deny its power by godless living. So awful will this condition be that those who live godly lives shall suffer persecution. Paul's own life of suffering was an example of what fidelity and testimony would bring. In the last days he predicts that this attitude on the part of these false teachers would be intensified, for "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse."
In the face of such trying circumstances Paul exhorts Timothy—

1. To remain steadfast, to abide in the eternal truths which had been taught to him (v. 14).
He assures him that though trying times would come and violent storms of opposition would beat heavily upon him, Timothy would find the Word of God an abiding, unshaken foundation. The Holy Scriptures will abide even when heaven and earth have passed away; therefore the necessary thing is to abide in them.
2. The knowledge furnished by the Word of God was sufficient for the perplexing and trying times through which he was to pass (v. 15). The Bible furnishes wisdom which can be found in no other place. This wisdom, as all true wisdom, leads straight to Jesus Christ, who gives salvation.
3. The Scriptures are inspired of God (v. 16).
Inspiration here means "God breathed." Because of this fact they should be held with confidence.
Abiding in the Scriptures will perfectly equip the minister for his work (v. 17).

Old Mr. Carter Helped by Simple Mixture
"After taking Adlerika I feel better than for years. At my age (69) it is ideal—so different from other medicines." (signed) W. W. Carter. Adlerika is a simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., which removes GAB in ten minutes and often brings surprising relief to the stomach. Stops that full, bloated feeling. Brings out old waste-matter you never thought was in your system. Excellent for chronic constipation. J. D. Biles, Druggist.

Thrills!—"Up North"



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"The Canadian"

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2 DAYS
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MONDAY
January 17

Thomas Meighan in a story of strong men, in a country where only his type can stand up. This is a drama of Canadian wheat fields, where a shift of wind means the difference between wealth and ruin.

Wheat—the staff of life. Love—the spice of life, and a struggle of men and women who are building a new empire under difficulties.

Adventure in the sky-high romance—land of the great open spaces without a cowboy, Indian, or villain. Canada, with very little snow, and not a single Northwest Mounted Policeman.

A Stirring Plot!

A great actor, supported by Mona Palma, a 1926 Juvenile actress.

ALSO SHOWING

A Fox News and a Dandy Good Comedy!

Continuous show 3 to 10:30 p. m. Admission 10c and 35c

COUNTING THE CARS

On a cold rainy day, 714 cars passed in front of the Zimmer Hardware Company Friday, Dec. 24, between six a. m. and six p. m. according to accurate count by a man who stayed there the whole time. This traffic on such a poor day to travel, indicates in a good manner, the number of tourists as well as townspeople who use the main road.
This street, over which almost every tourist is forced to traverse, either to the Barstow road, Carlsbad Highway, Bankhead Highway, or Balmorhea Highway, is the one that leads to "Rome."
It is not subjected to so much local use for downtown traffic, though only a block away, and is the main out-of-town exit.
Zimmer's record will be of value to information on how many use our roads, and average traffic per day. —Pecos Enterprise.

PRESERVING OLD LONGHORN

Ozona, Jan. 6.—Tom Smith, local ranchman and butcher, is to have soon a half Mexican steer which dressed out 918 pounds, the taxidermist work on which cost him \$350. The animal was fifteen feet and six inches long and bore horns measuring seven feet and seven inches from tip to tip, what is thought to be well nigh a record in the length of steer horns nowadays. The steer was nine years old and had been a show animal at one time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mann and children who visited his mother, Mrs. Ida Mann here the past week, have returned to their home in Sterling.

BLANK BOOKS AND OFFICE SUPPLIES OF ALL KINDS. CUNNINGHAM & PHILIPS.

When you get to the end of the rope, tie a knot and hang on.—Roosevelt.

GEORGE McENTIRE OF STERLING CO. LENDS SWORD TO ALAMO

A slender sword blade of the finest tempered steel bearing the name of a famous sword maker in Germany and the date of 1776, is among the recent additions to the Alamo museum, according to announcement from Mrs. A. F. Small, custodian. The ancient blade is loaned to the Alamo by George H. McEntire, a ranchman of Sterling City. It was found imbedded in the ground on his ranch.
The hilt of the sword is lost to history, as are also the circumstances surrounding the blade itself. It is engraved with various ornamental designs and inlaid with gold, and is said to be an exceptionally fine tempered piece of steel. The owner of the sword is of the opinion that it was lost many years ago by some explorer in Texas.—San Antonio Express.

THOMAS SELLS BARBER SHOP

The Thomas Barber Shop, next door to the Record office, and just north of the Pullman Cafe, owned by Leslie Thomas, has been sold to Boyd Dozier, formerly connected with the Roy Dozier shop here, according to announcement made by Thomas Monday. The new owner took charge of the shop Monday.
Leslie Thomas owns the hamburger stand just back of the Mission theater on Walnut street, and announces he will remain in Colorado until he disposes of this, and possibly until school is out, after which he will move back to Big Spring.—Colorado Record.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mellinger left Sunday night for eastern markets to buy spring and summer goods for the Grand Leader.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Cross and Sid Cross of Stanton were visitors in Big Spring last week.

JUNIOR HIGH P. T. A. TO MEET TUESDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Junior High P. T. A. will be held at the Junior high school on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 18, at 4 o'clock. An interesting paper will be read, and several important business matters will come up for discussion at this meeting.
This is the first regular meeting of the new year and it is hoped that it will be marked by a banner attendance. All members of the P. T. A., patrons of the school and interested friends are urged to be present.

SALAD AND DESSERT IN ONE

The busy housewife may save herself much trouble by combining fruit and salad into one course. Pineapple salad is especially good for this purpose since it is easy to prepare. Put a slice of pineapple on lettuce leaves and in the center put a ball or cube of cream or Neufchâtel cheese. Neufchâtel cheese is similar to cream cheese but with a little stronger flavor, a bit like Camembert Cheese. If there are no nuts to top the cheese, sprinkle paprika over it. This is colorful and tasty, too.

NOTHING LIKE IT ON EARTH

The new treatment for torn flesh, cuts, wounds, sores or lacerations that is doing such wonderful work in flesh healing is the Borosone liquid and powder combination treatment. The liquid Borosone is a powerful antiseptic that purifies the wound of all poisons and infectious germs, while the Borosone powder is the great healer. There is nothing like it on earth for speed, safety and efficiency. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by CUNNINGHAM & PHILIPS.

Roy Colwell who visited friends in Stanton last week has returned home.

BLANK BOOKS AND SUPPLIES OF ALL KINDS. CUNNINGHAM & PHILIPS.

Post Office Grows as Town Develops

Big Spring Office Shows Gains for Past Year and Steady Increase Yearly, Financial Institution

Postmaster J. W. Ward and his corps of assistants have been busy checking up the last year's business in annual report. The figures obtained are pleasingly large in some departments but not complimentary in others. Notably, the amount of money going out from Big Spring for goods from mail order houses is entirely too large for the good of the home industries. Summarizing the reports now available, the following statements may be given:

Gross Receipts

During year 1921	\$15,516.91
During year 1922	15,885.57
During year 1923	19,079.98
During year 1924	22,236.15
During year 1925	23,807.97
During year 1926	24,844.12

A steady increase is noted and particularly the year of 1926 came up better than might have been expected, surpassing 1925 by \$1,136.15. The office went under the management of Mr. Ward in 1922 and he has shown a good growth of business every year of his administration.

Money Order Business

The sending and receiving of money through the post office facilities are big financial transactions in themselves and representing many transactions in small amounts.

During the year there were 16,778 separate orders purchased, representing a total of \$135,068.46. October was the favored month for sending money away from home. That month there were 2,099 orders issued aggregating \$20,046.56. November came next with 2,087 orders issued to total \$19,660.11.

Mr. Ward has five assistants in the office and two city carriers. And they are all kept some busy.

CIVIC PRIDE

The value of civic pride can scarcely be measured in dollars and cents. A town or city with civic pride cannot be hid. The opposite is equally true. If you visit a community and find the church lawn grown up in weeds, bushes or covered with debris or if you find the school campus an unsightly place your conclusion is civic pride in that community is running at a low ebb.

Civic pride is as contagious when it is started in a community as is a malady that we may dread and shun. If this unsightly ground happens to be on the street where you live or perchance if your front or back yard is a condemnation of those who look upon the unsightly places may be directed at you personally or to you and your neighbors, but if this condition is generally true over the town then the reputation of that town is not what its citizens want it to be.

The City Federation of Big Spring is actively engaged in improving the civic conditions of our city. We would support them in every possible way. At present they are undertaking the planting of more trees. This is a worthy move and one that will result in a much more attractive street when trees have been planted in a continuous line along the sidewalks.

One of the departments of our Chamber of Commerce is civic improvement. The chairman of this department is A. G. Hall. Will you cooperate with Mr. Hall and with the City Federation in bringing about more civic improvement and by thus doing so make our town more attractive to ourselves and to those who visit us.

Secretary Chamber of Commerce

FAMILY OF MUSICIANS

G. A. Hartman, director of the municipal band and the Boy Scouts band, is making fine progress with both organizations and the Scouts will soon be qualified to play in public.

An orchestra composed of Director Hartman and his three boys, rendered fine music in the Methodist Sunday school last Sunday and the combination is qualified to make high grade for anybody's gathering.

For Safety and Service do your banking business with State National Bank

W. H. Rhulen who is in the employ of the Gulf Production Co. at Midland visited relatives and friends in this city Sunday.

L. J. Geer of Sweetwater was a business visitor in Big Spring Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson of Colorado visited relatives and friends in Big Spring Sunday.

Grandmother's Silver Slippers

By CLARISSA MACKIE

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GRANDMOTHER RANKIN was not an old-fashioned grandmother. Mrs. Rankin was small, and very alert, and her snow white hair only added to her youth, as it seemed to erase any wrinkles and lines that dared to invade the rosy tinted face.

On this lovely spring morning Mrs. Rankin was not walking in her garden, because her wonderful Italian garden was in the country, and of course she was not in her kitchen making ginger cookies, as some grandmothers were doing, because her cook attended to all the nice homely things of life.

Grandmother Rankin was in a shoe shop trying on gold and silver slippers with tall spindly heels.

She nodded her aristocratic head. "Those will do, Miss Smithers," indicating a small pair of beautiful silver brocade slippers. If she had any qualms about wearing such high heels Miss Smithers would never know it—to one would!

Mrs. Rankin wore the slippers to the Landers dinner dance, and danced in them until in some way her ankle gave way, and she fell in a painful heap, with one ankle twisted under her. Within fifteen minutes Mrs. Rankin was reposing on her big bed, waiting for the doctor. When he came he went right to work and relieved the pain and bandaged the swelling foot.

"How did it happen, Mrs. Rankin?" asked Doctor Clinton. "Fall down stairs?"

"Of course not—you know very well that I was wearing those high-heeled slippers—you've been staring at them for some time!"

The handsome young doctor laughed guiltily. "Of course you shouldn't be wearing them," he advanced.

"I've been treating you for vertigo—and the high heels are dangerous."

All the sparkle went out of Mrs. Rankin's face. Suddenly she seemed faded and old.

"Are you in pain?" asked Doctor Clinton.

"Nothing you can mend, Jamie," she said sadly. "The silver slippers stand for the one thing I can do to forget—lose myself in the foolishness of youth—I know I am making an old idiot of myself—but, my dear, I'm lonely—a lonely old woman."

"You ought not to be, Mrs. Rankin," protested the doctor. "Not when you have so many grandchildren."

Mrs. Rankin pulled herself to a sitting posture. "Who told you I had grandchildren?" she asked in a queer voice that did not try to be young.

"Why—your son told me—or at least I know the family."

"My son went against my wishes and married one of the Brathes—they are a poor family—I disowned Franklin on that day."

"The Brathes were never well off, but they are nice people, and the happiest family in town," said the doctor pleasantly.

"How many children has my—has Franklin got now? More than he can properly feed, I suppose."

"Four children—two girls and two boys. They live in Rosehurst—in the suburbs, you know. The boys are preparing for college—the girls I don't know—they've been away at school, I believe."

"Wild bob-heads, I suppose," observed Mrs. Rankin, leaning back and closing her eyes. "Do you visit my—Franklin's family?"

"On my way there, now—Mr. Rankin has sent for me—some little trouble."

Again she sat up in bed, her eyes wide and frightened. "What is it, doctor—is it serious? Tell me!"

"Not now, if he takes care of himself." The doctor calmly picked up the silver slippers and put them in his big pocket. "Have you any more high-heeled slippers?" he asked.

"A dozen pairs. Why?"

"I will take those tomorrow. If you need me send for me—I'll come at once. Try to go to sleep." And then his cheery presence was gone.

Mrs. Rankin celebrated her return to activity by going to the shoe shop and trying on some dancing slippers.

"With Louis heels, Miss Smithers," she said defiantly.

As she was fitted with another pair of silver slippers she watched a mother and daughter come in and sit down behind her.

"It is Franklin's daughter!" she told herself. "I'd know her anywhere—the very image—and the mother, too. Gentlepeople—what a fool I've been!"

The girl was whispering a protest to her mother. "But, dear, I cannot afford to shop in here—when father needs medicine and everything! I am sure Doctor Jamie will like me just as well in my gray slippers."

"Bring me some comfortable slippers, Miss Smithers—nice medium heels. I'm a grandmother, you know. You may fit these for my granddaughter here!" And Mrs. Rankin flipped off the silver slippers of youth and settled down into being a real grandmother.

"I've never been so happy in my life," she said when she danced at the wedding of her granddaughter Nancy and Doctor Clinton.

"I've never been so happy in my life," she told her adoring son, "and it began when I wore those ridiculous silver slippers and sprained my ankle."

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon Raymond Hartsfield by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 32nd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 32nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Howard County, to be held at the Courthouse thereof in Big Spring, on the 7th day of February, 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 11th day of January A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1079, wherein Lorean Hartsfield is Plaintiff, and Raymond Hartsfield is Defendant, and said petition alleging

NO. 1 That said plaintiff is an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas, and has resided in the said County of Howard for at least six months next preceding the filing of this suit; that in December, 1924, at Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, plaintiff was lawfully married to defendant; that they continued to live together as husband and wife until the latter part of May, 1926, when by reason of the cruel and harsh treatment and improper conduct of defendant towards the plaintiff their further living together, as husband and wife, became impossible and insupportable.

NO. 2 That plaintiff loved defendant and treated him with all of the respect and duty required of her as his wife and did not make the conditions and acts on his part hereinafter complained of. Defendant, soon after their marriage, began to exhibit the most selfish attitude a human could exhibit. He did not at any time during their living together support her, and that at times he would stay away from home a week or more leaving plaintiff without sufficient to eat; that in the fall of 1925 plaintiff picked cotton in order to buy clothes and something to eat, and to buy clothes for a child soon to be born, and the defendant collected for her cotton picking and spent the money on himself and his men friends in riotous living; that when he was at home he was usually cursing and fussing at plaintiff; that long in the early spring of 1926, defendant was flat broke, irritable, and a few days before plaintiff left his bed and board to go home to live with her father, defendant cursed her, accused her of unchastity and said that she should go home and get out of his way; that soon thereafter there was one baby child born to plaintiff and defendant; and defendant was so indifferent that he did not go about plaintiff nor care to see his child; that by virtue of neglect on the part of the defendant and the lack of nourishment and medical treatment, the child died; that this course of conduct of indifference, unsupport, cursing plaintiff and accusing her of being unchaste, which is absolutely untrue, was so cruel, inhuman, and cut plaintiff's feelings so deeply that she quit the bed and board of the defendant in May 1926, with the intentions of never living with him again.

The course of cruel conduct on the part of the defendant towards plaintiff was such as to make their living together as husband and wife unbearable and unsupportable. Wherefore, plaintiff asks that the bonds of matrimony, heretofore existing, be dissolved and that her name be changed to Lorean Copeland the name of her father. Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring this 11th day of January A. D. 1927.

J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk. District Court, Howard Co., Texas.

SHERIFF'S SALE STATE OF TEXAS County of Howard

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Nolan County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 5th day of October, A. D. 1926, in favor of M. D. Willis Plaintiff, and against F. B. Jones, W. W. Rix, M. C. Fairchilds, S. M. Merrick and L. E. Minor, Defendants, in cause No. 2237, on the docket of said Court, I did on the 11th day of January A. D. 1927 at 10 o'clock A. M. levy upon the following described tract and parcel of land situated in the County of Howard, State of Texas, described as follows to-wit:

All of Northeast Quarter (N.E. 1-4) and the South one-half (S.1-2) of the Northwest Quarter (N.W. 1-4) of Section Thirty-six (36) in Block Thirty-two (32) Township 1 North, Cert. 2-102, Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. survey, Howard County, Texas.

AND on the 1st day of March A. D. 1927, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day at the Court House door of said County, I will offer for sale at public auction for cash, all of the right, title and interest of the said F. B. Jones, W. W. Rix, M. C. Fairchilds, S. M. Merrick and L. E. Minor, Defendants, in and to said property.

DATED at Big Spring, this 11th day of January, A. D. 1927

FRANK HOUSE, Sheriff, Howard County, Texas.

"Bobby combs".....Cunningham & Phillips.

Chickens and eggs wanted. The White House.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon W. H. Lewis by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Howard County, to be held at the Courthouse thereof in Big Spring, on the 7th day of February, 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on 5th day of January, 1927, in a suit numbered, 1074 on docket of said Court, wherein T. H. Johnson is plaintiff and W. H. Lewis is defendant, brief statement of cause of action being as follows:

Recovery of title and possession of (Suit in trespass to try title) two parcels of land, 106 acres and 108 acres, respectively in Section No. 41, Blk. 33, Tsp. 1-S, Texas & Pacific Railway Company Sur. in Howard County, Texas, conveyed to defendant, Oct. 10, 1921, respectively, by plaintiff and S. J. Johnson, respectively.

Plaintiff claims to be owner of the four notes of the series of four defendant gave him in part payment for said first parcel; that obligee in the series of four defendant gave S. J. Johnson in part payment of the 108 acre parcel were transferred to him, with lien securing their payment and still owns last two of that series, the first two paid to him, no part of principal of the six having been paid, and no other interest paid than to Nov. 1, 1923.

Proffers to surrender the remaining six, cancelled for defendant, for recovery of the premises, source of title, if any claimed, by defendant being same as plaintiff's, and he gives notice he will, at trial proffer deed to him by L. B. Cauble and wife, dated 8th Aug. 1906, recorded in Vol. 16, page 31. Deed records of Howard County, and transfer to him of notes and lien by S. J. Johnson, 7th March, 1923, recorded in Vol. 53, page 95, said records, or records of them, if originals are misplaced or lost, so that they can not be produced, and if defendant shall produce the two deeds so executed to him, or either of them, plaintiff prays that the one he executed be annulled and held for nought, and that the other be annulled, in so far as it purports to carry title to and vest it in defendant, so that title may be established in plaintiff, reference made to petition for further statement of nature of the suit, and same made part hereof for such further description.

Herein, fail not but have before Court on first day of next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, in the town of Big Spring, this 5th day of January A. D. 1927.

J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk. District Court, Howard Co., Texas.

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To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon R. A. Harbin by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 32nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Howard County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Big Spring, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1927, the same being the 7th day of February A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 20th day of December A. D. 1926 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1071, wherein E. F. Harbin is Plaintiff, and R. A. Harbin is Defendant, and said petition alleging Excesses and cruel treatment and outrages on the part of defendant so as to render the further living together of plaintiff and defendant as insupportable and praying for divorce.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring this 20th day of December A. D. 1926.

J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk. District Court, Howard Co., Texas.

ABILENE'S NEW STRIKE

Abilene, Texas, January 11th.—Another sensational strike was added Monday to the increasing list that is rewarding the widespread efforts of oil operators, who are thoroughly testing the Abilene country, when pay was touched at 1516 feet in the well being drilled on the J. E. Manley farm, 12 miles north of the city, by Cowboy Evans and Muse & Robertson.

This well was making 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 cubic feet of wet gas Tuesday night. The rig was shut down for orders immediately after pay was struck.

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To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon Author A. Walker by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 32nd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 32nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Howard County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Big Spring, on the 1st Monday in February A. D. 1927, the same being the 7th day of February A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 3rd day of January A. D. 1927 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1073, wherein Della Walker is Plaintiff, and Author A. Walker is Defendant, and said petition alleging that the

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To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to return day hereof in some newspaper published in your County, you summon D. H. Finch; Earl of Aylesford and the person so designated as one of the grantees in deed by Emma F. Dugan, dated March 20, 1884, the deed recorded in Book 3, page 6, records of Howard County, George Ward; H. W. Morgan, C. I. Jankowicz, S. J. Lee, Members of firm about the year 1887, prior thereto and subsequent thereto that transacted business in Howard County under trade name sometimes designated as F. W. Heyn & Company and sometimes under name of Seay & Heyn; R. E. Moody; Clement Edward Finch and Jane Wightwick; Dowager, Countess of Aylesford, if living, and if deceased, their heirs and legal representatives or the heirs and legal representatives of such of said defendants as may not be living; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Howard County to be held at the courthouse thereof in Big Spring, Texas, on the first Monday in February, 1927, same being 7th day of February, 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on 6th day of January, 1927, in suit said Court, wherein A. G. Hall, numbered 1075 on the docket of Morah A. Hall, A. G. Hall Jr., and G. T. Hall, guardian of A. G. Hall Jr., are plaintiffs and D. H. Finch; Earl of Aylesford and the persons so designated, in deed by Emma F. Dugan, dated March 20, 1884, the deed recorded in Book 3, page 6, records of Howard County; George Ward; H. W. Morgan; C. I. Jankowicz; S. J. Lee; members of firm or partnership that transacted business in Howard County under the trade name F. W. Heyn & Company and sometimes designated Seay & Heyn, R. E. Moody, Clement Edward Finch, and Jane Wightwick, if living, and their heirs and legal representatives, if deceased, or heirs and legal representatives of such of them, if any, who are not now living.

Brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action being as follows: Suit in trespass to try title to East 94 feet of lots Nos. 5 and 6, in block No. 13 in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; to remove cloud cast upon plaintiff's title through probability that defendants shown to have been connected with the title through instruments comprised in the chain of title may assert claim upon the premises, though they have no right, title or interest in the premises and ought not to be allowed to cloud plaintiff's title through mere apparent right; promissory notes executed to S. J. Lee with payment secured by Deed of Trust, and promissory notes given by Jane Wightwick in part payment for the premises not shown to have been released being irregularities in chain of title and clouding it for plaintiff's notwithstanding presumption the debts represented through the liens annulled because of the long lapse of time since they matured; plaintiffs claiming that they have builded title through five and ten years statutes of limitations and ought to recover against the defendants, ought to have cloud cast upon their title set aside and removed and judgment forever quieting them in their title and possession as to defendants, or probability they or any of them may or might assert such claim.

They give notice that at the trial they will offer in evidence records of the following deeds of conveyance covering said premises and which are deemed necessary to show plaintiff's title under their claim of limitation, to-wit:

Jane Wightwick to Mrs. L. G. Lowe, dated April 1, 1903 recorded in Book 9, page 543; Mrs. L. G. Lowe to T. H. Carter, dated Aug. 28, 1903, recorded in Vol. 9, page 637; T. H. Carter and wife to M. A. Stewart, dated Sept. 23, 1907, recorded in Vol. 20, page 365; M. A. Stewart and wife to A. G. Hall and S. H. Hall, dated Jan. 11, 1923, recorded in Vol. 52, page 587; probate proceedings in guardianship for A. G. Hall Jr., and such other instruments as are referred to in plaintiff's petition.

Reference is here made to plaintiff's petition for further statement of the nature of the suit, the petition on file among the papers in the suit.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court on first day of its term, this writ with your return showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office, this 6th day of January A. D. 1927.

J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk. District Court, Howard Co., Texas.

NOTICE IN PROBATE THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded cause to be published once a week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Howard County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS To all persons interested in estate of M. D. Nelson, deceased: J. A. Nelson has filed an application in the County Court of Howard County, on the 11th day of January 1927, for order probating will of M. D. Nelson, deceased, and letters of administration of said estate, which said application was heard by said Court on the 7th day of February 1927, at the Court House of said County, in Big Spring, which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said application, if they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return there, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at Big Spring, Texas, this 11th day of January 1927.

J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk. County Court, Howard Co., Texas.

plaintiff has been an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas more than one year next preceding the filing of this suit and has actually and continuously resided in Howard County, Texas, for more than six months next preceding the filing of this suit; that the plaintiff and defendant were married April 1924, and lived together until June 1, 1926 and the same marital relations still exist.

That by reason of a course of kind and cruel treatment on the part of the defendant towards the plaintiff of such a nature as to make living together unbearable and insupportable when plaintiff advised the defendant about June 1, 1926, with the intentions of never living with him again and has not, the defendant was cruel to the plaintiff which child was destroyed the burning of their residence such conditions as to place suspicion on the defendant as a cause of the fire that thereafter expressed relief that the child was dead and seemed to be glad that whiskey and came home and beat with his fist the plaintiff and along about June 1, 1926, eating the plaintiff left the house in a rage swearing that he would return, then the plaintiff left defendant and has not lived with him since; that the defendant acted and used cruel conduct exceeding over about eighteen months was such a nature as to make their living together unbearable and insupportable and the plaintiff prays citation issue and that upon hearing that a decree be made dissolving bonds of matrimony now and hereafter existing between the plaintiff and defendant.

Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court at office in Big Spring, Texas, this 6th day of January A. D. 1927.

J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk. District Court, Howard, Co., Texas.

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To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded summon Len Hauck by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 32nd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 32nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Howard County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Big Spring, on the 1st Monday in February, A. D. 1927, the same being the 7th day of February A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of January A. D. 1927 in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1072, wherein Helen St. Hauck is Plaintiff, and Len Hauck is defendant, said petition alleging that the plaintiff has been an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas for more than one year next preceding the filing of this suit in Howard County, Texas, where this suit filed; that the defendant is not a resident of the State of Texas; that the plaintiff and defendant were married on December 25, 1919, and lived together until October 2, 1926, when the defendant had become different and had failed for a time to support plaintiff, abandoned plaintiff without cause on her part, with the intention to live with her again; that abandonment and non-support existed for more than three years next preceding the filing of this suit; plaintiff asks for judgment dissolving the bonds of marriage now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant.

Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Big Spring, Texas, on this 5th day of January A. D. 1927.

J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk. District Court Howard County, Texas.

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Witness my hand and official seal at Big Spring, Texas, this 11th day of January 1927.

J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk. County Court, Howard Co., Texas.

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Calamus Tea Was Served

By MARTHA M. WILLIAMS

“WHAT was Joe Babson hella-in about?” Mrs. Main asked eagerly.

Eve Nelson tried to answer casually: “Oh! Nothin’ much! Just askin’ if we had a stray red yearlin’ in our pasture.” But in spite of her self her eyes fell.

Whereat Mrs. Main said: “Humph! You’re a sleazy liar. He brung you a somethin’ of some sort. Whut wri it? Answer me straight!”

“Nothin’ but a bunch of calamus root,” Eve stammered.

“Calamus!” Words cannot express Mrs. Main’s scorn. “Are ye goin’ ter learn ter chaw it? I’ll warn Sam Birdsong he better look sharp. With this calamus-dope a-workin’, you might say yea ter the wrong feller.”

Eve stiffened. “You’ll please let me and my concerns be,” she said. “Remember, I’m your boarder—and the best part of your, livin’. Also, I don’t have to stay on here any longer than suits me. I can marry if I choose, and I don’t have to take Sam Birdsong.”

“Ye can, eh! Of all the ongratitude ever I heard tell of, you’re the best,” Mrs. Main flung back. “When you’d a-died in yer cradle, after yet mamma went hadn’t a-been I taken and raised ye up ter real human size.”

“Sure you did,” Eve scoffed. “Paid your rent that way. The place is mine. You agreed to raise me right, feed, cloth and school me, if I was let stay until I married. And I didn’t know a word about it until a month back—thought you paid money rent and got it back and more for keepin’ me.”

“How come you ter git so wise, missy?” Mrs. Main demanded angrily.

Eve tossed her head. “I went to Judge Johnson,” she said. “Told him how you nagged and complained of my appetite, and how I wore out shoes, and asked him to find me another guardian. Then he told me about the bargain—says he can’t go back on it—but the minute I show him a husband worth havin’ he’ll put me in possession. How’d you like that?”

In answer came a volcanic eruption—reproaches, appeals to high heaven, torrents of abuse, at last violent hysterics. Then Mrs. Main collapsed—fell to the floor in a dead faint. Eve tried dashing cold water in the unconscious face. Desperately she ran to the kitchen adjoining, and to her joy found a teakettle boiling. Suddenly she struck something hard in the pocket of her house frock—the despised calamus. In a wink she had a potful brewing. Three minutes later she was pouring tiny spoonfuls of it through her patient’s lips. But an angel couldn’t have been welcomer than Billy Bellamy, who came in without ceremony after a glance through the window. Billy was reading medicine with old Doctor Ware. He was also fathoms deep in love with Eve, but had never until now had the ghost of a chance to say so.

“The Lord sent you, I do believe,” she said fervently to Billy. “I was scared poor Mamma Main would die—with only me to help her.”

“You’re doin’ just the right thing,” Billy assured her. “Now we’ll lift her to the lounge.”

“Wait. I must do somethin’ before she comes to,” Eve said with half a giggle.

She nodded. “It’s only this: Propose to you—in dead earnest—while I have the chance.”

Billy all but staggered. Perhaps that was why he had to prop himself with both arms around Eve. Warned by a groan, they sprang apart—and spent the next half hour trying breathlessly to do all the things Mamma Main insisted must be done at once.

The first was to bring forth black-berry cordial. Such a mission required two for fulfillment. Even at that it was tedious. At last Billy found the right jug. Eve, peering beyond him, reached for something odd—a canvas-wrapped parcel so heavy she could not move it with one hand. Billy drew it to the light. Both scanned it narrowly, then laid it back and hurried to Mrs. Main, trying hard to look as though they had not seen it.

They found her shaky, but she sniffed the pungent odor gratefully, saying in a weak voice: “Eve I got my come-uppance fer—fer talkin’ mean ter you. I do believe I’d a-died hadn’t of been fer that calamus tea.”

“I won’t forget,” Billy said gaily. “When I want to bring the dead to life—try calamus tea. But here’s somethin’ even better, handin’ her a glass of the thick spiky peach brandy, at least twenty years old.”

“It does put heart in ye,” Mrs. Main said almost dreaming, after a swig and several sips. Suddenly she looked hard at both the young folk—something in their faces stirred her strangely. “Did—did—you find—anything else?” she asked brokenly through quivering pallid lips. Eve took her hand, patted it and said: “Never mind if we did—we left things as we found them.”

“They can’t stay so,” Mrs. Main cried, sitting up. “I got to tell the truth. In that leather bag, inside the canvas, is money—my rent for nineteen years. I cheated you—pinching so to save it—but I couldn’t endure to go bare and empty handed when I had to leave.”

“You are not going to leave,” Eve said softly. And Billy nodded assent.

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PROGRAM FOR SENIOR B.Y.P.U. FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 16
Subject: Keith Falconer, A True Servant to the King.
Introduction—Roy Cornelison.
Part 1.—Honor Louise Davies.
Part 2.—Lois Creighton.
Part 3.—Loula Cardwell.
Part 4.—Abbie Nell Rhoton.
Part 5.—Stella McLain.
Part 6.—Mr. George Centry.
Part 6.—Special music.
Remember B.Y.P.U. starts promptly at 6 o’clock. Visitors are especially invited.

SERVICES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SUNDAY
J. M. Manuel, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. will conduct the services at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday morning, Jan. 16, at the 11 o’clock hour.
Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Mrs. J. Y. Robb and Mrs. M. H. Bennett were visitors in Abilene Monday.
De Witts Syrup Figs, Fifty cents a bottle...Cunningham & Phillips.

CIVIC COMMITTEE URGES ALL TO PLANT TREES

Very few people if any will admit that it is absurd to spend money on shade trees and shrubs, however, judging from the scarcity of these in so many yards in our city one would judge that it surely must be an unwise investment. But money spent on shade trees and shrubs for the beautification of the yards is money well spent and these stand as monuments of civic pride for years to come.

The civic committee of the City Federation wants to urge every homebuilder in Big Spring and Howard County to set out plenty of trees and shrubs this season. Our country has worlds of natural beauty and with but little help we can enhance its beauty one hundred percent.

Many suitable trees can be chosen for growing in West Texas, and will thrive under West Texas conditions. We do not have to cling entirely to the chinaberry trees for shade. A variety of other species will make a remarkable growth on the amount of rainfall we have each year. The mulberry trees make a pretty shade. It has beautiful foliage and the limbs spread out so as to make a good shade. Trees of the cottonwood and poplar family thrive in West Texas and more of these trees should be planted. Some of them reach a great height and are well developed in shape. The Chinese elm is another variety well suited to this section. They grow fast, and are very hardy. Numerous other trees could be selected.

And while planting do not forget to set out a few shrubs. These make beautiful ornamentations for every home, and when once started they are very little trouble. Any kind of greenery about a home place adds to its attractiveness as well as emphasizing pride of the city.

Tree planting time is almost at hand and we bring this to your notice now so that you may begin

thinking about what you want to plant, and can order it and have it on hand when setting out time really arrives. Choose wisely and include in your tree selection a few hardy shrubs. You will find this to be a wise investment for your property and for your town. The civic committee of the City Federation urges your cooperation.

State National Bank makes fine showing as shown by their statement in this issue.

EASTERN STAR WILL MEET TUESDAY EVE.

The members of the Order of Eastern Star will meet in the Masonic hall Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, 7:30 o’clock.

All of the members are urged to be present. Visitors are welcome.

DEPOT FOR McCAMEY

The great oil town of McCamey, in Upton County is on a railroad line all right but Big Spring is doing some business there in shipping of oil well equipment from here, by the Marland company. A big 65-horsepower new boiler was loaded out for overland carriage recently.

Misses Jennie B. and Alice Leeper were here Sunday from Midland to spend the day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leeper.

B. T. Fisher who is traveling for the Buick automobile agency out of Dallas was a business visitor in Big Spring Wednesday.

Paul Leeper of Fort Worth spent Saturday and Sunday in Big Spring on a visit to his brother, Fred L. Leeper and family.

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1928, and the remaining two shall serve until the first Tuesday in April 1927. In accordance with this provision Commissioners Inkman and Gilmour will go out of office unless reelected next April while Commissioners Cunningham, Piner and Matthews will hold over until April of 1928.

Other Officers

The city commissioners may create appointive officers in their discretion. All salaries except those of the commissioners shall be fixed by the city commission. Vacancies in the commission shall be filled by appointment by the remaining commissioners, except that if more than two retire there shall be called a special election to fill the vacancies. Policemen and other police officials may be appointed by the city manager, subject to the approval of the commission. The city secretary shall act as general accountant and record keeper and in addition shall be collector of taxes. The city commission may alter, add to or change the duties of any office. The commission has power to levy and collect a poll tax from all citizens between ages of 21 and 60 not otherwise exempted by state laws. Also, the power is held to levy street duty tax from all male citizens between age of 21 and 45 not otherwise exempted by state laws, said tax not to exceed \$5 each and workable on streets if preferred to cash payments. The city manager shall prepare a budget on basis of estimate for each department. Annual audit of the books of the city shall be made. A corporation court shall be established. The mayor shall be ex-officio recorder of the corporation court with such compensations as may be fixed by the commissioners. All costs and fees imposed by said court shall be paid into the city treasury. The city commissioners are subject to recall by the electors of the city, such election in response to a petition signed by not less than 35 per cent of the qualified voters of the city, estimated by the last preceding regular election, but in any case the petition must be signed by not less than 100 qualified voters. The ordinances of the city carried over from the aldermanic form of government shall be held valid until altered, changed or repealed. The validity of existing contracts are not affected by the change. All outstanding legal obligations and claims of amounts due the city are assumed by the commission. A board of city development may be appointed by the commission, this board to consist of fifteen members who shall serve without compensation. This board may be financed in its operations by levy of not exceeding ten cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property from the general fund.

City Manager Information

Quoting directly from the charter about the duties and powers of the city manager Section 13, Article 4, says: “The city manager shall be the administrative head of the municipal government and shall be responsible for the efficient administration of all departments. His appointment shall be for term of two years unless sooner removed by action of the commission and he shall be eligible for reappointment at the termination of any period of office. He may or may not be president of the city of Big Spring at the time of his appointment but he shall immediately establish his residence within the city upon accepting office.” Section 14 of same article states: “The city manager shall see that the laws and ordinances are enforced. He shall appoint all appointive officers of the city subject to the approval of the city commission, such appointments to be upon merit and fitness alone, and with the approval of the commission, he shall remove any appointive officer. He shall exercise control over all departments and offices created by the commission.”

Length of Terms

The regular terms of the commission shall be two years. However, the terms of the members of the first commission are as follows: The commissioners receiving the highest number of votes shall serve until the first Tuesday in April

Chickens bought and sold. The White House.

Oil News From West Texas Fields

Fields Extending Northward

The Moody Oil Corporation's Sawyer No. 1, four miles north of Big Lake in section 156, block 1, on the southwestern edge of the Sawyer Cattle Company lands, has one of the best oil showings and indications of any wildcat well drilled in Reagan County outside of the discovery Santa Rita of the Texon Oil and Land Company. The first showing was encountered at a depth of 2604 feet in lime with about 100,000 cubic feet of gas. —Big Lake News.

In Sterling City Section

California Davis No. 2 on section 255, block 2, H. & T. C. Ry. Co., five miles northeast of here, is being plugged and abandoned at 3127 feet. Sorrell No. 1, 17 miles southeast of here, is being plugged and abandoned at 3,250 feet.

Durham No. 2, one and a half miles south of town, continues on the pump. The "star" rig on section 7, G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., 11 miles southeast of here, is drilling, but we are unable to learn the depth of the hole. Shallow oil has been encountered in this territory, and it is being thoroughly prospected. —Sterling City News-Record.

Drilling in Ector County

The Prairie Oil and Gas Company topped the sand at 2999 in Prairie-University No. 3-A and have a good showing. This company now has two tests going down in Upton County, near McCamey.

Oklahoma parties bought lots 7, 8, 11, 12 in block 7 of F. M. Mitchell on which they will put in a steel derrick supply house.

The Big McElroy gusher No. 4 in Crane County, producing at the rate of 4000 barrels per day is so far the best well in that area. With all contemplated developments being carried out, the Upton-Crane fields bid fair to become a wonder before the year of 1927 is over. —Ector County News (Odessa).

Noodle Creek's Producers

The Noodle Creek field's sixth producer has been brought in for about 300 barrels, making it among the best of the group and stimulating activities in this south extension. It is the Howell well drilled by the Atlantic and Landreth companies.

Howell No. 1 has been cleaned out to 2,526 feet and placed on the pump. Northwest of this well is Mason No. 3, one location west of Mason No. 1, which is making about 175 barrels. No. 3 is drilling at 2,350 feet and should be the next well brought in, if it strikes the pay. Marland's Mason No. 2, half a mile west of the producers, failed to find production, hence No. 3 will help to outline the westward trend of the field.

Making rapid progress the drillers of the Clark, Harbin, and Baldrige Wheeler test are below 2,300 feet. The Wheeler well is the center of interest, since the Hurley Sears failed three miles to the east. The Wheeler land is four miles northwest. The addition of the Howell production has raised the daily output of the new field to around 1,500 barrels each 24 hours, on the pumps. —Sweetwater Reporter.

Gulf Company's Activities

Oil operations have not slackened at all, and if anything they are getting more active each week. The time is approaching when oil men say "things are going to bust loose in this country."

The remarkable success of the Gulf field is a source of much interest in this section. Nine producing wells have been brought in, four of them in the Gulf-McElroy field, four in the Gulf-Crier and McElroy, and one in the Dunning acreage, just over the line in Upton County. The other 8 producers are in Crane County. The Gulf State Lassiter No. 1 is also a producer, making about 120 barrels daily. The other nine wells are producing an average of about 8,000 barrels daily, placed. The Gulf No. 4 is the biggest well, making about 3,700 barrels a day.

Gulf No. 1-C McElroy, section 134 block E, Upton County, is drilling at about 1500 feet, Gulf No. 2-C section 155, block E, Upton County is down to 2800. In Crane County new location for Gulf No. 7 McElroy has been made on section 199 block F, and a rig is being built for Gulf No. 6 McElroy on section 197, block F. The rig is up for Gulf No. 5 Crier and McElroy on section 204, block F. Gulf State Lassiter No. 2 is drilling at about 490 feet. —Midland Reporter.

Sore throats: Elixer tonsillitis... Cunningham & Phillips.

Pecos County Progress

With the tubing down to the bottom of the casing, the Lockhart Allen well is now flowing daily with an average of better than thirty barrels, with signs of increase showing. Located in Loving County, section 82, block 33, H. & T. C. R. R. survey, this test is now ready to produce steadily.

The Humble Kloh B-1 in Reeves County, section 47, block 56, tsp. 2, started making new hole in record time, going down 700 feet in a few days, when they lost the tools due to cavings, and have a fishing job.

The Humble Oil and Refining Co. McCutcheon No. 1 in Jeff Davis County has finally got their tools past the 2600 depth, at which they have been working for the past few weeks. They got down as far as 3200 feet.

This hole will be drilled for a deep test, and aid in getting the necessary geological information for this territory.

Two locations were made by the Humble Oil Co. this week in Winkler County, section 36, block 27, within a few miles of the Southern Crude Purchasing Co. well that is producing around 200 barrels daily.

The World Co.'s No. 1 Biggs in Reeves County, section 65, bly 112, is still fishing for tools lost in the bottom of the hole at 1700 feet.

The Deep Rock well in western Reeves is now drilling below 762 feet, and recently set their 12 1-2 inch casing. They are now making hole steadily, following a start accompanied with much trouble.

The Pure well No. 2 in Culberson County is now drilling at 2370 feet in grey sand, making slow headway.

The Benedum-Trees well just across the line in Pecos County is now making new hole below 1905 feet, drilling in lime.

The Quimby well Bennett No. 2 in Pecos County had a good show of oil and gas last week, at 1,216, and immediately shut down the work, and on information. The location is roped off, and none are allowed within speaking distance. There is good gas, but oil show is only slight according to best information. —Pecos Enterprise.

Great Drilling Campaign

San Angelo, Jan. 6.—The eastern rim of what geologically is known as the big basin, underlying a big part of West Texas in the form of a giant U open at the north end, will be the scene of a big oil play early in 1927. The favored structures will be reversals of the "plunging noses" that reach out of the basin at the point of their break, rather than the high points that geologists have been following out to considerable distances.

This is reported to be the consensus of the producing and geological fraternity at San Angelo, geographically located to receive a great benefit from the exploration program.

Proof of this theory, representing an about-face in some instances, is said to be the leasing within the last three weeks of approximately 450,000 acres in Glasscock and Howard Counties at prices that have in extreme instances reached \$5 an acre.

Contracts have been signed for a half dozen wildcats in Glasscock and five in Howard—two of the latter have been started—and other deals consummated or pending, it is believed, will demand the sinking of a score of additional tests in that area.

The eastern rim of the big salt basin, now looked upon with great favor, extends through North Reagan, Irion, Glasscock, Coke, Nolan, Howard, Fisher, Borden, and Garza Counties. For them all a big play is predicted.

Probably because the first producers in West Texas were brought in on the west side of the big basin, it has been believed more or less generally that the big water, which is necessary to lift the oil, existed only on the west side. But recent tests have proven that the big water also exists on the east side.

The drill has indicated further, it is said, that production has been and likely will continue to be found at the point of the reversals, or the break, in the "plunging noses" that reach into the basin, rather than on the high points leading farther back. There are said to be one structure each of this kind in Glasscock and Howard Counties and one each in Garza and Borden Counties, farther north. This geological theory is said to be supported by the Church-Fields discovery producer and more recently the Prairie's Collett test in Crane County.

"Nearly all the drilling in West Texas, save one or two, has been on subsurface geology," said an oil man here, "and there is enough data of this kind to provide two years' work. After the rim of the basin is tested out, there will be much drilling in the basin itself. The importance of this new play to San Angelo

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Add the water to the flour and shorten- ing a very little at a time until the right consistency is secured. Necessary control! Hills Bros. follow a similar principle of control in roasting coffee. Only a few pounds at a time are roasted and the glorious flavor of Hills Bros. is achieved every time.

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is that it virtually is in the center of it."

LITTLE THINGS COUNT

If you want a good example of the fact that it's the little things that count, dig up a daily paper of recent date and read of the death in New York of a fellow named Bobbie Leach. Some years ago he went over Niagara Falls in a barrel and escaped with a few bruises. Then he joined a circus and made parachute leaps from a balloon. But a few weeks ago he slipped on a banana peel, fell and broke his leg and when the member was amputated he died from blood poisoning. We always guard against the big things and "escape" them, only to suffer from little things, such as crossing a street or highway without looking both ways, driving with defective brakes or without properly focusing headlights. —Ex.

Miss Louise Davis* who received burns about the head when celluloid combs in her hair ignited, is reported to be getting along nicely at this time.

I agree that the measure of success is not merchandise, but character. But I do criticize those sentiments, held in all too respectable quarters, that our economic system is fundamentally wrong, that commerce is only selfishness, and that our citizens, holding the hope of all that America means, are living in industrial slavery. The man who builds a factory builds a temple. The man who works there worships there, and to each is due, not scorn and blame, but reverence and praise. —Calvin Coolidge.

A boy knocked at the door of a preacher and was all excited when the reverend came to the door. "My good boy, what is the matter, what can I do for you?"

"Oh, I've swallowed a quarter! I swallowed a quarter!"

"But, my good lad, you should go to a doctor, not to me, I am your preacher."

"But father said come to you because you could get money out of anybody." —Ex.

FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

A man arrested for murder bribed an Irishman of the jury with a hundred dollars to hang out for a verdict of manslaughter. The jury was out for a long time, but finally came in with the desired verdict. The man rushed up to the Irish juror and said:

"I'm much obliged, my man. Did you have a hard time?"

"Yes," said the Irishman, "a devil of a time. All the rest wanted to acquit you." —Ex.

WHY THE SONG MOVED HIM SO The jazz band had just finished playing "California, Here I Come," when the hostess saw a man weeping in the corner. Going over to him, she inquired sympathetically,

"My good man, are you a Californian that this music affects you so?"

"No, madam," replied the man as he reached for his hat, "I'm a musician." —Ex.

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ALMANAC PREDICTED FLORIDA HURRIC

It may not be generally known but it is a fact, that both of the recent Florida storms, namely, of September 17 and that of Oct. 19, were predicted by Professor Voe in the 1926 edition of the dies Birthday Almanac, published by The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

THE REASON

A colored agent was summoned before the insurance commissioner. "Don't you know," said the commissioner, "that you can't sell insurance without a state license?"

"Boss," said the darkey, "you said a mouful; I knowed I could sell it, but I didn't know the son." —Forbes.

Harry Hurt spent the week at Abilene, visiting Mrs. Hurt, spending several weeks in with her mother and other relatives.

Valagar: The varnish will sell some time. Varnish car. . . . Cunningham & Phillips.

MIDNIGHT SUN

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CHAPTER XV.
HIS easy flow of words was here interrupted by Mikhael. "Can you not understand Nickoli Okuneoff," he said anxiously, "that we are on our way to the fort to liberate your brother. You will be cause of his death, if you do not let us proceed immediately."
 "Surely you do not expect me to believe this," said Nickoli in an untroubled voice. "Your sense of humor is delightful, but now is hardly the time for a joke. May I ask you to descend from the car, Your Highness?"
 The gun in Nickoli's hand aimed at the Grand Duke's heart. The voice which had uttered the stern command was pleasant, but cool and level, and spoke of a made-up mind. Mikhael's protests and Sergius' angry refusal to obey the revolutionist were objections to which Nickoli and his companion paid little heed.
 The brief conversation which had passed between the revolutionist and Sergius and his aid, had rendered Olga speechless with fright. She realized that every passing second minimized her beloved Alexei's chances. She trembled at the thought of arriving too late at the prison—if at all, and though she tried to form a reply which would clarify the situation for Nickoli, the travail and hardship she had undergone during the day, made it at first impossible for her to speak.
 At last she managed to break the spell of shocked grief which had engulfed her, and cried:
 "Nickoli. Nickoli. In God's name, stop. You have heard the truth. We are on our way to save your brother. Come, Nickoli, let

friends had in vain brought pressure to bear upon the commandant of the prison and the generals of the garrison, and that petitions for his liberation, addressed to the administration, had remained unanswered. He knew that his life was doomed, that there was no chance of a possible commutation of the sentence.
 In these last moments of despair, before the volley of the firing squad would put an end to his young life, Alexei's thought turned to Olga. The golden memories of their brief, full happiness flooded his mind. Never had he known a more complete, a more true joy than during those spring days, when he and Olga had been together. Like a soft wind, like a mellow ray of the sun, her love had warmed his heart. Every minute in her company had held its own charm, its own individual fascination, and had together formed a string of rare and lustrous pearls. But the string had broken, and the precious beads were scattered and lost.
 Suddenly the heavy stillness was disturbed by resounding footfalls, which came to a halt outside the cell. A key rattled, and a man entered, carrying a flickering lamp. After him followed a dark figure in a flowing garment, his head covered by the big, black hat of the Russian priest. His white beard moved in time with the monotonous prayers he mumbled. In his hands shone a large silver crucifix. The man who held the lamp, raised it, and looked with troubled eyes at Alexei. The prisoner met his gaze; "Belevitch," he said, "has the time come?"
 "Yes, my friend," the other answered. "The firing squad is waiting in the courtyard, and General

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 "My dear Belevitch," he said, "if this commission is so difficult for you to perform, I shall excuse you. I understand your feelings of friendship for Alexei and shall not demand that you go through with the execution. However," he added, "the sun will soon rise. The order has to be carried out, and we have no time to lose." He gazed at the sky, which had gradually taken on a brighter hue. "I shall direct the squad myself."
 Count Belevitch saluted silently. The General took his place and drew his sword. But for the second time the command to shoot was interrupted. Before Nelidov could pronounce the fateful words, the clear morning air was pierced by the frantic blowing of an automobile horn. For a moment the General seemed to be unwilling to pay heed to the angry sound. His sword was already lifted, and the soldiers held their rifles aimed at Alexei. But the noise grew stronger, and was soon accompanied by the throbbing of a high powered motor approaching at a great speed.
 The General lowered his arm, and his eyes turned in surprise towards the entrance gate. Only a few moments later a black automobile came to an abrupt stop in front of the prison, and Nelidov's bewildered look beheld the Grand Duke Sergius, his aid, and Olga Balashova leap from the machine and rush through the gateway towards the prison court, their features depicting a wordless fright.
 In the next second Sergius had gained the General's side. "Stop," he commanded. "Don't shoot," and in a few words he told Nelidov of Alexei's pardon.
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Alexei is led before the firing squad, while the Grand Duke races to revoke his order of execution before the sunrise.
 Scene from "The Midnight Sun."

hasten. We may yet reach there in time. Hurry, hurry."
 Doubt and bewilderment mingled in the face of the revolutionist, and his gun sank. For a second it seemed as if he intended to treat the girl's words in the same contemptuous manner in which he had regarded Sergius' utterances, but the authentic note in Olga's voice determined in his mind that she had spoken the truth.
 "If it is as you say," Nickoli told her, "and I believe your words—let us hasten to the fort. I pray to God that we may reach there in time." He turned to the Grand Duke and added: "For once, Your Highness has decided upon the liberation of a prisoner. I assure you that your choice could not have settled upon one more worthy thereof."
 With these words he again took his place at the wheel. A deft maneuver swung the big car around, and they were soon headed towards the fort.
 A heavy, sinister silence fell over Sergius and his companions. A silence which grew deeper as the heavy machine flew along the black road, its glaring lamps throwing brilliant cones of light on the passing trees. The even throb of the motor, and the swishing sound of the tires was all that disturbed the stillness of the night.
 But when some time had passed, Sergius examined his watch in the glimmering light of a match. "My God," he exclaimed. "Dawn will be here in less than two hours. Burn up the roads, Nickoli. Drive like mad!"
 Dawn was yet far off, and although a black stillness filled the new cell in which Alexei Okuneoff was held interned at the Fort of St. George, he found it impossible to sleep. For hours he had tossed restlessly on his hard, uncomfortable bed, and was now sitting up, staring with tired, burning eyes into the night.
 Bits of news had reached him, relayed by talkative guards, which he learned that his

Nelidov has commanded me to escort you. My poor, poor friend. My heart is broken with sorrow, and I wish God would spare me the duty I am obliged to perform."
 "Duty," Alexei echoed, with a slight tremble in his voice. "You mean that you—" he hesitated, "that you are in command of the squad?"
 Belevitch inclined his head in a silent nod. "Yes," he answered at last. "A cursed fate has entrusted me with this grievous commission."
 Now the priest came up to Alexei and administered the last rites. The prisoner knelt and joined in the prayers, while Count Belevitch with bared head and tear-filled eyes watched the tragic spectacle. After the sound of the last Amen, Alexei rose, and turned calmly to Belevitch. "I am ready," he announced in a steady voice. "Do your duty."
 For a moment the Count did not stir, but gazed at the floor in silence. At last he sighed deeply, and moved reluctantly to the door. "Here," he commanded. Four soldiers entered, bearing rifles with fixed bayonets. Not a word was spoken as the little group moved down the dark corridor. Even the white-bearded priest had ceased his monotonous mumbling of prayers.
 As they entered the prison court, Alexei noticed a faint rosy light cover the eastern horizon. The sky was yet dark over the gray walls and towers of the fort, but the stars had already begun to fade, and a cool wind, which spoke of the approaching sunrise stirred the quiet air.
 The firing squad was drawn up in two files, and close by stood a group of officers among whom Alexei recognized General Nelidov and Colonel Ibeski. The prisoner was escorted to a wall, facing the officers, and his hands were tied behind his back. For the last time the priest spoke some comforting words in his ear, and Count Belevitch gripped his hand in a mute farewell.
 Alexei faced the double line of soldiers with unflinching courage. He refused to have his eyes covered

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at a minister's meeting told the story of a negro who so pestered his bishop for help that it became necessary to tell him that he must make no more appeals. His next petition was as follows: "I have no pants."—Ex.

Wife: "John, you do not speak to me as affectionately as you once did. I fear you have ceased to love me."
 John: "Ceased to love you! Now there you go again. I love you more than life itself. Now you shut up and let me read my paper."—Ex.

All things come to the other fellow if you sit down and wait.—Ex.
 who cannot smile should not keep a shop.—Chinese Proverb.
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Mrs. Theo Schulz has been on the sick list this week.	Miss Grace Mann spent the weekend in Colorado with her folks.	Back ache plasters..... Cunningham & Phillips.
Miss Lelyne Rogers visited her folks in Stanton the past week-end.	Sterns cough syrup loosens up the cough..... Cunningham & Phillips.	Mr. and Mrs. Frank Inkman and daughter of Fort Worth are visitors in our city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Inkman and family.
Rheumatic pains: Penslar Rheumatic Remedy will help you..... Cunningham & Phillips.	Mrs. Leland Stone left week for a visit with relatives and friends in Amarill.	LeGears stock powders...also remedies for chickens..... Cunningham & Phillips.
Bruce Frazier of Electra arrived Saturday to look after property interests in this section. He is the son of J. T. Frazier, manager of the Marland Oil Co. office in Big Spring, and they own several sections of land in Howard County.	Miss Frances Sheeler has been ill the past week, suffering from an attack of mumps.	Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Penix and Lindsey Penix of Graham, enroute to Lamesa for a visit with relatives and friends, spent Friday in Big Spring.
	Childrens croup: Relieved with Respinol...It will do the work.... Cunningham & Phillips.	

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Good 36-inch OUTFIT Heavy Grade 14c yd.	Dress GINGHAMS and PERCALES Good Patterns 8c yd.	Genuine HOPE DOMESTIC Special 12c yd.	HINDS HONEY and ALMOND CREAM 11 oz. to sell \$1.00 2 bottles \$1.49 4 1-2 oz. to sell 50c 3 bottles \$1.00	9/4 Genuine PEPPERELL SHEETING Bleached 37c yd.	Good Luck Leather Palm Gauntlet GLOVES Regular 35c pr. Now 3 pr. for 85c.	Headlight Leather Palm Gauntlet GLOVES Regular 50c 2 pr. for 75c	Leather Palm Wrist GLOVES Special value 19c pr.	Cotton SOX Reinforced Toe and Heel 6 pair for 85c
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Coats 1-2 Price



Smart coats at a price much less than the wholesale cost. Two months more to wear a coat this season, and you still have a good coat for next winter.

\$19.85 COATS \$9.95	\$35.00 COATS \$17.50
\$42.50 COATS \$21.25	\$125.00 COATS \$62.50
CHILDREN'S COATS 1/2 PRICE Size 4 to 9 Plain and fur trimmed coats at this low price	
\$8.50 COATS \$4.25	\$9.50 COATS \$4.75
\$10.00 COATS \$5.00	\$17.50 COATS \$8.75

Percentage Reduction
MERODE UNDERWEAR Reduced 25 per cent
MODART CORSETS Reduced 20 per cent

DRESSES

Dresses for all occasions grouped in three price lots. The price in some instances would not buy the material used in them. Good styles exceptional values.

ONE LOT ONE LOT ONE LOT
\$7.95 \$13.95 \$19.95



Substantial Reductions in all Departments



New Arrivals! SPRING HATS

\$7.50 Hats \$5.65

New spring hats that have arrived since January 1st, new brims, new crowns and new shades.

Children's hats reduced one-fourth. All millinery reduced one-fourth.

Children's Shoes One-Fourth Off

A sale of children's shoes comes right at the time the children need new shoes to finish the winter. Light weight shoes, stitched down shoes in solid colors, two-tones and solid black and white

SAVE 25 PER CENT AT THE CLEARANCE SALE

0 to 5, 95c now... 72c 8 1/2 to 11, \$2.95 now... \$2.21
5 1/2 to 8, \$2.50 now... \$1.88 11 1/2 to 2, \$4.50 now... \$3.38

Ladies' Footwear One-Fourth Off

\$10.00 Slippers \$7.50

Our entire stock of ladies footwear including satins, patents and colored kids in pumps, one-strap and oxfords are offered at this substantial saving. Styles good for early spring.

Extra Special \$6.95

One table of odds and ends. These are from numbers that have sold best in the last thirty days which left from one to three pair of shoes in each lot. A complete run of sizes on the table. If you don't find your size in any style you can find it in another you will like just as well.

STRICTLY CASH

Due to the unusual low prices we are selling goods, we will not be able to grant the extension of credit.

7 Days More To Take Advantage of These Savings

Oil	O.N.T.	Men's	Sure-Fit
January Clearance Sale			
Cloth 29c yd.	Thread 4c	Dress Hats \$5.00	Sure-Fit Caps for men \$2.00
45 inch white and colored oil cloth	Spool Kotex 43c	Hats \$3.45	Caps for Boys \$1.50
			Caps \$1.15

Substantial Reductions In Piece Goods

Every item in our piece goods section bears a reduction of from ONE-FOURTH TO ONE-HALF

Silks, Woolens and Staple Goods

Dry goods from finest silks to the most staple lines are all reduced materially in this sale

36-in Serge regular 95c to \$1.25 now... 49c
60-in Coating regular \$5.50 now... \$4.13
56-in Plaid sulting regular \$2.75 now... \$2.07
56-in Wool checks regular \$1.95 now... \$1.47
40-in Wool crepe regular \$2.50 now... \$1.88
36-in Sport flannel regular \$2.25 now... \$1.69
40-in Crepe back satin regular \$3.95 now... \$2.97
40-in Crepe de chine regular \$1.95 now... \$1.47
40-in Flat crepe regular \$2.19 now... \$1.64
36-in Solid color Gingham regular 69c now... 52c
32-in gingham checks regular 69c now... 52c
32-in challis prints regular 69c now... 52c
36-in prints regular 35c now... 27c

All sale prices strictly cash. No refunds.
7 more days to buy
When we put on a sale
we put on a real one

FREE!

A coal bucket given FREE with each purchase of \$10.00 or more. Only one coal bucket given to any one person in one day.

One-Fourth off on all fitted cases, suit cases, handbags and trunks
\$10.00 cases... \$7.50
—all high quality material neatly finished in the smallest detail.

One-Fourth off on all Manhattan Shirts.
\$3.00 shirts... \$2.25

Neck Band Shirts:
\$2 to \$3 Shirts... \$1.65
\$2.50 to \$4.00 Shirts... \$2.65

One-Fourth off on all Inter-woven Sox—wool, silk and lisle
\$1.00 sox value... 75c
75c sox value... 57c
50c sox value... 38c
35c sox value... 26c

One-Fourth off on all Sweaters
\$6.00 sweaters \$4.50

—including Bradley and Lido sweaters and lumberjacks for men and boys.

Warm O'coats At A Great Saving

The sort you have been looking for and need now. Overcoats that top off your wardrobe in blue and brown shades as well as others. From Rico Rochester and Kuppenheimer. Styles that are good quality that will last.

\$27.50 now... \$19.85
\$35.00 now... \$24.45
\$47.50 now... \$32.45

Size 34 to 44

Single- and double-breasted styles



Fine Clothing ON SALE

Models and patterns to suit every taste is included in three lots of clothing. Here's a real value for men. Suits that can be worn on into spring and they are guaranteed for quality and workmanship. From Rico Rochester and Kuppenheimer.

\$25.00 now... \$15.00
\$37.50 now... \$24.45
\$47.50 now... \$32.45

SUITS WITH EXTRA PANTS \$6.65 and \$7.50 extra

BOYS' SUITS

Size 4 to 10

With long pants in dark blue, light blue and browns, with vest, some have two pair of pants.
\$10.00 and \$12.50 suits now... \$7.50

Size 12 to 17

With long pants. Good fabrics in the season's best colors for boys.
up to \$22.50 value... \$18.50

BOYS' O'COATS

Size 3 1/2 to 10

Medium weight overcoats for boys in tan, blue and brown shades.
\$8.50 coats now... \$6.40
\$10.00 and \$12.50 coats now... \$7.50

MEN: SAVE ON SHOES

All Stacy-Adams Shoes and Oxfords \$9.85
One Special Lot Florsheim Shoes and Oxfords \$6.95

Regular Stock of Florsheim Shoes and Oxfords Regular Price \$10.00 and \$11.00 Sale Price \$8.55

Our \$7.50 Line of Dress Shoes and Oxfords \$6.65
1-4 off on all work shoes \$2.55 work shoes \$2.14

BUY NOW

By coming early you will be able to make better selections. A store-wide event—visit every section.

Albert M. Fisher Co.

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Extra Sales People Have Been Provided for Efficient Service

BIG SPRING, TEXAS

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Big Spring, Texas, Friday, January 14, 1927

By T. E. Jordan

Wednesday Club Invites Officials

New City Commissioners Guests of Club and Program Devoted to Welcoming New Form Government

The Wednesday Luncheon Club with the ladies of the First Methodist Church this week and the members liked the fare so well that they voted to continue to eat there, the ladies willing.

After disposal of the fine meal the club took up the subject of the new city administration, in welcoming it to the persons of the newly-installed members of same who were given seats of honor to the right and to the left of the presiding officer, Edwin A. Kelley. The Wednesday Club may consider itself as efficiently instrumental in bringing into being the commission-manager system. As the only organized body with latitude to take up a purely civic subject on which there might be differences of opinion, there was kept alive an interest in the procedure leading to the election which adopted the new charter. From among its members came the active ones who looked after the measure and who filled the breach between a declaration and a realization. It was fit that the club extend welcome to the system and to the representatives who are to conduct the city's affairs of the present and the future.

Chairman Kelley in introducing the subject of the city government made extended talk on the lines of individual inclinations and individual control of self, to the practice of thinking well of the other fellow and to habituate oneself to seeing good rather than evil and refraining from harsh criticisms of others is to attain toward good citizenship. His observations on friendship, cooperation and aspirations were a real treat in the sentiments expressed as the inspirations conveyed to his members in way of practicing more the virtues of self-control and broad-mindedness in support of those measures and people who are charged with public duties.

Following Mr. Kelley came J. T. Frasier, in charge of the Marland Oil company's supply yards here and recently elected as a director in the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Frasier's address was along the lines of "Mutual Confidence or Trust and What Gets It." Largely his trend of argument was similar to what the chairman had expressed and coming from an angle more of one who was in direct contact with a great organization which is superlatively one in which employers and employees are enthusiastically cooperative and in spirit of desire to give service of their very best. He paid high tribute to the head of his company and to the organization as a whole. He pointed out the universal expression of merit as coming from the employees, of being the "Best company in the world" and one which it was a pleasure and a privilege to work with and giving of every ability and cooperation to one another as well as to the "boss."

Commissioners Introduced
Following the preliminary talks of the chairman and Mr. Frasier, the new city commissioners present were called upon for expressions. R. T. Price was the first to respond and his introductory remarks paid a tribute which was heartily applauded to the retiring board of aldermen and the mayor of the old organization. He recognized the high degree of efficiency as established by the outgoing officials and expressed hope that the new government would be enabled to take up the work at a height of goodness and carry it onward in even further good service to the city. He advised that there can be no limitation to what can be accomplished in a short time, that there must be a slow and steady growth along the many divisions which are calling, and will call, for the best thought and the best disposition of men and problems. The duties of the commission are pointed out, would be other things would take time and patience for consideration. Already, he pointed out, there are many applications for positions for improvements or corrections of conditions which affect the interests of districts of the city.

Mr. Piner's appeal for cooperation and earnest backing of the commission in its efforts to give the city administration to which it

should aspire, was a receptive side of pledges which the former speakers had made and which the club stands ready to demonstrate as the new plans get into operation and the officials shall need the counsel and support of the good citizenship.

Commissioner Inkman in brief talk endorsed the sentiments expressed by Mr. Piner and he made a special reference to the outgoing aldermanic body which he credited with a wonderfully successful and upbuilding administration of affairs.

Commissioners Gilmour pledged every effort to do his best to get right results.

Commissioner Cunningham pledged himself and the commission to give every question coming up a fair and good consideration. He limited the good that might be done as depending largely on the financial abilities to carry forward the work of making the city and the various sections thereof all that should be desired.

In conclusion of the period assigned to the luncheon, which time limit has already been overstepped, the club went on record in a vote of appreciation of the faithfulness and efficiency of the outgoing administration.

The resolutions as prepared by the committee are as follows:

"Be it resolved that the Wednesday Luncheon Club expresses its hearty appreciation and approval to the outgoing city council for its splendid achievements in the development of our city and community.

"Be it also resolved that we pledge our individual and united support to the new commission as it enters into the new form of government and that we will in every way possible lend our support in the plans they inaugurate for the further development of our city and country."

SPORTS PROMOTER HERE

S. W. Faust a well known sports promoter of San Angelo was a visitor here Wednesday looking over several of the towns in this vicinity in view of forming a circuit which would enable him and other promoters to bring into Texas the best there is in the line of professional boxers and wrestlers. He is featuring Matty Matsuda, the Japanese jiu jitsu expert also holder of the world's welterweight champion belt.

Mr. Faust is extremely anxious in matching Matsuda the Jap, against Mike Reid, Jack Gorman the West Texas favorite, also Yaqui Joe, the Sonora Indian, in Big Spring sometime in the near future.

Mr. Faust states that all of his matches and bouts are staged with a guarantee that the people must be satisfied or their money will be refunded.

EGGS CHEAPER

T. H. C. of I. has received a slight shock in this part of the country probably due to the days and days of bright sunshine and the creeping of green herbage from the frosted early season crops. The hens have had sunshine and food and the egg supply has been fine for the time of year. Reduction in price of a nickel to a dime a dozen is a slight offset to other foods which are going up.

REV. R. L. OWEN WILL PREACH AT COAHOMA, SUNDAY, JAN. 16

Rev. R. L. Owen, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring will fill his regular appointment at Coahoma on Sunday, Jan. 16. He will conduct the services at both morning and evening hour.

A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend these services.

FINE BASKET BALL GAME

On Friday the 7th, the Moore and the Center Point basket ball teams of girls clashed on the Center Point court and after a desperate struggle the Center Pointers came through with the big end of a 13 to 5 score. A return game is being negotiated.

TO STUDY AMENDMENTS

Friday, the 14, the teachers of the county are invited to meet with Superintendent Bittie and faculty in the Big Spring high school building, for study of the constitutional amendments to be presented to the legislature as concerning the schools of the state.

J. & W. Fisher this week unloaded a car of farming wools. Everything that the farmer will need for his 1927 crop will be kept on hand by this firm.

Accomplishments of Council Body

Retiring Councilmen Gave City Progressive Administration—Practically "Clean Slate" for New One

On the 11th of this month there passed from existence the aldermanic form of government for this city, and at the same time Mayor Clyde E. Thomas, and Aldermen John F. Wolcott, W. L. McCollister, A. P. McDonald, S. A. Hathcock and J. R. Creath, went out of office.

These six men have been responsible for the city government for two years and nine months. In April, 1924, the city had recovered from the financial difficulties that most towns experienced as after-war conditions, and there were at that time long outstanding bills for current expenses with some nine thousand dollars owing at the bank with a tax rate for the city at \$1.33. Moreover, unknown to themselves the conditions at the waterworks were just about to reveal the fact that the underground pool, from which Big Spring has for many years obtained its water supply, was being exhausted.

The Water Supply

The administration, after realizing this solemn fact, purchased a drilling machine and began seeking water, somewhat in the manner that the oil companies are now seeking oil. Water was found in abundance about a mile and a half southwest of the old waterworks and immediately the city council allowed an expenditure of thirty thousand dollars, and the new waterworks began pumping water, and supplied both the city and the Texas & Pacific Railway Company in thirty days after the expenditure was authorized. The city now owns one hundred and sixty acres at the old waterworks, fifty acres at the new waterworks, together with the exclusive water rights with other limitations for the purpose of assuring the purity of the water in six hundred forty acres of land. In this six hundred and ninety acres under the ownership and control of the city there is water at every spot, the same having been tested with wells all over the tract. Big Spring is assured of a bountiful supply of pure water for an indefinite time, and particularly so with the old underground bowl at the old waterworks again filling up at a rapid rate. The expense of running the new waterworks is much less than the old, inasmuch as the water is carried into the reservoir by gravity and the wells are not so deep.

Fire Fighting Apparatus

With the town in 1914 on the eve of prosperity, the city government found itself equipped with one old fire engine, the first motor driven fire engine ever purchased in the state of Texas, and although it had performed faithfully there was always an uneasiness as to whether it would hold out through another big fire, and the city purchased the finest kind of engine—a seven hundred and fifty gallon per minute, three-stream pumper Seagraves Fire Engine.

Big Paving Program

But the big program was paving—that was one of the issues of the campaign of 1924, settled favorably by the people. This program was delayed on account of the water situation, but now the two hundred thousand dollar paving and lighting program is just about completed.

City Manager Government

Another proposition growing out of the political campaign, advocated by both sides, was a city-manager form of government, and the present administration has brought about, cooperating with the citizens of the town, a city-manager form of government which automatically released the present administration from their offices on the 11th day of this month.

Low Tax Rate

The old administration says that it realizes that it made many mistakes, but that of all its accomplishments it views with greater satisfaction the financial condition of the city affairs. With valuation running around the figure of two million seven hundred thousand dollars for a number of years prior to 1926, it was able, without raising the valuation, to reduce the tax rate from \$1.33 to \$1.00 for 1925, and yet at the same time arrangements for the

payment upon the paving bonds which now have run for two years; and have been able to maintain the tax rate for the year 1926 at \$1.05. And yet at the same time it has been able to bring the city out of debt and maintain a cash pay-as-you-go policy.

With our neighboring town Colorado City, with a tax rate of \$1.69, on a higher valuation than ours and with Sweetwater's city tax rate at \$2.16, Eastland's tax rate of \$2.40, Big Spring has probably the lowest tax rate of any town in the state of Texas of its size.

Waterworks Well Managed

The waterworks is a business and has been conducted as such. Interpreting that position, every tap in town has been metered, collections have been made when due, and there has been no water given away; the waterworks has not been used as a charity institution. Prior to establishing the waterworks on a business basis the people were taxed in the round sum of nine thousand dollars a year to pay the interest and sinking fund on the waterworks bonds. But on the principle that the waterworks is a business, the administration has seen fit to make it pay its own interest and provide its own sinking fund for its bonds and now for two years, it has carried its own liabilities, paid its own bills, and is netting a profit of approximately fifteen thousand dollars a year. This profit is being used for permanent improvements of the waterworks. Thirty-one thousand dollars has been spent this year in eight inch water mains in one project. There is probably one hundred miles in water pipe in the city, much of it old and rotted, and the profits from the waterworks is much needed for replacement.

The City's past administration does not go out with the feeling that there are no problems left unsolved; for approximately two hours on Tuesday evening they explained the present problems and burdens that the new administration is inheriting.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF NATIONAL BANKS ELECTED

The stockholders of the three national banks in Big Spring held their meetings on Tuesday, January 11, for the purpose of electing new directors and officers for the ensuing year. The First National Bank had a general reelection of all directors and officers. The State National Bank had a selection of all directors and only a few changes in their officers. The West Texas National Bank had changes only in their directors. The results of the elections were as follows:

State National Bank—Directors: Wm. B. Currie, A. C. Walker, T. S. Currie, Bernard Fisher and W. R. Dawes. Officers: President, W. B. Currie; vice president, A. C. Walker; active vice president, T. S. Currie; cashier, Ira Driver; assistant cashier, Ben Carpenter; assistant cashier, Edith Hatchett.

West Texas National Bank—Directors: Mrs. Dora Roberts, W. P. Edwards, L. F. Nail, R. T. Piner, and B. Reagan. Officers: president, B. Reagan; vice president W. P. Edwards; cashier, R. T. Piner; assistant cashier, R. V. Middleton; assistant cashier, Edmund Notestine.

First National Bank—Directors: L. S. McDowell, R. C. Sanderson, J. W. Ward, R. L. Price, A. E. Pool. Officers: president, L. S. McDowell; vice president, R. C. Sanderson; vice president, J. W. Ward; active vice president and cashier, R. L. Price; assistant cashier, Nat Shick; assistant cashier, H. H. Hurt; assistant cashier, E. O. Price.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

J. W. Brown and Zella Ballard. Lee H. Barton and Ada C. Anderson.

J. D. Denson and Lena Hamilton. A. B. Placker and Jeanette Armstrong. Hipolito C. Chavez and Amalia Ochorenena.

D. H. Motley and Mabel E. Mechin.

WORK AT SEWER DISPOSAL PLANT ABOUT COMPLETED

The work of installing a new chlorinator, new pump, and new pipe at the sewer disposal plant east of the city is about completed. With the installation of this new equipment the plant has been greatly improved.

Herald wants ads get good results. Try one for your needs.

Large Incubator To Operate Here

Steve Ford Installs Mammoth Incubator at Chicken Ranch—Egg Capacity 2400—Automatic Control

Proving that he has faith in the chicken industry and substantiating a belief that a fortune can be made from poultry and eggs, Steve Ford has installed a Mammoth Buckeye Incubator at his chicken ranch on the Marion Edwards' place, about three quarters of a mile from town. The incubator has an egg capacity of 2400, and 1600 eggs have already been placed in the trays to be hatched. Made of beautiful red cedar wood, the incubator costing something over five hundred dollars is probably one of the finest that can be found in all West Texas, and exceeds any other that has yet been installed in Howard County. The incubator has an automatic heat control and the eggs too are turned automatically, one hundred at a time, twice each day. The fresh air control is run by electricity and the incubator is oil heated. Three weeks is the length of time taken for hatching each setting.

Will Accommodate Many

The first sixteen hundred eggs placed in the incubator were saved for breeding purposes by Mr. Ford from his fine flock of registered White Leghorns. Included in this hatching is about one hundred Rhode Island Red eggs which will provide early fryers for the coming season. These will be hatched in about two more weeks.

The Mammoth incubator will accommodate any number who wish to have their eggs hatched, 800 new eggs will be placed in the incubator every Monday morning, and 800 chicks will be hatched out every Tuesday morning. People from all over the countryside will bring their settings in to have them hatched in the incubator. \$4 per hundred will probably be the price for hatching eggs.

Flock of Tancrod Strain

Mr. Ford has one hundred and fifty white leghorns hens of Tancrod strain, and about twelve white leghorn roosters. Some of the hens have remarkable laying records and only last week four of his roosters sold for \$20. Baby chicks, fryers, pullets and young roosters of this fine strain will be on the market early this season, and farmers who are adopting the diversification plan of farming and who are also stocking their farms with hogs, cows, and chickens will find it convenient to visit Mr. Ford's chicken ranch and secure a start for the flocks on their farms. Fresh eggs throughout the year and plenty of chickens to eat will be the incentive of many folks for buying of this fine flock.

To Build Brooders

Work on the houses for five chick brooders will be started within the next week or two, and upon their completion five of the finest chick brooders that can be obtained will be installed at this ranch. Each brooder with a capacity of 1000 baby chicks will be automatically heated, and they will be ready to receive the first chicks that are taken from the 1600 egg setting. Besides these fine houses for the brooders and the house where the incubator is sheltered, Mr. Ford has several other good chicken houses equipped with good roosts, nests, etc., and a big run-around, enclosed with wire netting. All of the buildings at this chicken yard are painted white and the places gives an attractive, neat, and clean appearance.

Other Fine Stock

Beside the fine flock of chickens Mr. Ford has on his place several good milk cows and two registered Hampshire hogs. Although he is not a farmer Mr. Ford is a great advocate of diversified farming, and believes the salvation of the Southern farmer is the cow, the sow, and the hen. He is going to help the Howard County farmer get started on this path to salvation by supplying them with plenty of good baby chicks of a registered strain that will be a paying proposition for each one who invests in them. Not only can they have plenty of fresh eggs for home consumption and plenty of chickens to serve any style on their tables but there is ever a ready market for eggs and chickens in town every month in the year.

Invite All to See Incubator

A standing invitation is extended each and everyone to visit the Ford chicken ranch and to inspect the new incubator and to see it in operation. Not only will it furnish you interesting information but you may be able to enlighten your neighbor or friend after seeing the results of this method of hatching.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE APPOINTS COMMITTEE HEADS

With Vice President R. L. Price in the chair, the Monday night meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce had a number of important matters to consider.

At this meeting the chairman of the standing committees were announced as follows:

Finance and membership—T. S. Currie.
Highways—Joe Fisher.
Advertising—J. Y. Robb.
Agriculture—Fred Keating.
Trade extension—H. L. Rix.
Convention entertainment—E. E. Fahrenkamp.

Civic improvements—A. G. Hall.
New industries and enterprises—B. Reagan.

It was also voted to hold directors' meetings only once each month, instead of bi-weekly as heretofore. In place of the meetings on alternate Mondays, there will be meetings of the chairman of the various standing committees who will consider the problems confronting them and report to the directors' meetings for action.

Another change in custom decided upon was the election of directors, the new system calling for a drawing for places as to service of one year and two years. This will call for election of only eight members one time and seven the next. The present directors are to draw for the one and two year terms and at next annual membership meeting the places of the one year directors will be filled and thereafter the terms of office will be for two years, with half the body carrying over and the other half newly elected.

The subject of the Chamber financing the purchase of a school of dairy cows was referred to the three banks of the city. The plan is for the Chamber to purchase the cows with money advanced by the banks and to sell same for cash to such as want them, different prices to be assigned to the animals and the buyer to choose as he pleases. The cows are to be first class, pure bred Jerseys, selected by Secretary Watson and graded by him. The expected selling price to farmers or others will be generally from fifty to sixty dollars each, with maybe some deviations as the qualities show up.

Services which may be rendered the oil workers in the county was considered. The need is for a laundry service especially and arrangements are under way to have established a delivery which will take care of the laundry transfer, the carrying of mail and other lines of supplies and express matter that could be daily handled by a light truck, to and from the operations.

The Crawford hotel proposition was mentioned and that project was reported to be inactive until the expiration of fifteen days granted Mr. Crawford for definite arranging of his part of the verbal agreement that he would build the institution with the city contributing the site for same.

Invitation from officials of the Northwest District of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, to the local body to attend the conference to be held at Stanton on the 25, and to bring the band, was accepted. Also, an invitation to the president and secretary to attend the annual banquet at Stanton the night of the 11, was accepted by those officials.

Details of the change in directors times of meetings and operation of the standing committees organization were left to be determined at a future meeting.

FINE ELECTRIC SIGN

A fine electric sign in colors has been set up over the A. P. Kasch plumbing and electric company store. It is calculated to catch the eye and to impress night travelers that the place to get the plumbing and electric fixtures is right under the brilliant sign.

The awning at the Gooch Grocery store underwent repairs last week, and much of the old worn out material has been replaced with new lumber.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF

The First National Bank

at Big Spring, in the State of Texas, at close of business on Dec. 31, 1926

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and discounts, U. S. Government securities owned, Deposited to secure circulation, etc.

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Howard, ss: I, R. L. Price, vice president and cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF

The West Texas National Bank

at Big Spring, in the State of Texas, at close of business on Dec. 31, 1926

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and discounts, U. S. Government securities owned, Deposited to secure circulation, etc.

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Howard, ss: I, Robt. T. Piner, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

VOGUE BEAUTY SHOPPE RE-OPENS IN W. T. BANK BLDG.

The Vogue Beauty Shoppe, owned and operated by Helen Stewart and Mrs. Kirby Miller, on Thursday of this week reopened for business in the West Texas National Bank building, upstairs in rooms 17 and 18.

The Vogue Beauty Shoppe was destroyed by fire when the Cole Hotel burned and they were delayed in reopening until the insurance adjustments were made.

J. C. Calverley, county clerk of Glasscock County was a business visitor in Big Spring Wednesday.

PAVING ON MAIN, SCURRY AND RUNNELS STREET NEXT CUT

Through the agency of the Chamber of Commerce property owners on Main, Scurry and Runnels streets are being petitioned to pave in front of their holdings in the residential districts.

The stretches included in the petition extends to the 19th block on Scurry and to the 15th block on Runnels, to the high school building. The terms of payment are to be the same as heretofore proposed, cash payment of one-sixth of the cost of one-third of the frontage and like yearly payments at six per cent interest.

The project has not gone far enough as yet to determine whether or not the petition will be unanimous and the owners agree to enter into contracts.

Herald want ads gets good re-

REPORT OF CONDITION OF

The State National Bank

at Big Spring, in the State of Texas, at close of business on Dec. 31, 1926

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and discounts, Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value), Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc., owned, Federal Reserve Bank, etc.

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Howard, ss: I, T. S. Currie, Vice President and Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF

The First State Bank

at Coahoma, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1926, published in The Big Spring Herald, a newspaper printed and published at Big Spring, State of Texas, on the 14th day of January, 1927.

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security, Bonds, stocks and other securities, Federal Reserve Bank, etc.

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STATE OF TEXAS, County of Howard, ss: We, J. B. Wheat, as President, and Claud Wolf, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CORRECT-ATTEST: J. L. COLLINS, A. W. ROWE, J. A. ROBERTS, Directors.

NORTHWEST LIFE VIVIDLY FILMED

One man and one woman, marooned, cut off from the world, fighting their way to wealth. She, with nothing but hate and fear in her heart; he, strong, stoical, wondering whether or not he really loves her. How do two such people come from the ends of the earth to meet and marry?

Nora Marsh, up to the age of twenty, had lived all her sheltered life within the confines of a London home. Suddenly, walls, seemingly secure, had crashed. Where before, she had been rich, she is destitute. So, Nora sets out for the only haven she knows, her brother's farm in far Canada.

Then, to disturb their happiness, comes tragedy, sweeping down without warning. Overnight, everything is wiped out. Failure opens the door and walks in. What happens? See "The Canadian at the R and R Lyric theater Monday and Tuesday.

January 17 and 18. Thomas Meighan's latest Paramount starring vehicle is a real picture, one that shouldn't be missed by movie lovers. William Beaudine, director of "Hold That Lion!" and "Sparrows," directed.

PAY UP!

I wish to announce to my customers who had a charge account with me at the time my hat shop was destroyed by fire when the Cole Hotel burned, that I would appreciate it very much if they would settle with me promptly. I have not reopened my shop since I was burned out but it is almost impossible for me to see each charge customer individually so if you will please call my residence, phone 115, or see Mrs. Pegues at Biles Drug Store and bottle, I will certainly appreciate it. Either call me or leave the money with Mrs. Pegues at Biles drug store. I thank you.

Miss Otera Lloyd, Proprietor Elite Hat Shop Mrs. Wm. Price and son, Teddie, of St. Louis, Mo., who arrived last Friday night to look after business interests in this city returned to their home in St. Louis Wednesday night. While in Big Spring Mrs. Price and son were the guests of Mrs. Jess Andrews and family.

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ARRIVAL OF DAUGHTER. Mr. and Mrs. O. J. May of Houston, Texas, are rejoicing over the arrival of a charming baby daughter who came to brighten their home on Wednesday, Jan. 6. Mrs. May will be remembered as Miss Ethel Porter, formerly of this city. SERVICES AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY, JAN. 8. The Rev. Claud L. Wingo of Palestine, Texas, will be in Big Spring Sunday, Jan. 8, and will conduct the morning and evening services at the First Christian Church. Bro. Wingo is said to be an able speaker and has a good message to bring to the people of Big Spring. It is his hope that every member of the congregation will be out to hear him, and that many visitors will be present. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public to attend both services.

Remember---



Your Children

like to be well-dressed and appear well, the same as you do. Have their pants, suits, sweaters and overcoats cleaned and pressed at regular intervals. This helps to preserve the clothes. They will look as good as new, and will last longer.

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Big Spring, Texas

OIL LEASES

For week ending at noon of Jan. 11, 1927 the following mineral leases were filed for record:

W. A. Langley and wife to R. L. Cook, section 43, block 32, tsp. 2N, T. & P. survey, except as to 4 acres. Consideration \$10. Dated Dec. 17, 1926.

D. C. Maupin and wife to Marland Oil Co. S 1-2 section 33, block 32, tsp. 1N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Nov. 18, 1926.

A. G. Haynes and wife to Marland Oil Co., section 20, block 32, tsp. 1N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Nov. 18, 1926.

Annie Stone and husband to Marland Oil Co., Martin and Glascock Counties, section 46, block 35, tsp. 1S, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Oct. 27, 1926.

Annie Stone and husband to Marland Oil Co., section 46, block 35, tsp. 1S, Martin and Glascock Counties. Consideration \$10. Dated Oct. 27, 1926.

Annie Stone and husband to Marland Oil Co., section 43, block 35, tsp. 1S, T. & P. survey in Howard, Martin and Glascock Counties. Consideration \$10. Dated Oct. 27, '26.

Annie Stone and husband to Marland Oil Co. section 47, block 35, tsp. 1S, T. & P. survey in Howard and Glascock Counties. Consideration \$10. Dated Oct. 27, 1926.

Annie Stone and husband to Marland Oil Co. section 39, block 35, tsp. 1S, T. & P. survey in Howard, Martin and Glascock Counties. Consideration \$10. Dated, Nov. 27, 1926.

Annie Stone and husband to Marland Oil Co. section 38, block 35, tsp. 1S, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Oct. 27, 1926.

J. M. and Bernard Fisher and wives to Marland Oil Co. section 43, block 32, tsp. 1S, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Oct. 16, 1926.

J. M. and Bernard Fisher and wives to Marland Oil Co. S 1-2 section 37, block 33, tsp. 1S, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Oct. 16, 1926.

J. M. Fisher and Bernard Fisher and wives to Marland Oil Co. section 39, block 33, tsp. 1S, T. & P. survey, except 40 acre strip and except 12.25 acres. Consideration \$10. Dated Oct. 16, 1926.

Mrs. Greta Connally, W. B. Connally and D. G. Connally to Marland Oil Co. sections 16, 21, 24, block 33, tsp. 1S, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$1920. Dated Aug. 12, 1926.

R. L. Schwarzenbach and wife to Marland Oil Co. N 1-2 of N. W. 1-4 section 30, block 32, tsp. 1N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$170. Dated Nov. 18, 1926.

W. S. Wingo and wife to Marland Oil Co. E 1-2 section 27, N of R. R. block 33, tsp. 1N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Oct. 20.

J. W. Thorp and wife to Marland Oil Co. S 1-2 section 24, block 34, tsp. 1S, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Aug. 19, 1926.

Ellen Hatch to Marland Oil Co., E 1-2 section 24, block 34, tsp. 1N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$326. Dated Nov. 13, 1926.

S. M. Winters and J. O. Rosser and wife to Marland Oil Co. N 1-2 section 24, block 34, tsp. 1S, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$80. Dated Aug. 14, 1926.

Bob Austin, B. O. Jones, E. O. Ellington and Robt. T. Piner release of lease from G. W. Long and wife.

G. S. True release of lease from G. M. Long and wife.

Harry Graham and wife to B. C. Mann S E 1-4 section 30, block 33, tsp. 3N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Nov. 30, 1926.

G. R. Brown and wife to A. D. Neal S 1-2 of S W 1-4 section 11, block 33, tsp. 1N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Jan. 10, 1927.

Tant Lindsay and wife to B. C. Mann N 1-2 section 30, block 33, township 2N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Oct. 22, 1926.

S. F. Hammer to R. L. Cook S.W. 1-4 section 7, block 34, tsp. 1N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$80. Dated Jan. 7, 1927.

R. L. Stafford and wife to G. T. Hall S 1-2 of section 38, block 34, tsp. 3N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$162.40. Dated Jan. 8, 1927.

H. W. Grantham and wife to G. T. Hall W 400 acres section 12, block 34, tsp. 2N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Jan. 3, 1927.

A. S. Merrick and wife to G. T. Hall S.W. 1-4 section 19, block 33, tsp. 1N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Jan. 5, 1927.

Milton A. Hallman and wife to R. L. Cook E 1-2 and S W 1-4 section 29, block 34, tsp. 1N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Jan. 1, 1927.

M. H. Brasher of the Building and Loan Co. of Abilene, enroute to Midland on business was greeting old time friends in Big Spring Tuesday of this week.

Paint in small cans for any purpose. Cunningham & Phillips

COLE AND STRAYHORN

OR HIGHLAND PARK

A city built on a hill cannot be hidden from view. This is rightfully said when you view Cole and Strayhorn addition which name should be changed to Highland Park. From the highway coming in from the north its lofty heights give the on-lookers a lovely view and it is one of the prettiest spots in our little city.

There is much to mar the attractiveness of this addition. The streets for one thing detract from its beauty. Every tax payer in this part of town pays a street tax of \$3.00 annually but only four streets are ever graded and over one half of the year these streets are worse than plain country roads. Highland Avenue graded three blocks, Bowie one block and Crockett three blocks are the only streets worked on and they are traveled by people who live out of the city limits and who do not pay street taxes. So many of these people living on the outskirts to have time cut across vacant lots making great ruts and doing damage to these lots for building and will cost the owners money to have them graded and filled in. If the city would grade these streets through to the city this would save the taxpayer a great expense. Texas street will soon be clear to the city limits, and it would be a wonderful improvement if this street could be graded. The streets around the South Ward school are in a most deplorable condition and should be graded and made attractive so as not to detract from the attractiveness of the school. Miss Rogers, Miss Mann and Miss Fleeman have worked so hard to make the school grounds smooth and level and they have had their boys haul dirt to fill up the ditches and ruts, caused by people who drive their cars in the school yard. These teachers take the same personal interest in the school grounds that we do in our laws so everyone should help them in keeping the grounds in a good condition.

Another feature to add to the beauty of this addition would be to have the thicket of mesquite trees between Bowie and Texas streets and Texas and Trent streets cleared away. It would not only improve the looks of the place, but might help to do away with some of the lawlessness that goes on in these thickets especially on Sunday night. Men out of work might get in touch with the owners of this property and grub wood on half or sell and make money from it. I am sure that the city management will be glad to have the wood out of the streets, if grubbed up by the roots. It will save the city the expense of having it grubbed when they get ready to grade the streets in this part of the city. Some people dump their tin cans and trash in these thickets, instead of taking them to the dump grounds and this is an injustice to the property owners.

If everyone will take personal pride in their property and help to clean up the vacant lot adjoining them it wouldn't take long to provide ideal surroundings in which to live. People of the South Ward district let's get busy and make ours a city beautiful. With everyone doing his or her part we will all be happier in doing our part to make our surroundings clean and beautiful. I hope to see such improvements in Cole and Strayhorn and want to have its name changed to Highland Park and make this addition in reality one of loveliness.

MRS. WILL GARTEN.

TERRACING SIDEWALKS

The work of terracing the elevated sidewalks in the paved district has been commenced with the West Texas National Bank corner under treatment as first in the strictly business district. The street corner elevations are given curved steps and the stretches between corners are to be terraced.

The width of the crown of the walks will not be materially lessened, as the terracing extends to the new curb line and the successive rises will not cut into the sidewalk as much as a foot in most places.

The expenses of steps and terracing is borne by the city and continued work on same is due.

Concrete laying is about completed on all the twenty blocks in the paving contract and the tarvin-rock topping is following as a slower job. First street, the last to be given concrete is now ready for finishing touches and other blocks are awaiting that treatment.

Mrs. Halton Hyde of Abilene who underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Baptist Sanitarium in Abilene on Tuesday of this week is reported to be getting along nicely according to reports.

Read Herald want ads.



Buick Ahead Again in the Yellowstone!

Again in 1926, more Buicks toured through Yellowstone Park than any other car except the one of lowest price.

Buick has held this same honor every year since the Park was opened to automobile travel.

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Society

MISS DOROTHY PIKE WEDS ELMER L. WHITNEY

The many friends of the contracting parties were agreeably surprised on last Monday, Jan. 3, when they learned of the marriage of Miss Dorothy L. Pike to Elmer L. Whitney, the wedding ceremony being performed in Stanton, Texas, by Rev. C. C. Coppage, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Stanton, at the Methodist parsonage. Attendants at the wedding from Big Spring were Miss Doris Barley and John Smart.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mrs. John Pike and has grown to young womanhood in this city. She has a host of friends in Big Spring who have known her from boyhood and who admire her because of her many fine traits of character. She was a student in the Big Spring high school up to the time of her marriage, being a member of the sophomore class, and had planned to graduate with the class of 1928. She is a popular member of her social set, and although she will be missed from their many happy gatherings the best wishes of her friends go with her.

The groom came to Big Spring only a short time ago but those who know him hold him in high esteem. He is a member of the U. S. Marines and came here to guard the U. S. mails. The happy couple will reside in Big Spring several weeks longer after which they plan to leave for Chicago where the groom will enter business with his father.

The Herald joins a host of friends in extending happiness and best wishes to this happy couple.

MISS LORENE HILBUN AND W. R. PHILLIPS MARRY

Miss Lorene Hilbun and W. R. Phillips stole a march on their friends last Sunday afternoon when they drove to Midland and were united in marriage by Reverend Brown, minister of the Midland Baptist Church. After the ceremony the happy couple returned to Big Spring and made known their marriage.

The bride is the sweet and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hilbun of this city and is well and favorably known by a large circle of friends. For the past several years she has been stenographer and bookkeeper at the J. D. Biles drug store, and will remain in their employ until February 1.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Phillips of this county is engaged in the ranching and farming business and has promising qualities of becoming prominent in this industry. He is regarded as a young man of sterling qualities and is esteemed by all who know him.

The happy couple will remain in Big Spring for a few weeks after which they plan to leave for Arizona where they will make their future home.

"FIRST LADY" BANK ASSISTANT AT STATE NATIONAL

We read much these days of women getting positions in all kinds of business and see the term "First Lady," as applied to the one getting such a promotion. This has been the case since Miriam A. Ferguson went into office as the First Woman Governor. Big Spring has a "First Lady" and this distinction is accorded to Miss Edith Hatchett, an employee of the State National Bank.

At a meeting of the directors on Tuesday, Jan. 11, Miss Hatchett was elected assistant cashier of the State National Bank, she being the first lady assistant of any bank in Big Spring. Miss Hatchett has been in the employ of this bank for about four years and has most capably and efficiently fulfilled her duties and has merited this honor that was bestowed upon her by the directors of her bank.

OFFICERS OF I. K. K. A. H. ELECTED AT MEET MONDAY

Officers of the I. K. K. A. H., a social club composed of high school girls were elected at a meeting held at the high school Monday at noon, and resulted as follows: President, Miss Mary Hoppel; vice president and reporter, Louise Jordan; secretary and treasurer, Ernestine Chalk; social committee, Julia Boss Nowell, Maywood Rix, Winona Taylor and Lucille True.

This organization will have a page in the El Rodeo, high school annual. They have several interesting social events planned for the near future.

Some throats: Elmer tonsillitis... Cunningham & Phillips.

JUNIOR HIGH HAS WINNING BASKETBALL TEAM

The girls basketball team of the Junior High school is a winner and indications point to more victories for them this season.

On last Friday afternoon they met the Knott girls basketball team on the court at Junior high and in a fast and well played game the score was a tie, 16 to 16.

The members of this team played the high school girls basketball team on Monday afternoon and won from them with a score of 23 to 5. The little girls could simply outplay the larger ones and were faster and surer.

Those coming out for basketball at Junior high are: Misses Lucille Rix, Mildred Taylor, Louise Hayes, Evelyn Merrill, Tommy Underwood, Ozelle Orr, Wilda Scarborough, Helen Griffith and Nancy Jones.

Members on the high school team were: Misses Louise Rogers, Julia Boss Nowell, Maywood Rix, Allen Bunker, Dorothy Sylvis, Mildred King, Winona Taylor, Dorris Greaves, Vida Robinson, Lucille True, Mary Dallas Collins, Elda Mae Cochran, and Clyde Ballard.

Mrs. Alfred Collins is coach for the girls and they come out for practice each evening. Several interesting games have been matched for the coming weeks.

BIRTHDAY DINNER HONORING MISS LILLIAN NALL GIVEN

Mrs. J. B. Nall, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Chet Miller, most delightfully entertained on last Thursday evening with a dinner party in celebration of the birthday anniversary of her daughter, Miss Lillian Nall.

Beautiful cut flowers and fern, grown by Mrs. Nall were artistically arranged in bowls and vases and lent their floral charm to the rooms of the home and a pretty assortment was used as centerpiece on the table. The appetizing meal, served family style was composed of baked chicken, dressing, gravy, roast pork, creamed potatoes, deviled eggs, baked sweet potatoes, pickles, olives, cranberry jelly, cake and coffee.

Following the dinner dancing and music by Misses Mary Wade and Mrs. Miller were enjoyed.

Those attending this happy in-honor affair were: Misses Mary and Rose Morgan, Mary Wade, Eula Mae Sanders, Johnnie Mae Nall, Lillian Nall, Mrs. Chet Miller, and Ike Knaus, Abe Bailey, Keith Stewart, Henry James Covert, James Morgan, Howard Nall and Elmer Richardson.

SOUTH WARD P. T. A. MET LAST THURSDAY

A round table discussion led by Mrs. E. H. Hoppel on "Children's Leisure Hours" was the topic given at the regular monthly meeting of the South Ward Parent-Teacher Association on last Thursday afternoon. A good crowd attended this meeting and everyone partook in the discussion of the afternoon.

During the business meeting, it was decided that the members of the Association should raise funds for the purpose of buying some new playground equipment. A committee was appointed to decide the means by which this money should be raised and a report from this committee will be heard at the next regular meeting.

The children of the South Ward school will be in charge of the program at the next regular meeting, which will be the first Thursday in February, at which time they will present a "Doll Show."

PIONEERS GUESTS OF MRS. R. C. STRAIN

Mrs. R. C. Strain was hostess to the members of the Pioneer Bridge club on Wednesday afternoon entertaining in a delightful manner three tables of bridge players. Mrs. Shine Phillips was declared the winner of high score among the club members and Mrs. C. F. Duvall made visitor's high score in the games played throughout the afternoon hours.

A pleasant aftermath to the play was the delectable luncheon in two courses served by the hostess to the twelve guests.

1922 BRIDGE CLUB GUESTS OF MRS. EDDIE PRICE

Two tables of players were guests in the lovely new home of Mrs. Eddie Price on Tuesday afternoon of this week when she was hostess to members of the 1922 Bridge Club. Pretty bridge appointments marked the tables and in the games of

bridge played during the afternoon, Miss Zou Hardy was declared winner of high score.

At the tea hour a delectable two-course luncheon was served in an attractive manner.

TAHOKA MAN LEASES THE PADGETT HOTEL AT COAHOMA

A. M. Sullivan of Tahoka has taken a one year lease on the Padgett hotel at Coahoma from H. H. Padgett, owner, and took charge of its operation this week. This is one of the nicest little hotels in this part of the state and he enjoyed excellent patronage since its erection. Mr. Sullivan proposes to make improvements and to keep it up to its high standards.

Mr. Sullivan is an old Howard County boy, having been reared near Vincent, which in his time was known as the old Scott and Green ranch. He has made good at everything that he has yet undertaken and will make good in his new venture. The Herald welcomes him back to Howard County and wishes for him the best of success.

Mr. Padgett will not leave this county but will move to his truck farm near Coahoma and take life easy for a while. He has not enjoyed good health the past year and found that the hotel business was too strenuous on him hence he decided to lease same and take a much needed rest.

We believe Mr. Sullivan will find the hotel business good in Coahoma for with oil activities now going on in the Chalk field and new ones starting nearby our little sister city on the east will be a busy place.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO WILL EXPAND

Approximately \$12,500,000 will be spent by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in Texas during 1927 in extensions and expansion of service according to announcement of W. H. Moore district manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. This expenditure will provide facilities to take care of the expected growth in telephone business during the year.

This enormous sum will be expended throughout every Bell company in the State. In some sections new central office buildings will be erected and new and improved central office equipment installed. In others the present central office equipment will be enlarged and expanded to care for service needs.

Other exchanges where new buildings and central office equipment are not needed, will benefit by outside plant extensions including new local and long distance cable facilities and other improvements. In these ways every office of the company in the state will benefit from the extensions.

NEW SPRING ARRIVALS FOR THE GRAND LEADER

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Malting returned Wednesday morning from market where they bought spring and summer stock for the Grand Leader. The new arrivals for spring are being shipped to this store this week and will be on display for customers to come and see and make their selection. Spring coats, dresses, suits, and ladies ready to wear in all the new shades, materials and styles and also new spring apparel for men and boys will be included in this new stock.

CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Bible school 10 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m.
Communion services 12 o'clock.
Ladies Bible study every Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This class is growing in attendance and interest, and we are always glad to welcome some new member.

Mid-week Bible study on Thursday evenings at 7 o'clock. Everybody invited to all services.

We are authorized to announce that Bro. G. A. Dunn will begin a meeting in Big Spring about the first of July.

ENLARGES HOME

Mr. Clarence Smith is having his cottage in College Heights addition enlarged. New rooms are being added, and other improvements are being made, which will add to the attractiveness of his home place.

RESTORER VS. RESTORATIVE

"How'd you come to raid that barber shop?" asked the chief of the dry agents.
"Well," replied the dry agent, "it struck me kind of funny that so many men should buy hair restorer from a bald-headed barber."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

STRIVING FOR THE TOUCH

The professor had asked time and again for the students to put more personal touch to their themes, so one of the papers which he received read thus: "Well, professor, how are the wife and kiddies; and, by the way, before I forget it, could you lend me five dollars?"—Ex.

**Just Leave It to
Henry**
By H. LOUIS RAYBOLD
(Copyright.)

HENRY JENKINS was one of those capable fellows to whom a correspondence course in efficiency would be as superfluous as salt on dried codfish. He always did things a little better than anybody else.

Moreover, he was of a cheerful and obliging disposition, so that if there was a particularly disagreeable job to be done, no one hesitated to ask him to do it. Being best man at weddings was his specialty. And his reputation remained untarnished until that occasion when his best friend, Arthur Westcott, almost married his best girl, Cynthia Gerrish.

Arthur was actually scheduled to marry Esme Lang, a pretty little flapper but one season out. When plans for the wedding were brought forward, Arthur immediately wrote down Henry for best man and felt a load slip from his shoulders when Henry accepted. It was particularly fitting that Henry should be best man on this occasion as the girl he was quite wild about, Cynthia Gerrish, was Esme's closest friend and would consequently occupy the post of maid-of-honor.

Now Henry always made it a point to give up the entire day to a wedding. There were always so many little things that an extra man around could find to do. And this time was no exception. Particularly when Esme took it into her head that she would like to run out into the country to see a bed-ridden aunt and show her the wedding dress before the rehearsal at two o'clock. Would Henry be willing to take her there?

Henry not only would but did, using Esme's own roadster at her suggestion. They arrived without difficulty. Esme made her call, and Henry stepped on the starter for the return trip. But the starter produced no results. Esme could not at first imagine what could be the trouble until she recalled that her battery was completely run down. There had been enough juice to get them there and that was all.

It took Henry the better part of an hour to locate a garage after tramping various country roads they had traversed since leaving the state highway. Esme had felt sure there were no telephones anywhere around and had made Henry promise to send someone back for her and then go on himself to look after the rehearsal until her own arrival.

"You're so efficient, Henry," she flattered him, "that you can explain and get a lot of the details over for which my presence isn't necessary. Like telling the ushers which seats are reserved for the family. You know the sort of things!"

Henry discovered in the garage a young mechanic he had known for years and he dispatched him for Esme, refusing in his efficient way to give him directions how to find her by word of mouth, but carefully writing them down on a bit of paper with a diagram as well.

Two hours later a restless bridal party minus the bride was gathered in the church wondering whatever had happened to Esme. Henry was most nervous of all as the others seemed to think that he should not have come home without Esme in spite of her orders.

At last, hoping to distract their thoughts, Henry suggested that they go through the ceremony letting Cynthia take Esme's place.

"I feel sure she will come any moment," he said desperately, "and the rest of us might as well be getting letter perfect in our parts."

So the old minister, who had been reading in his study, was summoned and, being slightly deaf and a man to whom all flappers looked alike, did not altogether get the gist of the matter regarding the absent bride. One by one the responses were given to his reading of the service, and Henry, for all the absurdity of it, felt a jealous pang at Cynthia occupying the position she was even in pretense.

Suddenly the minister paused. "I suppose it is all right if you're married this afternoon, provided I remarry you tonight? You see, here are the witnesses and—"

Cynthia clutched Arthur's arm, then gazed wildly at Henry. "Married? Have you married me to—to Arthur Westcott?"

At this moment Esme burst in upon them. "Henry Jenkins," she began, half laughing, half scolding, "don't ever be so darned efficient again! If you'd simply told that man how to find me! But you wrote it down and he lost the paper and has been wandering all over creation trying to find me!"

"And Henry Jenkins—this was your idea! My taking Esme's place and now I am m-m-married to a man I don't—"

"Wait a moment, my dear," said the minister, just waking up to the situation. "You aren't married in this state until I pronounce you man and wife. Which I haven't done. I always pause at that point. I am nearly sighted, but now I realize you are not Miss Esme."

After explanations were over and the rehearsal had ended, Cynthia slipped her arm through Henry's. "Don't look so glum," she bade him.

"How can I help it?" growled Henry. "I sure came near bailing things up. You'll never want to marry such a simpleton!"

"On the contrary," whispered Cynthia. "You're terribly full of efficiency, Henry Jenkins, but it needs proper direction. Leave that to me!"

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COUNTY CLERY BUSY
The county clerk's office has had to add several girls to its copying department, mostly caused by the increasing number of oil lease transactions coming in for recording.
The list of records as published weekly in The Herald is growing to be a big feature and one of interest as showing that the operators are making big plans for development operations.

BUSINESS PICKING UP
The oil lease business is becoming an interesting game in the district about the Hyer well and for miles distant. It is reported leases are selling from \$10 up are changing hands right along true oil field style. Lease specialists are said to be loading up and making profits off the earlier buy.

MR. CHALK VISITS TOWN
Otis Chalk, on whose ranch of the oil production has been developed was an all-day visitor in Spring Wednesday. He is making money so fast that there is time to count the dollars and thousands of dollars rolling in by day.

WOMAN BOOTLEGGER
We have heard it rumored that a real honest-to-goodness woman bootlegger was captured in Colorado last Saturday. She wasn't any make believe either. Officers found in her possession of 52 pints of whiskey, we understand.

NEW HOME IN C. & S. ADDITION
E. H. Josey and John Chalk are having a new house erected in Cole and Strayhorn addition. Josey, builder and contractor, is in charge of the work. The house will be five rooms with bath, and modern throughout.

M. H. Moore district manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. is expected to arrive this morning from Abilene to look over the oil situation in the Chalk field, and to see the prospects for an extension of telephone services to the field.

When a Man Gets Married

By JANE OSBORN

(Copyright.)

SATURDAY afternoons they went about looking at small inexpensive apartments and until Joan was used to it she felt acute embarrassment. Some of the janitors and agents undoubtedly thought they were married—and to have any one suppose that she and Andrew were really married seemed a little shocking.

"You silly child," assured Andrew as they walked along down a side street in search of an apartment they had seen advertised. "There is nothing the least bit shocking about what we're doing."

"Only you're going to live there because we are married," said Joan with embarrassment. "That might seem funny."

"We don't have to tell every agent our plans," Andrew assured her. "And when we have definitely settled on the apartment we can explain matters and there won't be anything surprising about it."

It was late winter and Andrew and Joan did not intend to be married until the following autumn. Meantime they had decided that they ought to select their apartment now while they would have a wider selection than in the autumn. As a matter of economy Andrew would make his bachelor home here until autumn, cooking his own breakfasts by way of economy.

The apartment that they finally agreed upon was two flights up in a house without an elevator. It was a back apartment, with two windows looking out on a rather pleasant backyard and with the rest of the windows on a court. The rent was—very little for these days—even less than Joan and Andrew had dreamed in their most frugal moments.

"We'll make the kitchen the main room—we'll eat there and I'll have the walls painted a cheerful yellow, with blue and white gingham curtains at the window. We'll have a nice big bedroom—so two rooms ought to be enough. Then we won't ever have to worry about living beyond our income and we can save a little besides."

By way of answer Andrew pressed Joan's warm little hand. "There aren't many girls like you, Joan," he said. "You don't seem to care a bit about money."

"I don't," said Joan with interest. "In fact, Andrew, I've always looked forward to starting married life just like this. That's one of the things that makes marrying you so nice. Of course I love you, but I'm so glad you aren't rich. And I want to start in eating in the kitchen the way mother and father did. I can just see that little kitchen, after you've painted the walls yellow and I've made the blue-and-white curtains for the windows."

Soon after that Andrew signed a year's lease for the little apartment, and having sent on a couch, a bed, a bureau, a kitchen table and a few cooking utensils, started in keeping bachelor's hall by himself. The weeks passed slowly enough through the long summer, and the first glorious days of autumn. There were days when he did not see Joan even for a minute, days even when he did not have time to write to her or to telephone to her, but Joan bottled up her disappointment, convincing herself that Andrew really loved her just the same. And all the time she was making pretty things for the humble little apartment—curtains for the windows, and all the conventional list of household linens.

But as the time approached for the wedding clearly something was worrying Andrew. Then one day Joan asked him if he would meet her at the apartment. She hadn't intended going there at all, but she wanted to send some furniture and she wanted to plan with him where everything should be placed. Then somehow Andrew was urged to disclose the cause of his anxiety.

"I don't know how you'll take it, Joan," he told her standing there in the little kitchen. "But I can't keep it from you. You see, things took an unexpected turn at the plant. For a year or so I've been working out a scheme. I contrived a little appliance, and made some changes in the method and—well, it's turned out better than I dreamed. In fact, it's going to save the company a great deal of money every year. Of course, I have no patent on the appliance. It's all part of the day's work. But you're doing the right thing. I've made one of the directors of the company and they've given me a ten-thousand-dollar bonus, and in place of my regular fifty a week I'm going to get twelve thousand a year."

Andrew told this as if he were conveying some misdeed. "It would all have been fine," he said, "only I know how you feel about money. I know you want to start here in two rooms, eating in the kitchen. It's been part of your dream. It's funny, though—when the money comes my way when you don't need it or even want it." "Andrew," she cried, "we could live in our own house—and sublet this apartment—we've always dreamed of a house with a sun parlor, and a dining room with a dining room, a shower bath and a cedar closet and—little and—and—"

"You're glad," gasped Andrew. "Of course, you old sweetheart. I'd marry you if you didn't want a penny, but I've always longed for a little luxury."

The Author's Dream

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

(Copyright.)

HENLEY shrank back from the huge pile of letters his secretary brought in from the latest post as if she had handed him a packet of small-pox germs.

"I shall go utterly and completely mad if I have to answer any more letters," he groaned and mopped a fevered brow.

"Only one of the penalties of being a successful writer. You shouldn't write best sellers—if you don't want notoriety," laughed sister Nan, but in her heart she felt sorry for her clever brother. "Perhaps you should engage a secretary. One hates to be rude to all these strange people who take the trouble to write."

"I suppose writers do have secretaries, but it seems to me a man constantly hovering about would get on one's nerves. However," Henley heaved a great sigh, "perhaps you'd better look one up for me."

Nan, too, smiled, and with infinite relief. For some time Nan had realized that her brother was becoming more dependent on her with each step of his high ladder of fame, but—there was also patient John Westcote, who in turn was also dependent on her and who was quite determined that she would marry him soon and go to Japan with him.

In fact, it was John who found the advertisement in the paper which read: "Mrs. De Peyster highly recommends secretary. Three years with well-known writer, two with Van, the famous cartoonist. Most efficient in understanding temperament."

"I believe he's just the chap for Tom. If you write to him you could get him broken in in no time and with Tom in good hands we—well we can be married soon."

Nan blushed and told John that his wishes were her own and together they began the correspondence that resulted in an interview with the prospective secretary.

When John and Nan faced each other after the interview the same thought flew across each mind.

"Tom will never even see her—if he knows beforehand that the secretary is not a man, but—Isn't she perfectly adorable?" said Nan. "I believe she's the very person for Tom. What shall we do?" She raised her lovely eyes to John's face, and what else could he do but enter into a conspiracy to get the author's dream into the author's presence and leave her to do the rest?

"I'm sure he'll thank us in the end," Nan said.

The only wicked thing Nan did was to have a hurried call to town on the afternoon when the secretary was coming out to interview her prospective employer.

Henley, all unsuspecting, sitting amidst a pile of unanswered letters and longing with all his soul for quiet concentration, looked out over the beautiful gardens of his Long Island home and saw a delightful vision moving serenely up the long drive.

"The secretary, sir," the maid announced presently and hurriedly withdrew and closed the door behind her.

When Henley stood up swiftly the girl only smiled a slow, understanding smile that went deep into the core of Henley's sensitive being. It soothed him and gave him a moment's pause, in which to collect his scattered senses.

"It is not often I am shut in my own study with a most lovely vision," he apologized quickly. "Please excuse my seeming atrophy. I fancied my sister would interview you—first."

"I will wait and talk with her—if you prefer it," said Miss Collins with her most alluring voice.

"But I most certainly don't prefer it," Henley told her. "It is I who, must judge as to the effect of a personality upon my own—Isn't it?" He tried to assume an attitude of inquiry. "And why did you leave the well-known writer's employ and also that of the cartoonist?"

Miss Collins blushed a most lovely shade and cast down her eyes. She would have spoken, but Henley stopped her.

"Oh, I see—they fell in love with you. Well—I trust, in fact I know that you will not leave mine for a similar reason. No, no, indeed. And how soon could you come to me. I am in dire need of a helping hand."

"Whenever you like. I can run into the city now and get my few belongings. I am glad you—you feel that my personality will not jar. I, too, know that we will get along nicely and that in no time you will be deep in a third best seller."

"You," said Henley, "are the kind of person a writer dreams of. Now just how many belongings have you?"

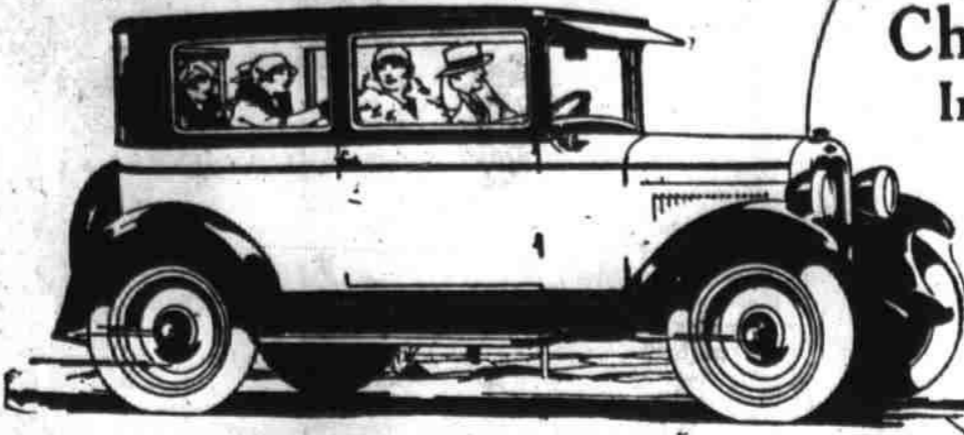
Miss Collins looked a bit startled.

"I mean," said Henley a bit hastily, "if they are not too frightfully bulky I could run you up in the car and bring you and the belongings back—right away. I need a breath of fresh air," he added with a smile, that told much to Miss Collins. She knew that she would remain in his employ for the same reason that she had left two former places, and Henley knew it, too.

As the conspirators returned in John's small runabout from New York they certainly nearly lost their breath when, in a car parked byward, they saw Tom and his secretary smiling happily into each other's eyes.

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COUNTY COURT GRINDING ON CRIMINAL DOCKET

The county court of Howard County has been busy this week hearing cases on the criminal docket.

Monday there was tried before a jury the case of State of Texas vs. T. Joiner, originating in the Green Valley community. The charge was unlawfully and willfully allowing livestock to trespass on lands of others. The case was fought hard with many witnesses and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Tuesday and carrying over into Wednesday another contested case tried was that of the state vs. W. A. Langley the charge being that of operating a lottery. This litigation originated in the Fairview community where Langley owns a country store. The specific charge was the

keeping and operating a punch board, a device which is classed by the court decisions as a lottery. Langley was fined \$100 and costs.

Another like case was tried in which W. H. Stadler of the Vealmoor community was defendant. His penalty for operating a punch board was also assessed by the court at \$100 and costs of suit.

FORD CAR IN A BLAZE

The fire department was called out Wednesday, in the early night time by a Ford car catching fire in front of the Ford agency on Main street. The blaze was handled by fire extinguishers before the fire wagon arrived and but little damage was done to the car.

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MEXICO-U. S. WAR RUMOR

A radio message on the air early Thursday morning and probably carried over from the night had it that war had been declared between the United States and Mexico.

While such could not have occurred without action by congress some were inclined to believe the story. No bulletins nor other confirmation was on the telegraph wires and the whole matter was a hoax, probably originating in the expression of a representative of Nicaragua that the attitude of the United States was tantamount to a declaration of war.

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PRESBYTERIAN AUX. NOTES
Members of the Presbyterian Auxiliary will meet at the church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the Foreign Mission Study class. "An Open Door in Brazil" is the title of the book that is to be started Monday afternoon. Mrs. C. W. Cunningham will be leader.
All of the members are urged to be present.

Herb Lees returned Monday from a business trip to Wichita Falls.

G. Y. Wilson of the Luther community was a visitor in Big Spring Wednesday.

Skidding on the Ice

By RUBY DOUGLAS

(Copyright.)

IT LOOKED as if all the young people in Cedar Rapids had decided to go skating on the old slough. The air was crisp and cold and the skaters had to keep moving in order to be comfortable.

"What would be the chance of building a big fire and having a round or two of hot dogs?" suggested Harry Smith as he joined a group of his friends who were inspecting an interesting and dangerous air hole in the ice.

"You've said a bookful, kid," cried his chum, Ned Tisdale.

"Fetch on the dogs. We'll build the fire," sang out another. And then began a merry race to the woods' edge of the ice, where they all knew there would be plenty of firewood.

Standing to one side of the laughing group of young people had been a slender, thoughtful girl. She had been skating alone, and now that they had gone she felt indeed a stranger in a strange land.

She had arrived only that morning to visit her grandparents in a little suburb of Cedar Rapids that had been nicknamed Seldom Seen in its early and unbeautiful days. The old couple did not know very many young people, but they had assured Dorothy, when she had said she wanted to go skating that she would meet lots of "boys and girls" on the ice.

Dorothy was a good skater and, naturally, enjoyed the sport. She circled round and round the treacherous air holes and was the prettiest girl on the ice. She had come from Omaha, where the skating was good for several weeks each winter and she had learned many pretty figures as the new ice dances had come on.

She was thoroughly enjoying the good ice again and had skated over to the far end of the slough where the main road leads off to the town. So intent was she on a difficult stunt she was attempting in this remote bit of clearing that she did not see Harry Smith approaching with his arms full of packages.

"Oh, I'm so terribly sorry!" she exclaimed as she skidded backwards into him and knocked him down, scattering strings of sausage in every direction.

Harry recovered himself quickly and the two stood laughing into each others' eyes.

"I was wondering whether I could make it. I had too big a load," he explained.

"But it was all my fault—so stupid," insisted Dorothy, picking up the funny-looking sausage strings and trying to gather them into the bag.

"The rolls did not get messed up much," muttered Harry as he pushed them into a package.

"Wouldn't you let me help you carry them to their destination, perhaps?" asked Dorothy without ulterior motive.

"On one condition—that you join our crowd and help to cook and eat them," he said.

"All right—I'm game," said Dorothy, hugging a bag of rolls and a jar of mustard close to her bright-blue Jersey.

"Are you—but of course you are—a stranger in Cedar Rapids?"

Dorothy admitted the charge. "I won't tell you my name. It wouldn't be proper. You must get some of the girls in your crowd—I saw them all when you planned this party—to introduce us or grandma and grandpa would have a fit," she fibbed glibly. Hadn't the dear old unsophisticated folks told her she would find plenty of children to skate with?

When the crowd saw Harry approaching with his lovely assistant there were many hasty and veiled remarks.

"Well, Harry," said Bob Tisdale, "I thought you said you were going to the butcher's not to the beauty shop."

Harry ignored this and called a girl friend to him. It did not take Dorothy long to explain who she was, and of course they all knew her grandparents. In less than five minutes she had been introduced to the hungry young people dancing about the big blazing fire.

Before Dorothy left late that afternoon she had been invited to a number of parties that were being given by members of the crowd she had been so informally dragged into.

"And here and now," said Harry Smith, "I invite you all to a moonlight skating party and barbecue. I don't know the date for I don't keep track of the moon, but I'll let you know."

Her ladyship, the moon, proved not to be bright enough for two more weeks, and by that time Harry had made inroads into the affections of Dorothy Howard. Even her simple grandparents began to surmise that the young people were more than mere "boys and girls." He tried to wait longer to tell her that he loved her, but as she was returning home on the following day he found it necessary to whisper on the ice the night of the party.

"But—we hardly know each other," protested Dorothy.

He overcame every argument, and when they all drank coffee from tin cups around the big fire the two almost told what had happened to them.

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WOODMAN CIRCLE MEETING

The Woodman Circle met last night, Thursday, Jan. 13, 7:30 o'clock in the W. O. W. hall.

Special business will be taken up and all of the members are urged to be present at future meetings.

THE DEWILLO CONCERT COMPANY NEXT LICEUM NUMBER

The fourth number of the Liceum course, being brought to Big Spring by the Parent-Teacher Association of the city schools will appear on the evening of Jan. 21. This number will be the Dewillo Concert Company featuring Dr. Semerau and his concertina. This number is in a class all its own, and is said to be one of the most unique companies in the city.

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WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

By West Texas C. of C.

Levelland — Levelland's water work and sewerage bonds went "Over the Top" in a recent election here when citizens ratified proposed civic improvements and gave \$75,000 issue of a majority of three to one. City officials are now pushing preliminaries and routine incident to placing bonds on the market and will let contract at the soonest date possible.

Littlefield — The Plains Electric Hatchery, owned by Albert Neunschwander, has recently established in Littlefield, equipped with a Buckeye incubator having a capacity of 10,000 eggs and two Petersine incubators of 13,000 capacity each. A line of poultry supplies of various kinds, feed and remedies will be carried also to care for community needs. The poultry industry is rapidly becoming more popular in Littlefield.

Stamford — Official occupation of the new quarters of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was made January 3 at the quarterly staff meeting of the organization. Reports from the staff personnel were made at the morning session which was followed by a venison dinner, meat coming from a buck killed by Exhibit Manager B. M. Whitaker and Publicity Manager E. H. Whitehead. The afternoon meeting was devoted to outlining the new year's work. The new building now occupied is a two story structure, well equipped, and was constructed as permanent headquarters of the West Texas organization under sponsorship of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce.

Portales, N. M. — Portales is to be "put on the map" through a live wire commercial body organized there at the recent annual "get-together" meeting of citizens. A chamber of commerce with a paid secretary was initiated at the gathering at which President Arthur P. Duggan of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce spoke. G. M. Shaw, J. W. Blalock and Secretary Gatlin of Littlefield, Assistant Manager B. Frank Bennett of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Amarillo, and Secretary A. B. Davis of Lubbock were also special guests.

Winters — The Rock Hotel at this place has recently changed hands and is to be completely remodeled, making it a modern hostelry in every respect. Rooms are to be repapered and repainted, and newly furnished. Two new baths with showers are to be installed, with pipes laid for both hot and cold water. One room is to be especially equipped for a drummer's sample room. The dining room, under experienced management, is to be a feature of the hotel. When completed, the name of the place is to be changed.

Claude — Due to increasing business, the Farmers grain and implement company of Claude has moved recently into new and enlarged quarters. The building with addition is 110 feet long. The International line of harvest and farm implements is distributed in Claude territory thru the Farmers grain and implement firm.

Turkey — Reorganization of the Turkey Chamber of Commerce has been effected recently and an active membership is now planning definite developments for the town. Train service over the new Denver line is promised by July 1. Turkey has the assurance of a cotton compress and several other concerns. A modern waterworks system is now being planned by citizens who have adopted as their goal "3000 population by Christmas 1927."

J. L. CORCORAN DIES

IN PHILADELPHIA, PENN.
John and Paul Corcoran of this city were called to Philadelphia, Pa., Sunday, in response to a message announcing the death of their brother, J. L. Corcoran, who was claimed by death on Saturday, Jan. 8. Deceased was well known in this city where he made his home for a number of years, and had many friends here, who sincerely mourn his death. Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved relatives at the death of Mr. Corcoran.

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MIDLAND NEWS ITEMS

Midland County is to have a soil survey made immediately. This work will have to do with the types of soil found in different parts of the county, and the bulletin covering the survey will specify the kinds of crops for which that particular type of soil is suited. Contrary to many ideas upon the subject, the chemical composition of the soil will not be determined.

Mr. E. H. Tompkins of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Soil Survey in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Soils, will be in charge of the work here and has already moved to Midland. An office has been secured for him in the courthouse.

It is estimated that six to eight months will be required for the completion of the work, and some months will elapse after the survey before the bulletin will be off the press.

Paul T. Vickers, who for practically three years has been the efficient and energetic secretary of the Midland County Chamber of Commerce, has tendered his resignation to take effect on or before February 1, and has accepted a position at Brownsville as manager of the Rio Grande Valley Automotive Association.

Claude Haley of San Antonio and Mrs. Gooch of Waco were united in marriage in Midland last Saturday and will soon be back in Midland to make their home. Mr. Haley is the brother of J. A. Haley of Midland, D. H. Haley of Big Spring, and Dr. J. F. Haley of San Antonio, and is well known to West Texas people. Mrs. Gooch is a popular Waco woman, and Midland is fortunate to secure her as a citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Haley are reported to have bought the Haley Hotel here, and will assume the active management of it at an early date.

The list of prize winners in the Dallas News Cotton Contest has just been announced, and Mr. O. C. Massey, formerly of Midland but now of Bisbee, Arizona, is named in the list as the winner of third prize in West Texas, getting a check for \$250.00.

Massey made a crop on the A. C. Francis place and raised the remarkable yield of more than nine bales of cotton on the five acres entered in the News Contest. The total amount of lint cotton was 4574 pounds which stapled from one and one thirty second to one and three thirty seconds in length.

The land was broken in the fall and was cut with a disk harrow three times before it was bedded. After rebedding the crop was planted the last week in April in rows averaging thirty inches apart and was left to a thick stand in the row. Frequent cultivation was given the growing crop, and it was gone over twice with the hoe. Midland Reporter.

It helps to have a good opinion of yourself, for no disappointment hurts so cruelly as to be disappointed in one's self. It is bad enough to have your friends fall short of what you expect of them, but when you yourself fail to measure up to your own expectations, the disappointment is keenest of all. Expect big things of yourself, for then you will be ready to make almost any sacrifice rather than fail yourself.—Ex.

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COLD STORAGE ABANDONED

The recent agitation of the subject of a cold storage and ice cream plant for Big Spring, same to be financed and operated as a cooperative proposition by farmers, has been abandoned for the present.

At a meeting held in November, a committee was appointed to confer with the banker presidents as to the feasibility of the plan and as to its financing. This joint committee held several sessions and after going into the subject fully decided that this is an inopportune time to launch an enterprise requiring considerable cash outlay and in view of the fact that the county would have to be built up in its ownership of milk cows before the proposition could be even started.

Under all the circumstances the decision was to postpone further consideration of the project.

NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Howard County, Texas, will on the 14th day of February A. D. 1927, the same being the second Monday of said month and the first day of a Regular Term of said court, and at 10:00 o'clock A. M. on said date, receive and accept bids from all Banking Institutions and Corporations of Howard County, Texas, as County Depository, both for the County and School Funds of Howard County, Texas, for the next ensuing two years.

Done by order of the Commissioners' Court of Howard County, Texas, on the 10th day of January A. D. 1927.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the 11th day of January A. D. 1927.
H. B. DEBENPORT,
County Judge, Howard Co., Texas.

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FOR SALE—Ten room residence, newly paneled and painted. Near high school and central ward school. Ideal for roomers or neat housekeeping. Address Mrs. Joe G. Carter, Garden City Rt., Big Spring, Texas. 16-2

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FOR SALE—Farm and ranch, near Roswell, New Mexico. 160 acres irrigated alfalfa farm. 8-room house. 150 ton hay barn. Tenant house, etc. 18 section sheep or cattle ranch, leased at 3 cents an acre. Ranch fenced and well watered. Roswell ships over 2,000,000 pounds of wool annually. Price of farm and ranch \$25,000. Good reason for selling. Write Johnson, Box 197, Roswell, New Mexico. 17-3

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LOST—Monday night, Jan. 3 somewhere near the Lyric theater or on Main street pair of heavy rimmed spectacles. Finder please return to Herald office. 11pd

Joe Finally Saw the Point

By H. IRVING KING

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JOSEPH SCARBOROUGH was rather of the opinion that Minerva Fairbanks had "thrown him down," but he was not quite sure. He had known her, it seemed to him, for always; and for some time he had been taking it for granted that he should some day ask her to be his wife—and she would accept. But then came that dashing Martin Van Beekman around and Joe began to think that he had taken too much for granted.

Whatever a "man of the world" is Van Beekman was that. He had a most engaging personality, talked fluently and dressed perfectly. Joe, on the other hand, while refreshingly wholesome, was not much of a conversationalist, and sartorially left much to be desired. Van Beekman had become a constant visitor at the Fairbanks home, and the girls—Minerva and her younger sister Susan—found him, as Sue expressed it, "perfectly fascinating." When Joe happened to be calling at the same time Van Beekman was, it was as much as he could do to get in a word (between) and when he did, his best thought-out remark seemed to act as a damper on the company. Minnie, after one of these attempts of Joe's, would look at him doubtfully for a moment and then resume her repartee of "wit, wisdom and allegory" with Van Beekman.

Joe hoped at first that it was sister Sue that Van Beekman admired. But Minnie appeared to be much fonder of Van Beekman's society than her sister. Joe ventured to expostulate in a blundering way, with Minerva only to be told that she did not know what right he had to criticize or control her actions, ending with: "Why, Joe, you talk as if you and I were engaged."

That was Joe's opportunity, but he did not seize it, and it was two hours after that he thought of what he ought to have said. When he did think of it he resolved to go to Minnie and have a "straight-out talk" with her. But when he arrived at the Fairbanks home that everlasting Van Beekman was there, and he went away leaving unsaid what he had come to say. He would keep away from the Fairbanks house and "let 'em go it," he thought. "Who knew anything about that Van Beekman fellow? He was an adventurer—Joe was willing to bet on it—and was trying to capture an heiress."

Joe kept to his resolution of abstinence for a whole week, and then called upon "the Fairbanks girls" with the usual unsatisfactory results. Susan talked to him and tried to cheer him up, but Minerva kept chatting away with Van Beekman, only giving Joe a curious look now and then, which he could not in the least understand the import of, and once saying: "Joe, why don't you talk? What's the matter with you lately?"

"Nothing," said Joe, and presently took his leave. Now Minerva and Susan Fairbanks were orphans. They had no near relations and their father had left them both very well off. Joe felt like saying to Van Beekman: "If it's merely a fortune you are after, why don't you take Sue and let my Minnie alone?" But it wouldn't make any difference if I did, thought Joe. Minnie is so much the prettier. As a matter of fact she was nowhere near as good looking as Susan—but in Joe's eyes she was far superior.

Things dragged along in this manner for some time. Joe began to lose weight. "He don't eat enough to keep a canary alive," his fond mother declared. Then one day, to his great surprise, Van Beekman called upon Joe at the office of the little yarn mill which Joe had inherited from his father and the business of which he was rapidly extending. Quite an important person was Joe in the community—financially. He received Van Beekman rather coldly and asked what he could do for him.

"You probably have noticed," said the suave Van Beekman, "my attentions to the beautiful Miss Fairbanks."

"I have," glowered Joe. "I have, and allow me to tell you that I have not seen them with pleasure. Who are you, sir, to come into this community and try to captivate the best and prettiest girl in town? What are your credentials?"

"That is just what I came to show you," replied Van Beekman. "You may look me up in Bradstreet's, and here are letters, documents and references which I think will satisfy you."

Joe looked at the documents and he looked at Bradstreet's. "Humph," said he, "seems to be all right. But what have I got to do with it?"

"Why," returned Van Beekman, "when I told Miss Fairbanks that her sister Susan and myself had come to an understanding, and requested her consent to our marriage, as head of the family, she said that she and you had been long engaged and were soon to be married and, therefore, as her husband, you would be the real head of the family, and were the one to be consulted."

"Oh, I see, yes, certainly, of course," gasped Joe. "Your credentials are perfectly satisfactory, sir. I congratulate you."

Then he put on his hat and went right up to see Minerva. What he said to her neither of them ever told. But they were married a month before Susan and Van Beekman were

A STATEMENT

By the President of Dodge Brothers, Inc.

Within a few months, Dodge Brothers, Inc., will introduce a new line of motor cars, in no way conflicting with the market for Dodge Brothers present types, but occupying a considerably higher price field and produced in limited quantities.

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NOTES FROM SALEM

The first of the year has passed and the holiday visiting is over, moving time has been general with a good many people.

Oscar Musgrove moved to his father's home place and Mr. Scrogins from Fairview has moved in the house vacated by him.

W. C. Rogers spent two days and nights last week with his brother J. Tom Rogers and family at Fairview.

M. L. Duncan left Friday morning for a visit with his daughter, Miss Willie Beavers at Mission, Texas. He will spend the remainder of the winter with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Newsome have returned from the holiday visit with

her parents and relatives at Hamilton. They report a fine trip.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cox and Miss Hazel Hathcock were pleasant visitors with Mrs. W. C. Rogers and family last Thursday night.

W. H. Robinson motored to Big Spring Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Coates spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ingle.

The Literary Society committee called on Mrs. W. A. Rogers Tuesday evening. A program was arranged for Friday night, January 14. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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ers, and Mrs. W. A. Rogers and Louise Rogers motored to Big Spring Sunday evening.

Sunday school was pretty well attended last Sunday. Everybody visited to Sunday school every day morning.

There will be preaching at Sunday evening, Jan. 16, at 8 o'clock. Reverend Watson will be the preaching. A good attendance expected.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dyer, the proud parents of an baby girl born January 11.

Mrs. J. W. Fryar and Mrs. of Moore were visitors with Fryar's mother, Mrs. A. J.

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