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Little Miss Juanita Beene delighted us with a reading entitled "When the Minister Comes to Tea." Master Sterling Shepard also read for us "Johnson's Boy." These readings were both greatly enjoyed. We were next given advertisements cut from magazines and then cut in zigzag shapes and told to match them so as to make a perfect whole. This caused much merriment as it seemed at first that none of the pieces would match but after a diligent search was made all pieces were matched perfectly. We then found seats with our partners and were served delicious refreshments of pumpkin pie and steaming hot coffee.

This was indeed a pleasant occasion and members of both classes vote Mr. and Mrs. Thompson charming entertainers and sincerely hope they may find occasion to have us with them again soon.

The 12 o'clock hour had drawn nigh before we could find courage to tear our selves from these pleasantries and bid our kind Host and Hostess good night.

A Guest.

See our Ladies coat-suits at reduced prices. They have style and Quality.—Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t





**THE ORGANIZED EFFORT**

of the officers of this bank will mean for you a full measure of the best of service, advice or co-operation that a modern banking Institution has to offer its patrons.

**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**

T. J. TOOMBS ..... President  
 JOHN SEARS ..... Vice President  
 R. L. BLAND ..... Vice President  
 R. O. ANDERSON ..... Cashier  
 F. Y. GAITHER ..... Asst. Cashier

**RAY ALLRED**

Ray the son of Mr. Mrs. W. S. Allred was born August 9, 1905. Died October 16, 1920. He was a cheerful happy member of an unbroken family, until he was taken home with him who does all things well, as converted when eleven years of age, and joined the Presbyterian Church. He was a faithful little member of the church and Sunday School. He was loved by all his school mates and was never known to be unkind to any one. He was timid but courteous and his friends were numbered by his acquaintances. He never forgot mother. He would sacrifice his own play and pleasures to help her. Don't grieve Mother and Father for where your heart is there will be your treasure also. And as the years go by and time has helped to heal that broken heart memories of each little deed of love and kindness will be ties

that bind the heart closer to the hope of a reunited family circle in the great beyond. A Friend

**A TEXAS WONDER**

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25 Small bottle. Send for testimonials to D. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

**NOTICE**

The boy who took my yellow bull-dog pup, with trimmed ears and tail, on last Monday, will please bring it back. Dr. Geo. L. Miller

**COAL, COAL**

Plenty good coal, thirteen dollars per ton, at Kent street wagon yard. Won't last long. See A. L. Jobe. 1212

**A FEW SPECIAL BARGAINS IN FARMS**

No better investment can be made. Look over our listings and let us show you the property.

Bargains also in Town Property

**Fire Insurance**

Remember we write fire insurance on town and country property. AND ON COTTON

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**THE Brown Dry Goods Co.**

Quality Merchandise

**PROGRESSIVE BANKING SERVICE**

**BANKING is OUR BUSINESS**

It is our interest to have every farmer get the very highest possible price for his cotton, his seed his maize and his cattle.

There is no competition between the interests of our customers and the interests of this bank. **OUR INTERESTS ARE MUTUAL.**

We are prepared to grant liberal credits in financing legitimate enterprises as any conservative bank should grant.

**OUR SAVINGS DEPARTMENT**

is at the disposal of any of our customers with the same rate of interest to everyone. Let us explain it.

We are what our name implies a Farmers & Merchants Bank.

Come in and open an account with us **TO-DAY.**



**HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH NOTES.**

The Spanish classes of the high school will publish each week notes of the "Doings of the Spanish Class". These will be written in Spanish by members of the various classes. These were prepared by the ninth grade.

Las Clases de espanol presentaran una representacion dramatica antes de las vacaciones de navidad. Piensa Ud. Antes de Ud. venga porque Senorita Althea Boden va a Cantar.

Senor Loreng Rodgers ha sido viviendo en Trent por algunas dias. El dice que el ha sido trabajando—pero tenemos, solamente su palabra por el.

La escuela superior de Merkell era muy ajortunado a asegur-

ar por la maestra de espanol, Senorita Bertha Deal quien se ama por todas los discipulos de espanol.

Wrenn—Las clases de espanol nueve y ocho se cambino en lunes.

Alva—Burla en el grado nueve Wrenn—No Senorita, en el ocho.

La clase nueve tuvo un leccion muy pobre viernes—un restulo de la ausencia de una de sus miembros muy distingudas—Senorita Mary Eula Sears.

Antes de Ud. baja la Escuela Superior de Merkell, pensa Ud. que el Principal es un deacon en la iglesia Baptista.

El ejercicio hace maestro. Es vale tarde que nunca. El trabajo hace la vida agradable.



**FURNITURE EFFECTS ARE IMPORTANT WHEN YOU ENTERTAIN**

When people enter your home, when you are anxious for their comfort, and pleasure, good furniture, tastefully chosen and placed, is worth while.

You probably don't recall a single successful hostess who has not had a dainty, "homey" atmosphere about her house.

Even if you get it one piece at a time, 'twill add to your piece of mind to see how we can help you.





H. M. Thompson, who for about a year has been in the barber business in Merkel left first of the week for Hot Springs Ark where he and his family will reside in the future. Mr. Thompson is a splendid barber a good citizen and we regret to lose him and his excellent family. And we understand the move to the above city was done in the hopes that same might be beneficial to Mrs. Thompson who has been in bad health for several years.

#### SEED OATS

Texas Red., stood the winter 60 bushel per acre 1919 on my farm, free from Johnson grass. \$1.00 per bushel sacked. See J. T. Warren 2t.

E. Seigle of the Economy and Corner Stores, spent several days this last week in Hamlin, where he is also interested in a dry goods store.

If your child eats ravenously at times and at other times has no appetite at all, lookout for worms. Whites Cream Vermifuge is the remedy to use. It clears them out. Price, 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Nov.

#### Stray Cow.

A Jersey Cow, medium size strayed from Mr. Clark's place 3 miles northwest of Merkel, about ten days ago. Please notify J. R. Pee, Merkel, Texas. 1tp.

#### GOLAN News

Health of the community very good. This community was visited by a good rain Saturday night and Sunday which will keep the cotton pickers out of the field for a day or two.

The young people of the neighbor hood met and enjoyed a party at Med. Herron's Saturday night.

Several of the Golanites drove over to Newman for singing, last Sunday eve.

The Jordan Brothers Quartet will sing a Golan next Sunday evening, every one invited.

Messrs Clyde Williams, Val Byron and Misses Velma Hill



**Come**  **Come**

# Factory Range Sale

## Cole's Hot Blast Ranges Save Both Fuel and Food

Fuel is hard to get and is high in price. Food prices are also high. *It is vitally important that we conserve these resources.* Come to our store—we are "Fuel Savers' Headquarters" and agents for the most remarkable fuel saving and food saving range ever made

### Cole's Ranges are Made in all Styles and Finishes

*A stove for every need. Over a million Cole's Stoves in use saving food and fuel for satisfied users.*

**Buy Your Range at This Sale and Save!**

## YOU ARE INVITED

to attend this special joint sale given by us and Cole Manufacturing Company on the dates given below.

**REMEMBER THE DATES**

Nov. 22-23-24

# WEST COMPANY






## HOME OWNERSHIP

- is the badge of Thrift, Stability and Citizenship.
- it encourages saving and economy and elevates you in the esteem of your neighbors and yourself.
- it is considered the best of reference in commercial circles and owning a part and parcel of your town you become more vitally interested in civic affairs.
- it is the foundation of success and should be the possession or ambition of every family.
- helping you to attain home-ownership is our purpose in life.

May we serve you?

# BURTON-LINGO CO.

"Building Material"

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L. D. Levy Local Mgr.

took dinner Sunday with Dixie Duncan which was Miss Dixie's birthday.

Luther Davis, Charlie Bryan, Ester Herron, Vida Williams, Bettie Byron, Lettie Duncan Chester Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Duncan.

Mr. Marvin Shelton is visiting his uncle Raider Thompson.

Miss Ola Thompson was bitten by a rattlesnake which made her very sick for a few days.

Charlie Bryan and Miss Vida Williams motored to Sylvester Saturday night to the movies.

Val Byron happened to a very bad accident last Sunday morning. He was manicuring his toe nail and came very near losing

a toe. Luther Davis is intending to get a new buggy so the fair sex of this community had better watch out.

Eugene Williams got his buggy horse cut up very badly and he has to walk, he feel so sorry for him.

Goose Neck even  
little  
in.

## GEM THEATRE

The House of Good Pictures

Matinee Every Day from 2 to 5

We Appreciate Your Patronage

### Program for Week, Beginning Friday Nov. 12

Friday Nov. 12

#### Owen More

IN

"Piccadilly Jim"

A Hilarious Comedy Drama

Extra—A comedy and news reel

Monday Nov. 15

#### "The Red Rider"

A thrilling story of the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police

"SHOWDOWN JIM"

A two reel comedy drama

And

New Pathe News News while it is news

Wed. Nov. 17

#### Harry Myers

in

"The Grouch"

A western drama

"THE TRIPPLE SHOT"

A western border story

Billy West, Chaplin's double in

"Foiled"

A 2 reel comedy

Sat. Nov. 13

#### Al Jennings

in

"The Bond of Blood"

YOUNG BUFFALO

in

A Western drama

And—A 2 reel comedy

Tues. Nov. 16

#### Rex Beach

Presents "Dangerous Days"

From the famous novel by Mary

Roberts Rhinehart

Also—"Mary's Nightmare"

Christie Comedy

Thurs. Nov. 18

#### "The Biglantes"

A thrilling story of the West in the days of 49. A big one in 6 reels.

Extra—Universal Screen Magazine



# A General Revision of Prices

The buying public is demanding and expecting lower prices. To meet this demand we have gone through our enormous stock of new fall and winter wearing apparel and have absolutely marked our goods down on a basis of 15 and 20c cotton. Lower prices than we are now making can hardly be hoped for within the next two or three seasons. Early buying will insure your choice of the many articles you'll need this winter.

## MENS SUITS ARE OFF

\$75.00	\$60.00
65.00	52.00
60.00	50.00
55.00	50.00
50.00	45.00
45.00	39.50
40.00	35.00
35.00	31.50

20 per cent off any other suit in the house

## OVERCOAT SPECIAL

20 percent off any overcoat in our enormous stock of new fall and winter overcoats.

## BOYS SUITS

10 per cent off regular price of boys suits. The very model that will look best on the boy

## HOSIERY HOSIERY HOSIERY

The latest fad in hosiery. Wool drop stitch for both men and women.  
Ladies drop stitch ..... \$3.00  
Mens wool drop stitch ..... \$1.50  
Good heavy wool work sock ..... 50c  
Black cat hosiery for the whole family

## LADIES READY-TO-WEAR

New coats and suits arriving daily. In all the good colors and materials. Here you will find just the model best suited for you. Moderately priced from ..... \$35.00 to \$85.00  
10 per cent off regular price.

## MENS UNDERWEAR

The biggest assortment of mens underwear ever shown in Merkel. For the next few days we are offering unusual values in this commodity.  
\$3.50 wool unions ..... 3.00  
1.50 spring needle union suits ..... 2.00  
\$1.00 each for drawers and shirts.  
We have full line of both ecru and bleached.

## TOWELS TOWELS

33 1-3 off on towels

## SPECIAL ON DOMESTIC

Full 36 inch bleached domestic finished soft for the needle, per yard ..... 23c  
Full 36 inch brown domestic extra good quality per yard ..... 19c

## WOOL SHIRTS

15 per cent off any wool shirt in our stock of Heavy government wool shirts.  
Priced ..... \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.50  
Blue Gray and Khaki

## BLANKETS BLANKETS BLANKETS

Largest assortment of blankets ever shown here at greatly reduced prices. Ranging in prices from ..... \$3.49 to \$11.98

## OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT

For both men and women is complete. Just received big shipment mens shoes. Here you will find just the last and leather for your foot. Good narrow last in the English and straight last for the younger men both black and brown. Kangaroo, calf and kid leathers. Swing lasts and broader toes for the older men.

## NEW FALL SHOES FOR WOMEN

The new prices are

\$15.00	\$12.50
13.50	12.00
12.50	10.90
11.50	9.98
10.00	7.98
7.50	6.50

These are shown in black and brown kid leather full Louis heels.

## DRESS GINGHAM

Red Seal and Amoskeg per yard ..... 30c  
Good grade dress gingham per yard ..... 20c

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Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brown of Sweetwater spent last Sunday with relatives in town.

We have the best prices on Blankets and Comforts.—Brown Dry Goods Company. It

Miss Jessie Mae Cox of Abilene was the guest of Miss Zoe West last Sunday.

Big reductions on our entire stock of men's suits.—Brown Dry Goods Company. It.

Roger A. Burgess, our amiable superintendent of Schools, visited with his parents in Lubbock last Saturday and Sunday.

Columbia Records and Phonograph, at Merkel Drug Company. It

Miss Rosa Jones attended the wedding of her sister in Cisco last Friday, returning on the evening train Saturday.

Rusty nail wounds, festering sores, burns and scalds heal rapidly when Liquid Borozone is applied. It is both antiseptic and healing. Price, 30, 60, and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Nov

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Good sample and turn out at Anderson Gin. .... 5t2

FOR SALE—Have a lot of second hand lumber, sash, doors, brick, ect., J. S. Burkhead, at J. B. Bell's. It.

\$25.00 worth of Records with every Pathe Phonograph we sell. Merkel Drug Company. It.

Highest prices paid for chickens and eggs on front street at W. G. Rannels Grocery Store. 5 3tpd.

FOR SALE—A 4 room-house on South side, close in. Would consider taking a 1920 model Ford Car as first payment. If interested see—S. F. Haynes. It

## FOR SALE

Five work mares; 2 sets of harness; 1 good wagon; 2 cultivators; 2 godevils; 1 planter; 1 harrow; 1 mule colt; 2 milk cows 1 Ford Car. See or write J. F. Davis, Merkel Texas, Rt. 2 box-31 Located about 2 miles south of the Sears Well. It.

## LISTEN!

We would like to have your Eggs, Butter and Chickens. Be sure and get our prices before you sell. W. W. Wood, Staple and Fancy Groceries; Feed and Grain. Phone 230. It

If your bowels do not act regularly, you feel uncomfortable, and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. To put an end to the misery, take Herbine. It purifies the bowels, restores energy and cheerful spirits. Price 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Nov

FOUND—Several bunches of keys with lock attached. Owner can get same at Merkel Mail office.

Bed wide, best grade sheeting 57 and half cents.—Brown Dry Goods Company. It.

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L. E. Keer a prominent druggist of Dallas, was here first of the week, looking after his half-section of land located in Mulberry Canyon.

Used Ford Roadster, new top, in good condition. At a bargain. Merkel Motor Company. It.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

# COZY THEATRE

THE CREAM OF AMUSEMENTS

## Special Matinee Saturday 2 to 5:30

Friday Nov. 12 Admission 10-20-30c

### Douglas Fairbanks

in

"The Habit of Happiness"

SNUB POLLARD HAPPY HOOLIGAN

Monday Nov. 15 Admission 10-20c

### Joe Ryan & Jean Page

in

"Hidden Dangers"

LEO MALONEY SLIM SUMMERVILLE

Wed. Nov. 16 Admission 10-20-30c

### Vivian Martin

in

"Jane Goes Wooing"

Ambrose Comedy Pathe Review

Saturday Nov. 13 Admission 10-20-30c

### William Russell

in

"Twins of Suffering Creek"

CHARLIE CHAPLIN MUTT & JEFF

Tues. Nov. 16 Admission 10-20-30c

### "The Westerners"

A Hodgkinson Special

From the story by Stewart Edward White with an all-star cast

WM. FRANEY Topics of the Day

Thursday Nov. 18 Admission 10-20-30c

### Bert Lytell

in

"The Right of Way"

Sampson Comedy Bray Comics

## Coming---Mitchell Lewis in "King Spruce"



It is a powerful and scientific combination of sulphur and other healing agents for the relief and cure of diseases of the skin. It is especially effective in the ITCHING VARIETIES; giving instant relief from the itching and smarting sensations and by its germ-destroying properties it exterminates the microbe which is the cause of the eruption, thus curing the disease completely. Littell's Liquid Sulphur Compound is used in all cases of Eczema, Tetter, Barber's Itch, Psoriasis, Herpes, Rash, Oak and Ivy Poisoning, also for relieving the annoyance caused by chiggers and mosquito bites. In the treatment of ECZEMA—the most painful and obstinate of all skin diseases—it is one of the most successful remedies known.

Small size 50 cents bottle, Large size \$1.00  
JAMES F. BALLARD, Prop. St. Louis, MO.



## Registered and Pure Bred Duroc Stock Hogs for Sale

3 sows 2 years old, weigh about 250 pounds each... \$60.00  
These are tried sows, good breeders and good mothers. Will transfer papers to buyer.

4 gilts 7 months old weigh about 160, each... \$30.00  
These are pure bred unregistered

2 pigs 4 months old (1 boar, 1 sow) the pair... \$30.00  
This is a fine pair, pure bred

30 pigs 8 weeks old, male or female each... \$10.00  
Sire and dam both registered.

Buy one or more of these for the boy or girl. Give them what they can make out of them and watch them both grow. • All offered subject to prior sale. They can be seen on my farm 3 miles east of Merkel.

J. T. WARREN

## TWO IN A BOAT

By LULU M. PAULEY.

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"It's just three months ago today," reflected Lydia. "In another week the hotel will be closed, the guests gone, and we'll be gone, too."

"Yes," nodded Bob; "it seems such short time since—and what a heap nice girls—" He broke off abruptly and headed the boat towards the willows.

Lydia looked sweetly sympathetic. "Tell me about them," she urged. "The heap of nice girls."

"I'd rather you'd tell your story first," returned Bob, half wistfully.

She glanced at him demurely. "All right," she replied, good-naturedly, and began:

"I came down here the first week in June and met you for the second time since our schooldays. We became engaged, but the engagement was conditional. That is, if either of us met some one else whom we liked better, we were at liberty to do as we pleased. In case we let each other know."

She paused impressively and struck at the water with her long, white fingers. "It was your idea, and

## Was Very Weak

"After the birth of my baby I had a back-set," writes Mrs. Mattie Crosswhite, of Glade Spring, Va. "I was very ill; thought I was going to die. I was so weak I couldn't raise my head to get a drink of water. I took . . . medicine, yet I didn't get any better. I was constipated and very weak, getting worse and worse. I sent for Cardui."

TAKE

# CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I found after one bottle of Cardui I was improving," adds Mrs. Crosswhite. "Six bottles of Cardui and . . . I was cured, yes, I can say they were a God-send to me. I believe I would have died, had it not been for Cardui." Cardui has been found beneficial in many thousands of other cases of womanly troubles. If you feel the need of a good, strengthening tonic, why not try Cardui? It may be just what you need.

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contained not the slightest opening for one of those interesting breach-of-promise suits."

Bob flushed, but said nothing.

"The next one to propose," she continued, "was Mr. Hillary, who owns that splendid yacht down at the harbor. Then came Mr. Meridan, Charlie Dibble, Victor and that dear, fat college boy, Percy Downey. I refused Percy, of course. He was deadily in earnest, and I was afraid when he should find I was only a summer girl he might do something unpleasant. Girls should avoid the man who has not lived long enough in this world to understand its ways."

"Little philosopher," applauded Bob. "I'm not very wordy-wise; aren't you afraid I'll make a fuss?"

Lydia shook her fluffy head. "You made the conditions of our engagement, so you ought not to make a fuss."

"Never," breathed Bob, quickly; "I'll not do that. Pray continue your delightfully interesting tale," and he splashed the water spitefully with the oars.

"The last was Mr. Harper, who boards at Elm cottage."

At the mention of Mr. Harper, Bob burst into an uncontrollable fit of laughter and made the boat rock violently.

"Stop immediately!" cried the girl; "you'll upset the boat."

"I have two engagement rings," she asserted. "One is yours. You may have it now if you wish."

He silently lighted a cigarette.

"You'll need it for one of those nice girls you've met," she suggested quietly. "Do I know her?"

"I believe you do." His tones were curt.

"I think," he remarked coldly, turning the boat out into midstream. "that we had better be going back to the hotel. The sun is already set and there is no moon tonight."

"Why, Mr. Porter," she cried, "there was a beautiful moon last night, so, of course, there must be another tonight. Mr. Morton and I sat out for a long time last evening admiring it."

"I suppose he is the fellow you are going to marry," Bob growled. "I remember seeing him about the hotel. Sort of a sissy, is he not? One of those, 'I'm mamma's boy, I am. I can talk to the girls. I know how.'"

"Oh, aren't you horrid?" laughed Lydia. "I think Mr. Morton is very nice, indeed."

"And quite ladylike, too," Bob slightly added.

"You're not obliged to like him," flashed Lydia.

"Certainly not. I say, Lydia, I'm going away in the morning—very early. Do you care?"

"Is that so?" Her tone was bantering. "How disappointed the heap of nice girls will be. Such a bright, eligible young man."

Bob's tanned face burned redly and he gave his full attention to the oars.

"I suppose it's the other girl whom you are going to see," she remarked thoughtfully. "How glad she'll be!"

"Dence take the other girl!" broke from Bob's lips impatiently. "Lydia, don't you care the least little bit?"

Lydia's pink cheeks grew a shade deeper and her blue eyes twinkled brightly. "I wish you would explain," she said, provokingly; "I really do not understand you."

Bob ceased rowing and gazed at her long and steadily. Then he turned his gaze thoughtfully across the river.

"Arne't we going in?" she pettishly asked.

Bob turned his face to her with a glow of determination in his clear, brown eyes.

"I'll tell you the name of the girl I love, if you will tell me the name of the chap you're going to marry," he informed her, rather cheerfully.

"Indeed," she returned frigidly; "you needn't bother."

"Come now, Miss Vane," he urged. "I'm certain that you are dying to know. I have her photo with me, too."

Lydia hesitated a moment, then she laughed half hysterically.

"Show me the photo," she said.

He drew it caressingly from an inside pocket and held it out to her. Her lips trembled as she looked at it. Then their eyes met.

"You are the chap I am going to marry," she said softly.

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Quality Merchandise

## THE MAN HATER

By ELIZABETH I. SAUNDERS.

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"What has come over me? What ails me lately? I don't feel a bit like myself," thought Gwendolyn Ritchie, as she sat pondering on the edge of the bed, staring absently into the mirror before her. "It can't be jealousy. I was never jealous of Fran in my life, and yet, why am I so opposed to Hal, all of a sudden—and just since he put that ring on her finger? Goodness knows, I want to see my little sister happy and I know she loves him—so what is it? Jealousy? That awful word—could it be that—but how could it, for I never loved Hal—in fact my affections have never been inclined to any mere man, and never will be. They are a bother and quite troublesome. I know what it is," she finally added to the perplexed reflection in the mirror. "Hal is taking Fran away from me. I will be all alone."

The thought of being all alone, separated from Fran, who had been her only pal and confidant since their great loss had come upon them, leaving them two orphans to face the ups and downs of life alone. They had been inseparable and in fact only one subject had ever come between them to cause dispute, and that was Fran's everlasting persistency that men were quite essential, and she liked them. "I just know, Gwen Ritchie, that the morning will come when you will wake up and find yourself head over heels in love with the only man in the world of men," Fran had said time and time again to Gwen. Gwen had argued with Fran to the contrary, but without results, for Fran was firmly in favor of the male sex.

It was in this mood that Fran, with flushed cheeks, sparkling eyes and all excitement burst into the room, with "Oh, Gwen, isn't it wonderful; Hal just got the marriage license. I am so happy."

"Yes, dear, I'm glad for you," choked Gwen.

"But, Gwen, you are crying. What is it, dear?"

"Nothing much, only I dread the thought of giving you up to a—man. Marriage may be all right, but I don't believe it. I hate men and will have nothing to do with them."

"I'm not silly, Fran; it's just my nature. Perhaps you're right. We can't get along with them, but I guess I am not like other girls, for they mean nothing to me but hard feelings and hatred."

"Gwen, I will give you just one month to meet and fall in love with the one and only. Remember, just one month."

"But, Fran—"

"No buts" about it, and what's more, you are going to that dance tonight with Hal and me. His chum has just returned from a hospital where he has been recovering from injuries in the service. Although he can't dance, he will be there. His leg was injured and he hasn't the use of it to the extent of dancing—but anyway, I promised Hal you would be there to entertain him, so that's final."

"So I should play nurse to Hal's

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pals? Oh, well, if you insist. Perhaps I could do you one more favor, and fall in love with him."

"All right, we will make it a bet," dared Fran.

For hours after the dance was over and the two sisters were snuggled under the covers, Gwen tossed and sighed.

"Gwen, for goodness sake, what is the matter with you? What's on your mind?"

"Nothing much—only a man—I mean I was wondering if Ray had ever been in I—; I mean isn't it too bad Ray was injured, for he is such a fine fellow? So different from the rest—the most individual male I ever met."

"Oh, well, let's go to sleep and forget it—but remember, it is not love, but only sympathy for his poor leg."

"Sympathy and understanding spell true friendship, and that is the seed of love."

"You are certainly a sentimental little little, but don't you be so sure that I am falling in love—I'm not."

The next three weeks were busy ones for Fran, preparing for the all-important day that spelled happiness to her. True, she had noticed flowers and letters coming to Gwen, but in her excitement had not given her prediction a thought.

The night before Fran's wedding had arrived Gwen showed much interest in the final touches of her sister's trousseau. "I'm so glad, Fran, I only wish tomorrow were my passport and date for happiness."

"You mean you'd like to marry Hal, yourself?" questioned Fran.

"Hal, nothing—his pal—Ray. Love is wonderful, after all," she pondered.

"Oh, Gwen, I'm so glad."

"Glad? What for—what have I been saying?" stormed Gwen. "Don't mind me, Fran, I was just talking silly."

"Please, Gwen, you know you were the first to know of my engagement," coaxed Fran, and then sternly. "Remember, Gwen, you have just four days more to get engaged. How about it?"

"Oh, Fran, I believe it's all your fault, but I've truly gone and done it."

"That's funny; it took Hal seven months to ask me to marry him, and only 26 days for Ray to ask my little 'man-hating' sister. Guess you win, Gwen; men are different, after all."

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**SERVICE PARAMOUNT**

Under the heading "Everybody's Business" in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post Floyd W. Parsons says, regarding the present status of the electric light and power industry "Recent developments in many states have shown plainly that the public does not desire cheap service at the expense of efficiency. The average citizen is a fair-minded individual and is willing to pay a reasonable price for the things that he gets. In spite of the almost universal murmur of discontent because of high prices, Mr. Parsons' conclusion is undeniably correct. During the last two or three years the public has become accustomed to paying high prices for every thing, in turn receiving high prices for every thing, and demanding the highest class of service. Unfortunately in many lines, efficient service has been almost impossible to secure at any price. It must be conceded, however, that, except in isolated instances where local conditions have been responsible, the same high standard of efficiency has been maintained by electric light and power companies as obtained before the war. In fact, in many cases, these electric utilities have increased their efficiency. At the same time these utilities, in common with other public servants, in words of Mr. Parsons, "have not only failed to share in the recent prosperity of the country, but have had harder sledding during the last few years than ever before in their history." Despite the increased costs of labor, supplies, materials and everything entering into the operation common with every branch of endeavor, comparatively small advances in rates have been permitted to these utilities, and in a majority of cases no increase

have been allowed. Government statistics show that the average increase in electric and power rates is but slightly in excess of 11 percent, as compared with increases of from 65 percent to 350 percent in practically all other items entering into community life.

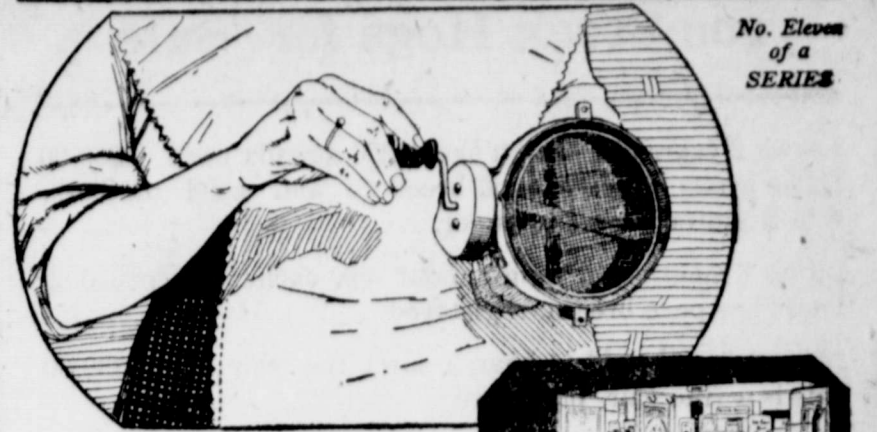
It is aptly pointed out by Mr. Parsons that "When the utilities are crippled in their operation through unfair treatment, the local communities that are served must suffer as a consequence. Electricity is so essential in our modern life that when the supply of it is deficient in any district industrial progress is impeded."

Inversely it must be true that when the electric utilities are given fair treatment and encouragement in their development, they are enabled to give the highest type of service and in unlimited quantity, thus becoming a potent factor in the upbuilding of the community commercial prosperity and social betterment.

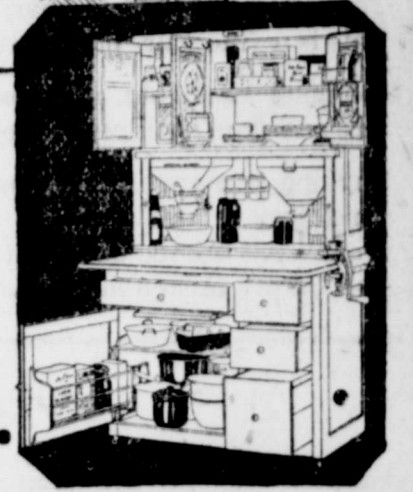
"Viewed from one angle the electric utility companies might be considered as privately owned, but actually they are publicly owned in the sense that hundreds of thousands of citizens hold their securities and look to them both for service and income" says Floyd Parsons in "Everybody's Business" in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post.

Frequently, in litigations against electric light and power and other utilities, the term "capitalists" is used in a manner intended to indicate that these utilities are owned, body and soul by the "big money" interests of the country. If Mr. Parsons' information is correct, it is very apparent that the public has been misled in this particular, at least a considerable degree as he states that excess of 1,400,000

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citizens of the United States owned securities of the electric light and power industry. In addition to this vast number of securities holders, Mr. Parsons points out that each person who is a beneficiary in force in the United States if financially interested in the utilities through the fact that approximately one third of the total assets of American life-insurance companies, which are estimated to be approximately seven billions of dollars in a public utility stocks and bonds, and that twenty-seven million depositors in American banks financially are interested through the fact that hundreds of millions of dollars of assets of those banks are loaned on electrical utilities securities.

Thus it would seem that a considerable number of the citizens of the United States are directly or indirectly financially interested in the electric light and power industry and in other public utilities and that legislation or adverse action affecting these utilities affects directly the pocket-books of these millions who have loaned their money to the utilities for development purposes.

Heretofore, these facts have not been generally known, we assume largely because the public has been too ready to believe the insinuation, and often the direct charge, that only "big-business" had a financial interest in our utilities.

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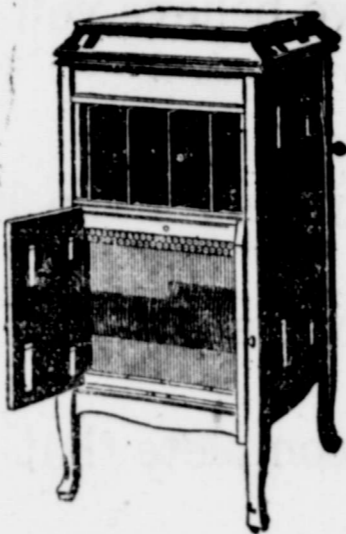
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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By Kenneth I. Sharp. All the "notes" lack is a "write-up" of a ball game. Alas! We have none.

Nevertheless we have had some thing more unusual, important, needful and interesting. Miss Felland, Taylor County's Red Cross nurse visited our school and examined all the smaller children. Some very necessary examinations were made, and notices of defects sent to parents. These should be heeded for every child is due a healthy body.

There were some eight or ten boys from Merkel who went to Abilene Friday to witness an interesting foot-ball game between Haskel High and Abilene High.

This is the first time this season Haskel has been scored on and Abilene is the only town in this district that has not lost a game. But Abilene's only hard fought game was with Merkel.

Friday Nov. 5, the boys of the high school met to organize for basket ball as there were to be no more foot ball games. Wade Darsey was elected Captain with Bill Stevens as manager, Coach and director. The material for this year promises to be even superior to the Champions of last year.

Miss Carlise: Class, what is inertia.

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ens in his plate when all were through. It was hard for the faculty to work after such a feast and entirely out of the question for the Seniors to do so. Then too, after ingenious explaining they must have a part holiday. They, chaperoned by the Science teacher spent this time at Warren's lake, Kodaking, eating, and in general merry-making.

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BLAIR ITEMS.

Our community had a nice rain Sunday night but don't think the cotton was damaged much.

We are glad to report that Mrs. L. H. Spears is improving nicely, as she has been right sick the past week.

Mr. E. M. Blackburn and wife motored to Abilene Wednesday on business.

Mr. Dresden Casey of Simmons College spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. U. T. Richie.

Mr. D. C. Turbiville of Fort Worth is visiting his brother in law Mr. E. M. Blackburn.

Mr. Johnnie Hughes was in town Saturday on business.

The new Lodge building of Blair is going up rapidly.

We are sorry that Prayer meeting was delayed Sunday night on account of the weather, but everybody has a special invitation to be with us Sunday night.

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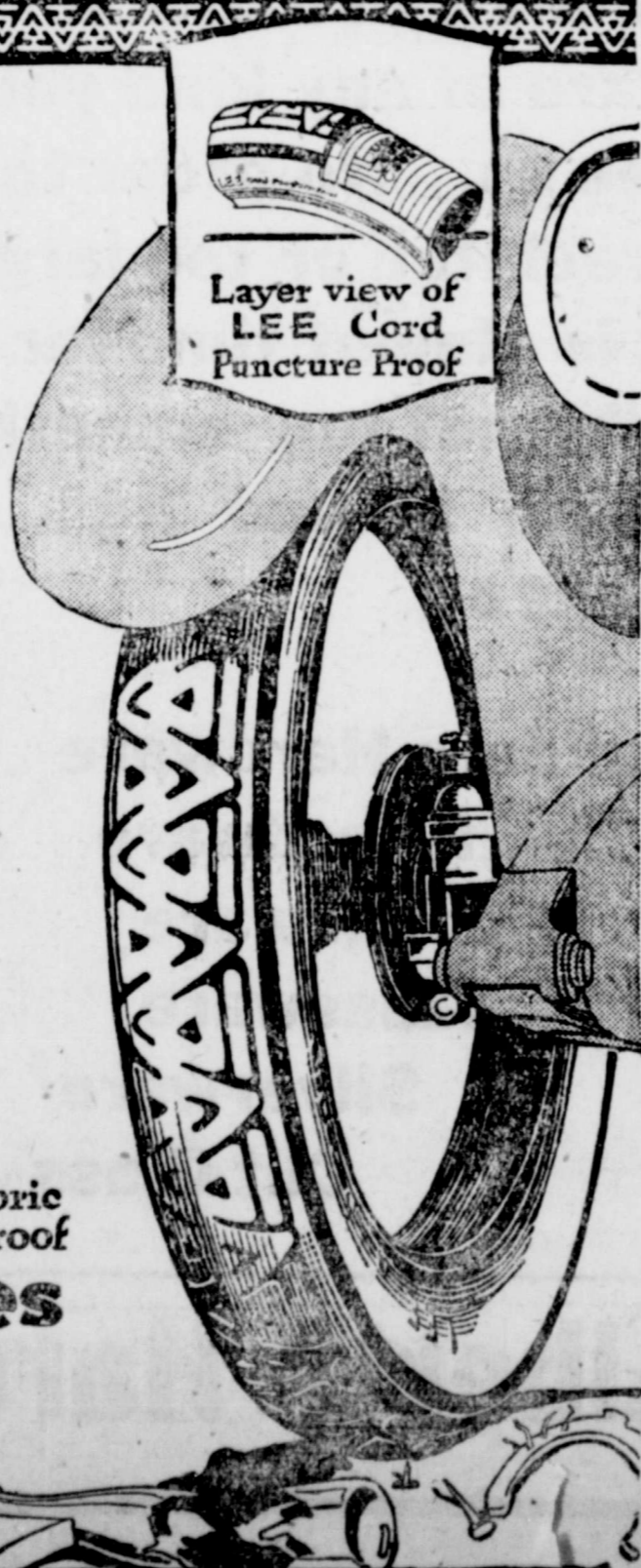
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**BLAIR NEWS**

Grand mother Hughes spent Sunday with Mrs. Jim Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson of Newman spent from Sunday until Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. George Reeves.

Misses Vergil Mayfield, Lillie Tucker and Mr. Elmer Patterson of Merkel called on Annie and George Reeves Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Snow.

A rain fell last Sunday night which will give the farmers a few days rest.

Several of the people of this place did some shopping in Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Elmer Patterson spent Saturday night with Mr. George Reeves.

We have a good Sunday school and prayer meeting and we invite every one to come and bring some one with them.

Mr and Mrs. Cash Hughes, and son, and Misses Vergie, Violet, and Velma Fraizer spent a few hours in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Reeves, Sunday after

noon. Grandmother Hughes was on the sick list last week but is better at this writing.

Miss Annie Reeves went to Newman Tuesday to spend a few days with her sister Mrs. Lea Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Burk, Mr. Top White and daughter went to Anson Sunday to see Mr. Burk's parents, and to carry Mr. Burk's brother, Dave. Dave will enter school in Anson.

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Ira Garrison who has been in Georgia for several months in the interest of his oil business, returned to his home here Thursday.

Messers Bud Sears, Ed Teaff, Bill Sheppard and Geo. Ferrier left first of the week for a ten days hunting trip in to the Davis mountains.

Mrs Dr. Cranford left Tuesday for a visit with relatives at Aspermont.

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G. L. Browning of South Texas, is on a visit to his parents and other relatives.

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Mrs. Reed of California, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Turner and other relatives, this week.

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