

The Seeds of Prosperity

The small sums you regularly set aside from your income are the seeds from which future prosperity will come.

Such small amounts systematically deposited soon grow into actual, workable capital.

If you have never seriously thought of acquiring capital in this manner, ask the most prosperous of your acquaintances how he got his start. Nine times out of ten it was the bank account which helped.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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 JOHN SEARS Vice President
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Health of community very good at this writing.

J. O. Jones of Hamlin, Mrs. Bula Sason of Kale and Mrs. Lettye Goode of this place left Friday for East Texas to visit their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones.

Modell Bicknell spent the past week with Miss Mildred Williams of Sylvester.

Sunday School hasn't been so well attended of late. Remember your pledge good people and be at S. S. next Sunday.

Mrs. Dr. Williams and daughters, Mildred and Marguerette of Sylvester spent Friday with W. J. Bicknell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Nicholson attended the funeral of their niece, Opal McGee at Plainview, Texas, Tuesday of last week. Death having resulted from appendicitis at the Sanitarium there at 8 o'clock Monday.

Clyde Herring and family have returned from a trip to East Texas.

T. E. Goode has relatives visiting from the East.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Meeks and Mrs. Doctor Shaffer of Slaton are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Nicholson and daughters, Jewel and Florine, and W. P. Meeks left Monday for the Plains.

Mrs. W. K. Horn and son, Chester are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell are entertaining a 10 pound boy since July 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton returned first of the week from a trip to Walters, Oklahoma where they visited a daughter. Mr. Compton also spent some time at Medicine Park, Oklahoma, in the interest of his health, and which we are glad to report is greatly improved.

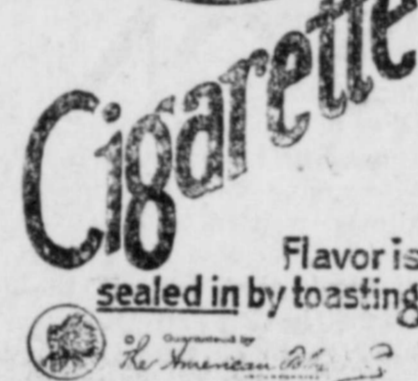
Miss Carter of Odessa, niece of Mr. W. D. Hutcheson returned to her home after a few days visit with relatives.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES M. E.

The Woman's Missionary Society met at the church Monday afternoon in joint meeting with the other church Societies of the city. We consider these joint meetings most pleasant and profitable for all who attend. It brings us in closer touch with each other and we always feel we have been benefited by these meetings. A program had been prepared for this meeting and after the program a very pleasant social hour was spent together. Delicious ice cold punch had been prepared and surely was very acceptable on this hot afternoon. We were indeed glad to welcome such a large crowd from the other churches and feel like meetings of this kind are well worth the efforts they cost. Reporter.

Stewart Grimes and wife of Eastland are here visiting relatives and friends.

Luther Grimes is here from Ivan spending a few days with home folks and friends.



CONDENSED STATEMENT Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank

Close of Business June 30th, 1921.

Our statement as of June 30th as shown below reflects sound, conservative banking. We invite your careful scrutiny and solicit your business. We pay 4% in our Savings Department.

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$284,961.86
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
U. S. Securities	11,358.33
Bonds and Securities	17,269.61
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX.	166,768.80
Total	\$491,021.10

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	10,247.11
Circulation A/c	6,250.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
OTHER LIABILITIES	NONE
DEPOSITS	409,523.99
Total	\$491,021.10



THE THURSDAY CLUB

meeting with Mesdames and R. I. Grimes at the beautiful home of Mrs. G. J. Jones, was another delightful social function to take place among the many recorded in the history of the Club.

By five o'clock on Thursday afternoon the house was well filled with Club members and guests. After a while spent in joyous conversation score cards were passed for six tables of progressive forty-two. Much merriment was spent throughout the games when we were asked to "halt." We were then passed sheets of paper on which were written an appropriate contest. Mrs. McFarland being most efficient in answering same received two linen tea-towels.

The hostesses then served a delightful refreshment plate consisting of Perfection Salad, Salade Flakes, Potato chips, and Tea, with sweet peas as the plate favors.

Those enjoying the hospitality of these charming hostesses were: Club members Mesdames Gamble, Gaither, Hancock, Arrington, Howard, Lassiter, W. J. Argent, Tom Largent, Miller, Farland, Pea, West, Weaver, Jones, Winters, and Anderson. Guests were Mrs. Wedmeridian, Mrs. Mitchell, Mitchell of Greenville; Mrs. Woodroof, Mrs. of El Paso; Mrs. Shepley of Fort Worth; Mrs. Coit of Dallas; Mrs. Toombs of Dallas; Mrs. Hoffman of Dallas.

Today Market still continues. Barrow Furniture gain this Saturday cakes, pies, etc.

They and fresh attention.

THAT DOLLAR

THE BROWN DRY GOODS COMPANY

is mindful of your interest and is equipped by experience and other wise to place at all times, good quality merchandise before you and at the smallest price that any firm can meet, yes we are certain that only a few firms meet our prices of quality merchandise.

BE SURE YOU ARE RIGHT AND THEN GO AHEAD

We like a man or woman who Investigates, Thinks and then Acts

We Want Your Trade and ask you to try out our claims we make above

THE BROWN D. G. CO.

QUALITY MERCHANDISE

The credit man of one of the largest business houses in the country, one having customers in every city and town in every State, was asked the other day what was his main rule in granting credit. "I try to get a line on the personal life of my customers," he replied. "I want to know whether he leads a clean life or a dissipated one; I want to know if he is economical and prudent in his business affairs. My information on that line has more to do with granting credit than almost anything else."

A banker in a neighboring city has the same views. Not long ago a man came to him for a loan. He had securities worth eight or ten times the amount of money he wanted to borrow, but the loan was refused. One of the bank directors heard about the incident and asked about it. "Yes," returned the old banker, "the man had ample security, and the loan no doubt would be safe. But I happened to know that he is leading a very wicked life; he is doing things which will involve him in disgrace sooner or later and I would much prefer that some other bank handle his business."

A man's good character is his best asset. Reputation upon character, and men judge a man by reputation. This has always been the case, but never more so now. A man's good character is tried and proven, and set and his best friend.

Fresh Vegetable at all times of the year. 262. W.W. Wood Co.

For nice country home. Comb see W. F. Ham.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance.

If the baby suffers from colic, diarrhoea or summer complaint, give it McGee's Elixir. It is a pure, healthful and effective remedy. Price 25c and 60c. Sold by Sander's Store.

New Things to Interest You

Low Prices to Tempt You

Yes, the first of the New Models are here. And fall fashion-wise will be the women who take advantage of the earliest display to see "What will be What" this autumn. On the first crisp day and even before if you are going to make a trip, wear a woolen frock. Of all the garments for fall dresses, wool seems to be the most favored. They are just heavy enough to wear by themselves on the first cool day, they serve equally as well under one's coat later. Tricotines lead again with Poiret Twills close behind, best shades are navy and black.

But we can't dwell on one item too long, for our store is filled to overflowing with everything needed for the youngest to the oldest in the family—in fact it's a family store, So bring the whole family in and let us fit them out. Our prices are right and a visit will convince you that we can save you money—and this is on quality goods too.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Two good wagons and a row binder. See Eli Case. 12t4p

FOR SALE—Have some good wagons, mules, mares etc., for sale at a bargain. See Homer Patterson. 1tp

FOR SALE—My home place, or will rent to reliable party. See W. L. Diltz Sr., Merkel. 19t2

FOR SALE—A span of young mules, or would trade for a good Ford car. Sidney Coats Jr. 1tp

LOST

LOST—Tuesday the 17th., two black Rat-Terrier dogs, with black spot over each eye; one a male and other female, eight months old. Please notify M. J. Shaw, Merkel, route 4. 1t

MISCELLANEOUS

PLENTY COW FEED—Hulls, Meal, Bran, Shorts, Hay. Phone number 203. tf

BOYS MAKE MONEY

Send your name to Circulation Manager, SUNSET MAGAZINE, San Francisco, Cal., and receive details of its special offer to boys who want to make spending money in vacations, after school, etc. Attractive special prizes for producers. tf

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Jas. H. West of the West Company of this city, with his family returned the latter part of last week from a pleasant fishing and outing trip to the Concho. Jas. H. after having experienced a few days of real effort at fishing returned with some what a doubt in his mind as to the authenticity of some fish stories previously circulated around here by Merkelites who preceded Mr. West to about the same spot along this well know stream. But our friend West forgets that there has been quite a change in conditions since his friends preceded him to this most enchanting spot—a long, hot dry spell, for instance. We suggest Jas H. that you go earlier next season.

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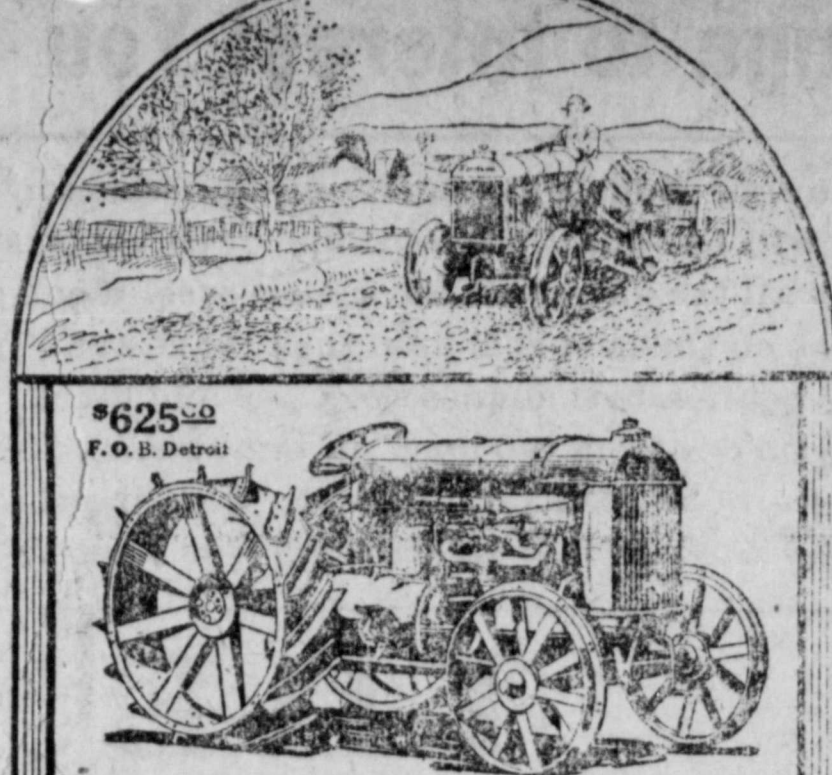
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Jas. H. West of the West Company of this city, with his family returned the latter part of last week from a pleasant fishing and outing trip to the Concho. Jas. H. after having experienced a few days of real effort at fishing returned with some what a doubt in his mind as to the authenticity of some fish stories previously circulated around here by Merkelites who preceded Mr. West to about the same spot along this well know stream. But our friend West forgets that there has been quite a change in conditions since his friends preceded him to this most enchanting spot—a long, hot dry spell, for instance. We suggest Jas. H. that you go earlier next season.

Mrs. T. G. Bragg visited in Westbrook Wednesday.

Mrs. W. R. Yates of Ranger, who was here last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McNeas, left Tuesday for her home.

Stewart Grimes and wife who have been the guests of friends and relatives for ten days left first of the week for their home at Eastland.

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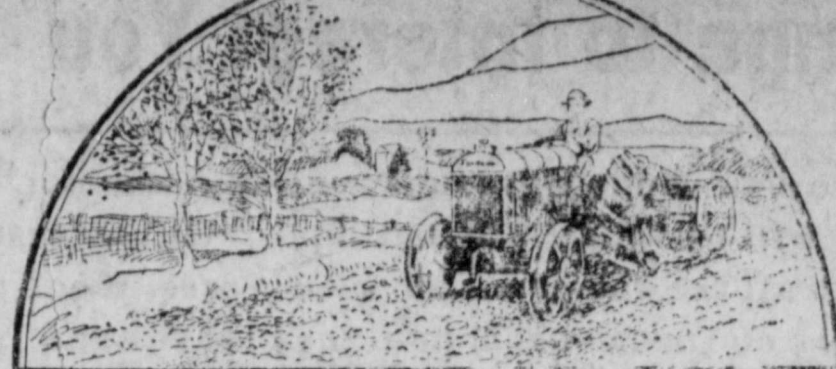
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L. W. Tittle who was called home last week account of the death of his sister, Mrs. Homer Patterson, left last Sunday for El Paso, where he is staying for the benefit of his health, and which we are glad to learn is improving nicely.

L. B. Scott of the Merkel Motor Company was called to Coleman this week to attend the funeral of an uncle, his father's brother, one of the best citizens of that town, which occurred Tuesday. The deceased died on Monday from heart failure.

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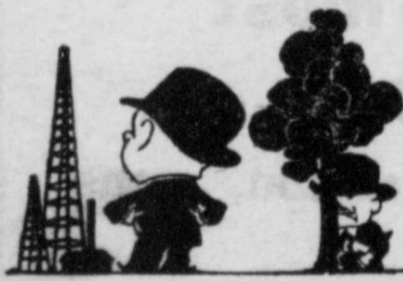
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AND CORNER stock.
AND WORK a hold-up.
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Prominent drivers all over the country are eagerly awaiting the posting of the State Fair purses and the outline of the State Fair program. This is being worked out now by the proper committees, and sanction of the International Motor Contest Association for the meet will soon be secured.

Some of the newest and fastest automobiles in the world will be on hand, according to the advance dope. On a fast track like that of the Dallas oval, world's records are quite likely to fall in bunches.

An added feature of the State Fair season may be a series of motorcycle races. It is now being determined by experts whether motorcycle racing is practicable on the State Fair track. If this report is favorable it is quite probable that the fastest thing on wheels—the motorbike—will join the autos in making a speed holiday for State Fair crowds.

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No. 23 . . . 5:00 p.m.
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Slackers from jury duty are
far more numerous than slackers
from military duty. Yet the
service which they dodge is e-
qually important to the safety
and welfare of the nation. In-
fact the American habit of des-
erting the jury box is one of
the elements contributing to the
increase of lawlessness and the
growing disrespect of the judi-
cial system.

Of course business is import-
ant and the almighty dollar is
valuable, more so today than for
many years. But the adminis-
tration of exact justice, the

maintenance of law and order
and of public safety are vastly
more important. They affect
the very safety and life of every
man and woman and child in the
nation.

When the so-called "good citi-
zen" avoids his reasonable jury
service he does not think his
action matters much. But when
he and many others of the more
experienced and more educated
citizens dodge the jury box they
rob the system of just so much
wisdom and understanding, and
in the end bring the courts to
a pass where many juries are
made up of ignorant men, many
of them professional hangers-on
who have little conception of the
importance of the task before
them.

The problems decided by
American juries are vital ones,
large properties, great principles
even life itself are in the scales
of justice which the jury may
move up or down. Can anyone
claim that such causes are en-
titled to anything less than the
very best jurymen who can be
found?

Those who are alarmed at the
prevalence of crime, those who
believe that the law should be
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ed.—Ft. Worth Record.

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are to have morals and ethics
added to the curriculum which
they will pursue. Time was
when father's palm and mother's
knee were the shrines of moral
and ethical education but if dad
and mother dear are too busy to
impart the principles of right
and wrong to their offspring, by
all means let the public schools
fill the gap. The instruction is
needed badly enough.—Record.

And speaking of the drouth
out west, you have noticed, of
course, that a dry spell will,
sooner or later, wind up with a
good rain.

It has been remarked that this
is the age of woman. But she
is not telling it.

The under dog usually gets
sympathy, but we don't know
how much good it does him.

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THE CITIZEN AND JURY DUTY

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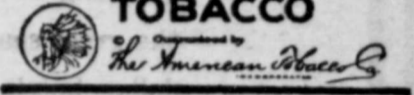
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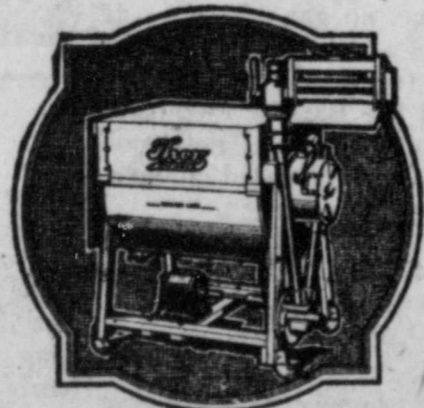


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Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg returned yesterday from their trip to the Eastern Markets, where they purchased for their Company a large and complete stock of dry goods.

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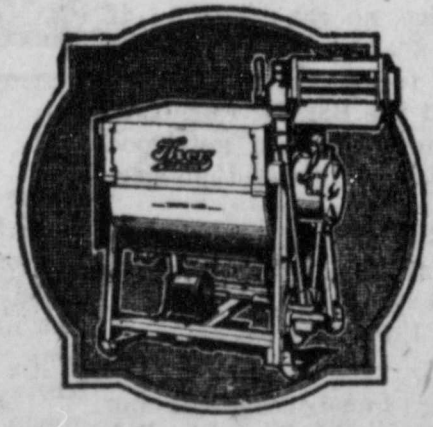
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kel—The roll of transfers for the county shows 122 transfers to Abilene and 28 to Merkel from rural districts. Most of these children come to these schools to do High School work not offered in their own districts; a number come because their parents realize the need of having their children in school nine months; and a few come because of their being located nearer these schools than their own. These transfers, viewed in one light, are compliments to these schools because of the grade of work they can and do offer; particularly, are they compliments to the ambition of these rural people who are willing to pay tuition for half the year in order to give their children the best advantages possible. Viewed in another light, these transfers should cause all of us to be dissatisfied with our school system in that it does not provide for the best advantages for our rural children, who represent almost seventy per cent of the children of our State. Even our schools voting the limit of one dollar will be handicapped if we do not receive State Aid. Some way, some how State Fund should be so provided that our rural children could remain in their homes until they had completed their public school work and have the advantages in their schooling that they merit. It is exceedingly unfortunate that many excellent families, who would really prefer to remain in the country, move every year to our large towns and cities because of the school advantages offered. We are proud of the rural schools of this country; we realize that, as a whole, they are far above the average, but we believe the time is not far distant when our State will see its obligation to this vast number of children.

We may say in this connection that, of course, no part of the Special Tax of the districts is transferred only the State Apportionment being used. The very liberal in their attitude toward our rural districts, and their spirit is much appreciated. However, since only part of the child's funds are transferrable, these schools charge tuition for four and one-half and five months respectively. In the Abilene School this tuition is at the rate of \$4.00 below High School and \$6.00 in High School; in the Merkel School, there is the one rate \$4.00 for all grades for scholastics.

Homes Desired for Rural Children Transferred to Town Schools—We have had a number of requests for good homes for children attending school in Abilene or Merkel. In some instances, straight board is desired; in others, an opportunity to assist with chores for board is asked for. We shall greatly appreciate having anyone interested in either of these propositions communicate with us at his earliest convenience regarding this matter. It is a most important one and we shall much appreciate assistance.

Plans for Joint Institute to be Held at Abilene—On Tuesday of this week at a meeting held at the Office of the County Superintendent, some general plans were made for the Institute to be held here this year. The date December 19th to 24th was set, this being the only time satisfactory for the number of school calendars concerned. The following counties and schools will be invited in this institute; Callahan, Shackelford, Taylor, and probably Jones, Abilene Merkel, Albany, Moran, Probably Baird and Clyde, and probably Stamford. Some splendid talent will be secured for speakers and four trained supervisors—high school Intermediate, Primary, and rural—will be present for work the full week. Probably four hundred teachers will be in attendance, and a most profitable meeting is anticipated. LET'S MAKE TAYLOR COUNTY SCHOOLS THE BEST IN THE STATE.

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We now have on display in our store one of the largest, most complete stocks of Fall and Winter dry goods ever before shown in Merkel. And in this line will be found every thing needed by the entire family. The Stock is of the very latest styles and standard makes of strictly High Class Merchandise. Nothing old or shoddy in our store.

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THE FAIR

SHOWER FOR BRIDE ELECT

Mesdames R. L. Myers and R. A. McNees entertained with a miscellaneous shower and announcement party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frazier in honor of Miss Mamie McNees whose marriage to Mr. Guy Crawford of Alpine takes place early in September.

Upon the reception of the guests their ability in doing needlework was tested by giving each a tea napkin to hem. Much merriment was created over this feat as everyone played the role of high school girl. Games of progressive "42" were indulged in and Miss Bess Tucker and Mrs. R. A. Stewart tied for high score. But upon cutting for the prize Mrs. Stewart was awarded an attractive five piece sanitas luncheon set, which was donated to the honoree. Miss Lorena Frazier was awarded the low score prize which was a box of sugar stick. Several musical selections were rendered by Miss Lorena Frazier.

During the afternoon a Syrian peddler impersonated by Miss Bess Tucker appeared at the door with a large suit case after much insistence and argument was permitted to come in and exhibit her wares. But an instinct which is peculiar to such personalities led her to bend low in front of the bride-elect and show to her the many beautiful and useful gifts contained in her pack. Much laughter was created by the witty remarks of the peddler who insisted upon telling what each article was to be used for.

A delectable salad course consisting of chicken salad, butter and date sandwiches, olives, and iced tea was served before the appearance of the peddler. The secret of the occasion was disclosed when each guest found concealed between their sandwiches a card bearing the following: "Crawford-McNees, September 6, 1921." Then a refreshing ice course of vanilla cream and devil's food cake was served.

Upon taking their departure each of the following guests registered in the bride's book with an original rhyme: Mrs. R. A. Stewart, Lamesa, Texas; Mesdames Joe Bickley, W. H. Frazier, B. A. Clark, Len Sublett, H. A. Sanders, P. T. Redding, W. R. Yates, Ranger, Texas and Misses Bess Tucker, Lorena Frazier, Mabel McNees, Julia Martin, J. Hallie Marquis, Sallie Curb, the honoree Miss Mamie McNees and the hostesses Mesdames R. L. Myers of Abilene, and R. A. McNees of San Antonio, Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Davis of Lorraine, were here this week for a visit with their son, Mr. T. T. Davis and family.

E. Seigel left first of the week for Chicago and St. Louis, where he goes to buy his fall and winter merchandise for the store.

MRS. HOMER PATTERSON DIED MONDAY AFTERNOON

At a sanitarium in Abilene on Monday afternoon at about five o'clock the spirit of Mrs. Homer Patterson took its flight from among the earthly conflicts, of trials and tribulations to that celestial home not made with hands, but where angels abide forever.

Just ten days prior to her death deceased had given birth to a sweet baby girl and from which complications set in causing her death. She was born in Georgia, in the year 1891, coming to this state with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Tittle when quite young, and was reared to young womanhood in and near Merkel. In 1907 she was converted and joined the Baptist church, and in which institution she remained a consecrated and faithful member to the end. In 1913 she was married to Mr. Homer Patterson and besides the husband she leaves one son, Coleman, aged seven years, and an infant daughter, Rachael about ten days old, to mourn her going away. Also an aged mother, several brothers and sisters are among those whose hearts and lives are deeply saddened as the result of the loss of this christian woman.

She was a loving mother, a kind and affectionate wife, and a true friend to all with whom she was acquainted, and this entire community loses one of its most beloved and admirable characters.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at the Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, which was attended by one of the largest congregations ever before attending a similar occasion, after which the remains were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery.

To the bereaved friends and relatives, and especially the devoted husband, little son and infant baby girl, the Merkel Mail joins the entire town and community in extending deepest sympathy in this their saddest hour of bereavement.

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B. P. Middleton and family returned last week from a visit with relatives in East Texas.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

The Young Peoples Missionary Society met in Mission study at the home of Julia Martin.

A splendid lesson had been prepared by all the girls out of the text book which we are now studying. Although the attendance was not as good as usual, about fourteen girls were present and each one entered heartily into the meeting.

It is urged by our Superintendent of Young people, Mrs. Thos. Durham, that each member bring with them at the next meeting a slip of paper on which is to be written the name of one individual that you have asked to come to church, between our last meeting night and the following Monday night. Let each girl enter into this missionary society with zeal and earnestness to do and work for the glory of God.

After business had been dismissed a short social hour followed in which splendid music by Julia Martin was greatly enjoyed. A refreshment of fruit and candy was served.

The next meeting will be with Mabel and Mammie McNees. Please let all of the girls come and be on time. Meeting hour is at 8 o'clock.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR SALE

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam White of Stomford spent last Sunday with J. Ben Campbell and family.

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Eld. W. G. Cypert returned last week from Bell county where he had been to attend the annual Camp Meeting of the Church of Christ, and reports a great meeting.

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Miss Murphy Thomas, has accepted a stenographic position with the Farmers State Bank. She is one of Merkel's finest young ladies, and the Merkel Mail predicts that she will make good with this institution.

Another car of Dawson Fancy Egg Coal expected any day. H. M. Rose and Son. tf

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A CAN OF GOLD

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Don't forget the Saturday Market at the Barrow Furniture Store where you can get good Cakes, Pies and dressed chicken.

J. S. Barnett a prominent citizen of Lamar county, was here this week for a visit with his sister, Mrs. J. P. Hutchins.

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Mr. Luna Tittle came in Tuesday night from El Paso to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Homer Patterson.

Mr. L. B. Scott and family returned from a very pleasant trip to California last Friday.

Miss Alice McGehee returned to her home at View first of the week after a visit with Lillie

For Torpid Liver

"Black-Draught is, in my opinion, the best liver medicine on the market," states Mrs. R. H. Whiteside, of Keota, Okla. She continues: "I had a pain in my chest after eating—tight, uncomfortable feeling—and this was very disagreeable and brought on headache. I was constipated and knew it was indigestion and inactive liver. I began the use of Black-Draught, night and morning, and it sure is splendid and certainly gives relief."

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NOTICE

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Z. R. Martin of route five has our thanks for a subscription to the Mail which he sends to his mother in Hunt County.

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell recently returned from a visit with their daughters at Seymour and Byers, Texas.

A SUN-SET SUPPER

On Wednesday afternoon, August 10th., the Sisters Mary met at the Baptist church where they hiked about a mile South of town, where they entered a pasture. Here various games, and songs were enjoyed by those attending.

Just as the golden Sun was sinking to its haven in the West, Miss Nell Tracy came and brought a delicious supper which was spread and the girls gathered round partaking of the following: Chicken, boiled ham, potted ham sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, chocolate cal-sunshine biscuits, oranges, lemon snaps, and ice water. After they had all eaten their fill of this there was plenty and some to spare left, this they gathered up and put into boxes. About this time Miss Tracy announced the time to go home.

They were all sorry to hear this but they had to go. On the way back home they ate sandwiches and cakes and sang many popular songs and as each departed they declared they had never had such a jolly time, and hoping that many more such occasions will occur in the near future.

The ones that made up this jolly crowd were as follows: Miss Lucy Tracy, Bonnie Mae Sherrell, Ona Faye Tatum, Lucille Hogg, Mildred Swafford, Ella Murlene Weed, Frankie Barrett, Alice Beadle, and the visitor Lois Swafford.

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Our Special train will leave Dallas over the M.K. & T. rail road Aug the 13th. Round trip Rate from Dallas including transportation, Pullman Service, Meals and showing country by automobile only \$30.00.

This trip if taken by you singly would cost you four times the amount we charge and from an educational stand point it will be worth ten times the amount you pay for it.

We will stop at Houston and Galveston on the way south spending one day in Galveston sight seeing including a visit to the great sea wall, the Galveston Beach, and dining at a million dollar hotel. Will leave Galveston in the evening and arrive in the Magic Valley of the lower Rio Grande the next morning.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG BRITONS

Compared With Opportunities in America They May Be Said to Be Decidedly Limited.

Here in America we are quite likely to take for granted that if a man has a good education, then his finding of an opportunity to apply it profitably is a comparatively simple matter. Certainly our whole educational program, and especially our whole line of educational appeal and propaganda, will have to be changed the moment that assumption is no longer to be made. Whiting Williams writes in Scribner's. "Equip yourself, Young America, and the country's yours!" we say in effect to our youth whether in school or at work.

In Britain there is much testimony to the effect that that assumption is not thus to be made.

Unless they spend additional years training for medicine, the law, or other of the professions, graduates of the universities must pretty much expect to find berths in the civil service. The exams for that are extremely difficult. Those who come out of them with marks at the top of the list get the best of the positions in the most important departments at home. They next go out to India or other provinces, while those below them take the second grade of the places here—and so on.

The pay starts at about £300 (nominally \$1,500, and considerably more in buying power), with gradual yearly increases up to a certain maximum and a pension.

TAUGHT LESSON BY HUNGER

Good Story of How Franklin Was Converted to the Idea of Fish as Human Food.

One day Benjamin Franklin—James Parten tells us in his "Life of Benjamin Franklin"—was on a sloop which was becalmed on a certain island. The sailors, as is still the custom when a ship is becalmed, amused themselves by fishing. Franklin witnessed the catching of the fish with regret. But soon there came to tantalize his nostrils a most alluring odor from the frying pan. So, as Franklin used to tell the story, he went over his reasoning again to see if there was not a flaw in it.

It occurred to him that when the fish were opened he had seen smaller fish in their stomachs.

"Ah!" said Franklin. "If you eat one another I don't see why we may not eat you!"

So Franklin dined upon the fish very heartily, and thereafter ate what others ate. When telling this story Franklin ended with an observation which is often attributed to Talleyrand, but which we are assured was a familiar joke with Franklin. This was:

"So convenient a thing it is to be a reasonable creature, since it enables one to find or make a reason for everything one has a mind to do!"

Persian Bread Has Many Uses.

At Kasvin, Persia, a British patrol base, we were lodged in empty wards of the military hospital, writes Mary E. Griscom in Asia Magazine. Our provisions had almost given out by this time, and we were reduced to Persian stone bread. So far as I know, only the coconut and the bamboo serve more purposes than the flaps of Persian bread, which are about two feet long, one foot wide and a quarter of an inch thick. If it is raining, the Persians use them on their heads as umbrellas; and if it is sunny, as parasols; in winter, they wrap the flaps around their shoulders. If they do not need them for protection they roll them up and carry them under their arms. In the hospitals they spread them out on empty beds to dry.

Up the Flowery Mountain.

Every year thousands of Chinese pilgrims risk their lives in climbing up the side of Hwa-Shan, the Flowery mountain, which is sacred to the Taoist religion. Any one reaching the temple far above is supposed to have any request granted as a reward for valor and endurance. The Hwa-Shan mountain is over 6,000 feet high, and the ascent in many places must be made along a narrow ledge of branches laid on posts driven horizontally into the face of the precipice. There are no handrails, but a chain held on a rock face offers some security to the ascending or descending pilgrim.

Entrance Must Have Made "Hit."

One Sunday morning a crowd was standing on the depot platform, a short distance from our home, waiting for an excursion train. The night before we had hung curtains around the broad front porch, and were sleeping out there on our steel-winged cot, as it was very warm. I was sleeping close to the edge and when my wife got up rather suddenly over went the cot and I rolled out onto the lawn, clad only in my nightshirt. In plain view of the waiting crowd.

I didn't go with my wife to meet the returning excursion that evening.—Exchange.

Two Methods.

"Now that you are earning a bigger salary," said the wife with social ambitions, "surely we can afford a bigger flat?"

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THE OTHER night.
I BROKE all rules.
AND READ a high-brow book.
AND HERE'S a hot one.
THAT IT handed me.
"MANY OF us find.
THAT TASTE affords.
ONE OF the fairly.
DEPENDABLE SATISFACTIONS.
OF EVERYDAY living.
AND IT seems.
UPON LONG reflection.
THAT SATISFACTION.
COMES CLOSE to being.
THE LONG sought.
"HIGHEST GOOD."
OF COURSE that isn't.
WRITTEN WITH the ease.
AND POLISH to which.

WE ARE accustomed.
BUT IT'S a mouthful.
AS YOU'LL agree if you.
JUST PUT it into good.
UNITED STATES, like this.
"SON, YOU'LL be running.
ON FOUR flat tires.
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