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AUTO VICTIM REMAINS LAID TO REST

The remains of Louis Coulter Dubree, aged 52, who last week lost his life in an automobile accident, was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery last Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, amid a large concourse of sorrowing friends and loved ones.

Rev. M. C. Hays, pastor of the First Methodist church, conducted the funeral services at the family residence three miles north west, while the local Odd Fellow Lodge had charge at the cemetery. Also, just at the close of the services, eight hooded and robed Knights of the Ku Klux Klan appeared and quietly marched in a circle around the grave; placing there on a very beautiful cross of flowers. Also one of their members reverently knelt and delivered a beautiful and impressive prayer.

Deceased was born at Galveston, Texas, November 2, 1871, and was married to Miss Minnie Mae Krumpet, July 6, 1898, at Sealey, Austin county, Texas, and who with a number of children survive him.

Mr. Dubree had been a splendid, law abiding, honest and upright citizen of this community for several years, and had made many friends, with whom we join in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Parent-Teacher Club Notes

The Parent-Teachers Club met in three "Divisions" Wednesday afternoon, with three delightful tea parties. The north side members meeting with Mrs. Lige Gamble, there being ten or twelve present. Several new members were secured at this place. The South side met with Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Grimes. Each home entertained about the same number of guests. Each meeting was a decided success, as each hostess was equally charming.

Quite a few new members were gotten at each tea. The membership is very enthusiastic. The time and place for future teas will be decided later. The regular meeting of the club is the second Wednesday afternoon of each month. We hope to add new members at each meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I am in a position to sell groceries for as small a profit as any body. Let me figure on your bills. A. L. Jobe. 19t2

MERKEL HAS 19 TO JOIN W. T. C. OF C.

Organization Manager Mr. B. F. Bennett, of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, spent a day or two in Merkel last week, in the interest of increasing the organization's membership in this city. And as the result of his visit and canvass here 19 firms and individuals become members of this splendid commercial organization.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce is indeed doing many big things for the people of this great Western empire, and the Mail is glad to see so many memberships in the organization from Merkel. Those having memberships are, The Farmers State Bank; The F. & M. National Bank, Merkel Lumber Co. Burton Lingo Co., J. C. Mason, Merkel Motor Co., Merkel Power Co., Thos. Durham, W. O. Boney, Cummings & Sanders, Woodroof Bragg Co., Merkel Drug Co.; Sanders Drug Store, Barrow Furniture Co., Drs. Armstrong and Grimes, Max Mellinger, Liberty Hardware Co., C. M. Largent & Sons.

\$30.00 CASH GIVEN AWAY SAT. JAN. 27

Arrangements have been made and plans perfected for the giving away by the business men, bankers and professional men of this city, on Saturday, January 27, at three o'clock in the afternoon \$30.00 in cash prizes, and which will be as follows: \$15.00 will be the first prize, \$10.00 the second and \$5 the third.

The plan is that, every business concern, (fifty one in all) that has donated to help make these cash prizes available, will have in his place of business tickets, which will be numbered alike on each end, and the public in general is invited to drop into each place when in the city and write their names on the dotted line found on one end of the ticket; place that end in the box or receptacle placed handy for that purpose; keep the other end bearing the same number as the one on which the name appears, and on Saturday, January 27, at 3 p. m. be present in person, and if the ticket bearing your name and number is drawn that compares with the numbered stub you hold you get one or the other of the cash prizes as the case may be.

Now, we are requested to state that every member of every household in and about Merkel, who can write, is entitled to come in and get a ticket. But you must remember that to get one of these prizes as they are drawn; the person whose name is drawn must be present with the coupon that compares with the name and number on the one drawn. That means that no other person can bring in your tickets and act for you. You, young or old must be there in person.

This idea was originated by a progressive citizen at the Commercial and Agricultural Club meeting recently, and is put on with the view of stimulating a friendly trade relation between the public and the business interest of Merkel.

It is also ruled that no member of any business firm or institution connected with the drawing, shall be allowed to receive tickets and enter the drawing.

Every one must also bear in mind that the giving away of tickets will stop with the close of business on Friday, January 26. No tickets will be given away on Saturday the 27th.

We would also impress upon the public's mind the fact that to enter this drawing, or secure one or more of these tickets, one is not obligated to buy any merchandise or at any expense what ever. The tickets are absolutely free.

We are pleased to announce that the Merkel Band will render a short band concert just before the drawing on Saturday afternoon the 27th.

Intermediate League Program

Subject—What is worth while.

Leader—Godie Richie. Scripture verse Eccl. xii 1, 13, 14, by leader.

Announcements. Instrumental solo, Gladys Milliken.

Song 1. Pleasure—Pearl Avery.

2. Money—Anna Lou Russell

3. Self—Stella Wilson

Song 4. Obedience—Mary Derstine

5. Service—Velma Holloway

Scripture Reading; Matt. 20: 28, Dorris Pike

Love, Lewis Tucker.

Scripture reading 1 Cor. xiii, by Ruth Pike.

Talk by leader

Song; League Benediction.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As we advance further into the New Year, our determination increases to make this a "Banner year", in all our church activities. One of the special features of the New Year is the Vesper Service on every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Next unday afternoon, the High school Choral Club will sing. You will enjoy hearing them. The ladies Missionary Society will have charge of the service and will give some thing interesting and instructive. January the 28 the Merkel Band will give a sacred concert. They have secured special music for this occasion and have a splendid program full of the old hymns you love.

Our Sunday school maintains a high standard of excellence. The officers and teachers are striving to continue the excellent work of the Past year. We also hope each Sunday to make our preaching service more spiritual. Next Sunday morning the sermon subject will be—"Conquering Power". A cordial welcome is extended to all. Fred S. Rogers.

R. A. ELLIS' CHICKENS WIN AT SWEETWATER

Mr. R. A. Ellis, local breeder and raiser of fine S. C. Rhode Island Chickens returned first of the week from Sweetwater, where he entered three coops of chickens, 12 birds in all. He won second cockrell, second oldest pen, fourth hen, 3rd cockrell and 3rd young pen.

And while there to exhibit his chickens, he sold every chick en but one.

Attorney T. J. Sanders returned last week from a trip on legal business to Oklahoma for the law firm of Cummings & Sanders.

W. O. W. LODGES INSTALL OFFICERS

On last Friday evening the Woodmen and Woodmen Circle lodges held a joint installation of officers for the ensuing year and which were as follows: W. M. Elliott, Consul Commander; Joe Riney, Adviser Lieutenant; Seth Hamilton, Banker; Ted Lassater, Clerk; G. W. Elliott, Escort; Clifford Rose, Watchman; Mack Cox, Sentry; Seth Hamilton, Manager.

Woodmen Circle Officers were: Mrs. P. T. Allday, Adviser; Mrs. R. J. Miller, Clerk; Mrs. J. M. Garrett, Guardian; Mrs. Polly, Banker; Mrs. Tom King, Attendant; Mrs. H. T. Merritt, Chaplain; Mrs. Cox, Past Guardian; Mrs. Marvin Boney, Outer Sentinel; Mrs. Burns, Inner Sentinel; Mrs. Geo Elliott, Manager.

MUTAL INSURANCE ORDER ORGANIZED AT ABILENE

A new Insurance order was this week organized at Abilene to be known as the "Citizens Mutal Life Insurance Association, with that City as headquarters. And while the official announcement has not been of the Association's organization, Mr. Parker Sharp, of this city, who is assistant Secretary of same, informs us that he is already writing many policies.

There is no better insurance than such as the above, and the Mail is glad to learn of the organization ofsa me in our splendid county seat. And to show our faith and belief in same we have already taken through Mr. Sharp, a policy. He tells us that full and complete announcement of the Association will be made within a few days.

FARM BUREAU CONTRACTS HELD LEGAL

Dallas, Texas, January 12—The cooperative marketing act of Texas is constitutional; the contracts used by the Farm Bureau commodity marketing associations are drawn according to law and are valid and fair, according to a decision of the Court of Civil Appeals at Galveston.

The case went up to the higher court from the District Court of Brazoria county. Action in the lower court was brought against L. D. Hollingsworth of Pearland by the Texas Hay Association, a Farm Bureau commodity marketing association. It was alleged by the association that Hollingsworth one of its members, was attempting to breach his contract by selling hay through his wife to Thomas C. Edwards, Julius W. Jockusch and C. A. Stansel, hay dealers.

The district court granted the Hay Association a double barreled temporary injunction which restrained Mr. Hollingsworth and his wife from selling hay outside the Texas Hay Association and which restrained hay dealers from buying or attempting to buy from the Hollingsworths or any other member of this association.

An attempt was made to get lower court to dissolve this injunction. The court refused, whereupon Hollingsworth and Edwards appealed to the higher court.

The appellate court not only sustained the lower court on every point but went much farther. The higher court went to the bottom of the matter by declaring that cooperative marketing associations are not in violation of the anti-trust laws; that cooperative marketing is strictly in line with the policy of the state; that the law is constitutional; that the contracts are made according to law; that the contracts are one-sided but are fair to both sides.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

To the officers and members of Merkel Lodge number 355, we your committee who were appointed to draft Resolutions of respect:

Where as the Supreme Ruler of the Universe has called from our midst our dear Brother, L. C. Dubree, whose daily life was exemplified in the teachings of Friendship, Love, and Truth:

Resolved that we realize that one has been removed from our midst whom we shall miss, and that we are reminded that we pass this way but once, and what ever good we do must be done now. Therefore we are called to mourn with those who mourn and weep with those who weep. A link has been broken from our chain, to be added to the golden chain above.

Resolved; that our Charter be draped in mourning for at least 60 days and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records; a copy sent the family under seal of this lodge. Also a copy be sent the Merkel Mail for Publication.

From the ranks our friends are dropping; yet to memory they are dear. Still in spirit we behold them and in dreams they hover near. We shall meet them, the morning when our work on earth is done; at the river, Blessed river, we shall gather One by One.

Respectfully Submitted, G. W. Elliott; J. R. Pee, Committee H. M. Rose, Secretary

Mrs. Mason Pee is visiting her parents at Maude, Oklahoma.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor. Morning Subject—The Secret of Endurance. Evening Subject—Sowing the Seed.

All B. Y. P. U's meet at 6.

Training Classes, Monday at 7 p. m.

Ladies meeting, Tuesday at 3 p. m.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7 p. m.

Choir Practice, Wednesday, at 8 p. m.

You are cordially invited to any or all services.

We expect at an early date to have Judge C. M. Caldwell to address our people on two interesting themes, "The layman's part in making the church a success." and "A trip through Europe."

We are not able to say when he will be here but the Sunday he can come his address will take the place of the regular morning and evening subjects.

Our Sunday school is beginning to get back to its old self. Come help make it better than ever. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

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ODD FELLOWS INSTALL OFFICERS

On last Thursday evening, the Odd Fellows and Rebekah's held joint and open installation of their officers for the ensuing year, and after the installation ceremonies, under the direction of district deputy grand master U. S. Hamilton, assisted by Hargraves, Duke Armstrong, and Bulah, all of Abilene, a delicious and appetizing repast, consisting of bread, cake, pies, ham, chicken, sausage, pickles, coffee and chocolate was served to three hundred guests or more. It was one of the most pleasant get-together meetings held jointly by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in Merkel. Visitors were in attendance from Coleman, Abilene, and elsewhere.

The following short program was given prior to the installation ceremonies:

Music; Reading by Sally Mary Campbell; Piano Solo by Lola Dennis; Music; Reading by Zelma Stevens; Music; Miss Burns presided at the piano.

Odd Fellows installed were: P. A. Diltz, N. G.; T. A. Biedleman, V. G.; H. M. Rose, Sec.; W. M. Elliott, Treas.; L. E. Sanders, Warden; J. M. Toombs, conductor; J. R. Pee, Chaplain; Joe Riney, I. G.; A. Foster, O. G. B. P. M. iddleton, R. S. N. G.; W. E. Stanford, L. S. N. G.; T. D. Compton, R. S. S.; D. I. Shelton, L. S. S.; C. P. Stevens, R. S. V. G.; W. A. Candless, L. S. V. G.

Trustees selected were; H. M. Rainbolt, C. P. Stevens and T. A. Biedleman. D. I. Shelton was elected delegate to the Grand Lodge which convenes at Dallas in March. C. P. Stevens alternate.

Rebekhas installed were: Miss Lula Higgins, N. G.; Miss Lola Jaynes, V. G.; Mrs. H. M. Rose Sec.; Mrs C. L. Cash, Treas.; Miss Renna Burns, Warden; Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, conductor; Mrs. C. P. Stevens, Chaplain; C. L. Tucker; I. G.; Joe Riney, O. G.; Miss Ula Collins, R. S. N. G.; Mrs. Polly, L. S. N. G. other appointive officers we failed to get.

Just before supper was announced short talks on the good of the order, were made by Bob Hamilton, Gene Hargraves, U. S. Hamilton, C. C. Campbell, Miss Higgins, Henry Rose, W. M. Elliott and others.

RUMORS OF CHANGE STITH WELL OWNER

At this writing, Thursday, afternoon, we are informed that the President of the C. H. Oil & Development Company is in the city from Atlanta, Ga. and that some oil men from some other point, possibly Wichita Falls or Breckenridge, are also here, and rumor has it that there is a deal on for the sale of the Stith well to the latter, who we are told will begin drilling on the well immediately in case they purchase same.

There is also a rumor a float that should the trade not go through that those having charge of the well will soon begin drilling again. The Mail would like very much to give our readers a more definite report on just what is likely to really happen regarding this matter, but as there has really been no deal completed at this time, when we are going to press, we will have to pass the matter up for the next issue, when we will be glad to give any and all information we might learn for publication.

CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Bro. W. G. Cypert will preach for us Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. You are cordially invited to hear him.

Bible study at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. O. J. Adcock.

SIMMONS COLLEGE VISITS IN MERKEL

No, not all of the College, but it is true that Miss Willie Ray McDonald, a member of the faculty, Miss Hattie Conway, a dignified senior, and Miss Alberta Howell, a promising junior, were guests of Miss Julia Martin for the week-end. All seemed to have had a very enjoyable time, talking laughing, sleeping, eating, motoring, and kodaking. These young ladies were former college chums of Miss Martin's and we hope that they will visit in Merkel again ere long.

CARD OF THANKS

I've taken this method of thanking our friends of this community and surrounding ones for the love and kindness shown us in the loss of our dear husband and father.

Also the floral offering was very much appreciated. May the Lord's richest blessings rest up on each and every one of you.

We are respectfully,
Mrs. C. L. Dubree
and Children.

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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

HIT DON' TAKE LONG FUH A "CHIP" ON YO' SHOULDER T' YURN T' A "KNOT" ON YO' HAID!



THIS BANK IS A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

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Help build an institution that is founded upon Honesty, Safety and Service.

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Presbyterian Auxiliary

The Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church met on Monday afternoon January 15th at the home of Mrs. Byrant, with a good attendance of members and several visitors. Roll call was answered with Bible Quotations. Miss Dota Garrouthe gave an interesting talk on "Our Job". Mrs. Fred Rogers talk on Mormonism was indeed interesting as well as educational. Our president, who is always ready to do more than her part for Missions, assigned each member her part of the work for "Our Job" and we hope before the end of the year this organization will have accomplished most of the things it has planned to do. Our motto is "Lifting others as we climb."

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Chas. H. Jones on Monday January 22. Let every member come and bring a new member. Reporter.

Aching joints, rheumatic pains, neuralgia, can be relieved quickly by a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It is powerful penetrating remedy. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and 1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Jan.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

1. Song; Prayer; Song.
2. Business and minutes
3. Group No. 1 take charge of the program
Subject—"David Livingstone". Introduction and Livingstone's childhood, by Joe Ben Ashby.
How Livingstone worked and studied, Gladys Deutschman.
Answering the call to go, by Eunice Bird
Deciding for Africa, Clyde Mayfield.
Missionary and Explorer, by Charlie Largent
Reading, Gladys Deutschman
Warrior, Mary Maffat, by Durwood Owens.
Closing years, Ailene Childress.
Leaders ten minutes
Closing song and prayer.
Let all come and bring up your parts so that you will not have to read them. Come and bring a new member.

You might think your suit or dress is faded—it just needs a good dry cleaning, which removes all the dirt and dust, cleans it clean and puts a press in it that stays. Positively guaranteed. Ligon the laundryman, tf phone 218.

PROGRAM FOR THE WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Monday January 22 1923
Hymn—No. 258—"Wonderful Words of Life".
Bible Lesson—Jesus the Shepherd. John 10 (1-10).
Mrs. H. A. Sanders
Prayer—Mrs. C. B. Smith.
A Unique talk for home and foreign missions
Mrs. M. Armstrong
Meeting a religion, Christian in name but Pagan in Practice
(a) Placing responsibility and earmarks of paganism Mrs. L. R. Robbins
(b) Romanism is an attack on Civil Government and foundations of mortality . . . Mrs. Ross Ferrier
The Catholic Church is an enemy to Jesus Christ
Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson
My Missionary Gift for 1923 . . . Mrs. H. C. Williams
Song—No. 39—"Take the name of Jesus with you."
Roll Call—by Secretary, answered with "My Missionary resolution for 1923".
Benediction—

AMERICA NOT CULTURED EH?

One Sir Chutney, an Englishman we presume, with a Sir to his name, says that Americans are not cultured. Listen to what Sir Chutney says of us Americans; "All English investigators will agree with me that America as a whole, is totally devoid of culture. The arts and sciences languish in America. Her music is nil. Her finer sensibilities are nowhere in evidence. The only thought in America is of money." Well, the Bible says that love of money is the root of all evil, and as yet, we have never seen an Englishman that wouldn't chase after the American dollar, and what gets his goat, the yank always beats him to it. And what tickles us, the English pound has lost its crown, and the American dollar rules the world. Sir Chutney says that the arts and sciences languish in America—The sciences languish eh? Every modern convenience that the English have they have borrowed from their cousins on this side of the pond—the steamboat, the telegraph wires and ocean cables, the telephone system, the airplane, the submarine, the iron clad monsters of the sea, the automobile electricity, and God only knows what not. In the science of surgery, your name is nil, and in the realm of chemistry and research; we have outstripped you a thousand years, and under the spot-light of the x-ray, we have spied out the deadly germs and microbes, furnish antidote for the alleviation of disease and pain, and converted the swamps of the world into health resorts—And yet we are crude, uncultured and the sciences languish in America. Why doggone your biggotted time, we are only a hundred and fifty years old, and we have licked you twice on land and sea and will do it again if you get gay. Why yes, we have stalked across deserts iron shod, cities have sprung up over night so to speak, and we have builded sky scrapers that over-shadow your old ancient smoky temples and makes them look like adobe huts. O yes, American mechanical genius has made all the world a play ground and a pleasure resort, harnessed the forces of nature, unloosed the shackles of servitude and smoothed the wrinkles on the brow of labor, dignified toil, made it a pleasure rather than a curse, and the whirl of machinery scares the wolf of want away from the home, and the business of making a living is only a recreation between meals. Why yes, the cotton gin was born in the brain of a Georgia goober grabber, yes a country school teacher—science languished in his crude mind, and yet, that machine stripped the cotton fibre of its rubbish and furnished the raw product to English looms, fed your pauper millions, which made you mistress of every sea, gave you an unbroken chain of terrain around the globe and money lenders for all of creation, and all the world tipped its hat to the English crown. But time aspage moved on, and hatred and jealousy, bickering and political chicanery rattled the bones in the closets of ancient kingdoms, and the doggendest row ever staged on earth resulted. And not withstanding, we had furnished you all the accoutrements of war, yet you could not shoot worth a damn not stop the German hordes in their march down to the sea. So the crude American Yank crossed the pond, squatted down in the trenches at Chateau-Thierry, and just like they did behind the bales of cotton at New Orleans, when they shot hell out of the English military dream, they looked down thru' the sights of their trusty guns and demolished the iron ring, and shattered the magic spell of the Kaiser's mad dream for world conquest, and set the world free, and you durn fellows ain't got sense enough to man the victory, and here you are crying for the yanks to come back and help you to unravel

the political skein. And another thing we like to have forgotten, the strategic move that brought victory to the allied armies—armies was born in the crude brain of an American Yank, when he told them to solidify the allied armies and place them under one command. And in conclusion, we want to say to you English folks that your minds are fossilized with ancient lore, and you are sitting around the tombstones of your great men, mourning their departure, and extolling their greatness, and all stuck up about your men of letters, scientists, diplomats, and poets, historians, and painters and hughers of marble—and we just dare you to open the doors of Westminster Abbey, the charnel house of England's great men, and line them up in a row, and we will trot out a few American geniuses like Henry Ford, Thomas A. Edison, Charley Garry, Orville Wright, Bell, Campbell and James J. Hill and not a mother's son of them ever saw the inside of a college, and yet they solved more scientific problems, added more wealth, and have given civilization more luxury and ease than all of England's dead heroes who have lived and died for the past thousand years. Devoid of culture and all the finer sensibilities, eh? And think of it, the kid is just in its swaddling clothes, been here about a century and a half, and when we get through solving all the problems of commerce, agriculture, government, and finance, and make all the forces of nature man's slave, say hello to the man in the moon, converse with the Martians, tame the atom and fly around the world in twenty four hours, wipe the scourage of tuberculosis and cancer germs from the human system, and lengthen the span of a human life to a thousand years. But until then my Dear Sir Chutney, we will shy the castor on ancient book-lore, dead languages, and give more attention to the finer sensibilities of which you speak, and become high brows and toads, build colleges and deify are and the higher branches of learning, put stage clothes on dead heroes, ad carve ad paint poetise—Devoid of culture, eh? —Albany News.

Mrs. T. G. Bragg returned last Sunday from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Dee Grimes at Breckenridge. Mr. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald went over Sunday morning returning with Mrs. Bragg in the afternoon.

Take a dose of Herbine when you are bilious or constipated or your stomach is out of order. It is a marvel of promptness in correcting these conditions. Price, 60c. Sold By Sanders Drug Store. Jan

J. W. Wheeler returned yesterday from Fort Worth, where he had been with a shipment of cattle to market.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blair returned last week from an extended visit with friends and relatives among the scenes of their childhood days in the state of Alabama. Mr. Blair stated that they had not been to their old home for a visit in several years, and that he found many changes during the course of time.

Get your counter charge books at the Mail Office Merchants.

Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw and little daughter, Lennah Dean are visiting her mother, Mrs. M. C. Sadler, at Tolbert, Texas.

Miss Amy Bradshaw is in school at Simmons College.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

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DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren G. F. West Sam Butman, Sr.

Sub Senior B. Y. P. U.

Doctrinal meeting.
Topic—The Bible and its Place in Christianity.
Leader—Roxie Sharp.
Introduction—Leader
1. The Bible and the Common People—Nina Miller.
2. Since the reformation—Viola Brown.
3. The Bible Attested by the faith of Others—Floyd Dowell.
4. Bible Readers Quiz—Lula Belle Sharp.
5. The Bible as a witness—Stella King
6. The Bible as our authority, by Evan Allen.
7. The Bible ministers to Experience—Virgil Hassey.
8. The use we should make of our Bible—Eula Deavers.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U. No 2

By Group number one.
Leader—Fannie Bell Boaz.
1. Cullen Toombs
2. Thelma Deavers
3. Henry Briggs
4. Jessie Childress
5. Ona Tatum
6. Lewis Giles
7. Thelma Deavers
Playlet "Christianity in Africa"

A bad wound, burn or cut should be cleansed of dirt or impurities and dressed with Liquid Borozone. It heals the flesh with marvelous speed. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Jan.

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W. F. Golladay, Agt.

Free Drawing For Everybody

\$30.00 in Actual Cash to be Given Away

Sturdy Janury 27 at 3 p. m.

**On the streets of Merkel, one prize of \$15.00 in cash,
one for \$10.00 and one for \$5.00**

The business interest of Merkel have decided to actually give away this money to the lucky party who might draw same, but the party must be here at the drawing to get the money if they should draw it, as they will not send the money out to any one. The business people of Merkel who have subscribed this money, will have tickets at their places of business to give away to their customers and friends, there is no requirements from you, only that you come to Merkel any time from now until the drawing, and step in to the store where you do business, and they will gladly give you a ticket; all you have to do, is just write your name and address on this ticket, and tear off the part with your name on it and drop that part with your name on it in a box prepared for that purpose, and keep the other part of the ticket until the drawing comes off, and be here with your ticket to claim the money should you draw it. Tickets will be given away from now until Saturday the 27th, as they are not supposed to give any tickets on that day. The desire of the business people is that every family in a radius of fifteen miles of Merkel get at least one ticket for every member of their family. But each individual member of that family must call for their own tickets, and sign same, and be here in person to draw it. Every business interest in Merkel who have contributed to this prize, will have tickets at their places of business, and are anxious to have you call and get a ticket, as they are anxious for their customers and friends to have a chance at this cash drawing. You do not have to buy anything to draw, just come in and draw it, it is absolutely FREE to all. Merkel expects to have a Gala day on that occasion when we can meet our friends and acquaintances and have a good time. The spirit that prompted this is to cultivate a friendly feeling, and a cooperation for Merkel and its trades territory. So come one and all, and let's keep the home fires burning, and learn each other better. Remember the date for this drawing is Saturday, January 27th at 3 O'clock in the afternoon.

Under the Auspices of the

Merkel Commercial & Agricultural Club

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By Vennie Heizer.

We are grateful to Mr. Klingman of A. C. C. for an interesting chapel talk last week.

Merkel played her first basket ball game Friday, January 12, on the Simmons court. We lost to Trent but held them to a close score of 22 to 28.

Most of the students were fortunate enough to get in the group picture made on the school ground last week.

We heard a short talk by an Omaha Indian Monday. The Indian wore the tribal costume, also a war bonnet of bald eagle feathers. Part of his costume was elaborately beaded.

Friday was the end of another grade period and we have the news that the number of failures has decreased. Maby "Day by day in every way we are getting better and better, ask Miss Pierce.

We have it that the kidnapping of his wife is one thing that Mr. Burgess has on his "thankful list"—thankful that she has returned safely and so soon we suppose.

Sometimes we think things are ours when they are not. If you don't want to lose anything carry it around with you—for instance, if you have no pockets in which to carry your money put it in a paper sack and hang it around your neck.

They say one should hold his hand in front of his mouth when yawning—but Herman Wilkins says, "Whats the use? When your hand is too small?"

The W. Q. A. Q. broadcasting station at Abilene sent out an interesting program Tuesday night. The Senior Class was invited by Mr. Burgess to hear the program. The program could be heard very plainly and was enjoyed. Mr. Burgess said that it was "too good for Abilene". Several distant stations were also heard.

Car of Choice Brookston Hay, just arrived at G. M. Sharp's Grocery.

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THE BIGGEST SHIPMENT OF SHOES

We have this week received the largest, best and most up-to-date shipment of New Shoes ever brought to merkel. Yes we have the size and style that you need and are looking for. Infact we have tried to buy selections such as will please every one; hence we would urge that you come in at once before the stock is picked over and make your selections.

These shoes are un excelled in quality and style and the price is within reach of all.

Besides the above new shoes for the spring and summer wear, we are daily receiving new spring dry goods. Come in and look them over.

And we would call your attention to the fact that there is every indication that the winter is yet mostly to come, and in this connection we still have winter goods for every member of the family at prices that are much lower than the same goods could be bought in the wholesale markets today.

MAX MELLINGER

Thursday Club

January 11, is a date well to be remembered, as on this date Mrs. Griggs and Mrs. Aristo Crat were hostesses to the members of the Thursday club at the home of the latter on Oak Street.

Never has there been a display of more attractive, befitting and gorgeous gowns worn by the aristocracy of the town, than was seen at this, the swellest event of the season.

No one could have met the guests at the door in a more aristocratic manner than did Mrs. Griggs on this occasion, and too, there was the faithful old servant, Dinnah Snowflake, in her graceful, blithsome way, saw to the needs and comforts of all present.

Much time was spent in discussion and admiration of the latest Paris and American styles.

Cards were then passed to match partners for the ensuing games of digressive blind '42', in which every "digressor" was given a consolation for her fate and Mrs. Eva Bright was successful in winning the trophy, a beautiful Woolworth special ruby ring.

For the benefit of the European and American designers, snapshots of the gorgeous costumes were made. Applications for same can be made to Mrs. Hi Brow who will give each, prompt and courteous attention.

Time then came to decide who was the most beautiful and most appropriately dressed for this high tone affair and a vote by ballot, was taken, in which, Countess Pnewslife was thought to be the most artistically gown ed, was awarded a dainty corsage of huge red poppies and field flowers tied with maline, showered with plumbs, cherries and berries.

Plates, consisting of hot coffee, oysters, potatoes, lettuce and gum drops were passed by Dinnah who told "Fairy Stories" as she so gracefully passed among the guests.

All reluctantly departed after

thanking their hostesses for the joys of the afternoon.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By Myrtle Harris.

Christmas has past, New Year is gone, and new resolutions have been made. Of course we don't know how long these new resolutions will last, but we hope they will last until the end of the year.

Our resolutions—1923 will be a glorious year for me, and high school nutrition, I'll make it one long jubilee.

The Boys of Merkel high school are playing ball to beat the band.

Wednesday, January 3, the boys played Tye, and beat them by a score of about forty to zero. January 8, they played A. C. C. and were beaten by a score of 25 to 13.

After the holidays, a number of teachers came to school wearing diamond rings, and the strangest thing about them is that they are worn on their engagement finger. We are wondering if their fate will be the same as that of Mr. Burgess?

On Wednesday morning after the Christmas holidays, posters were seen on the walls of the Study Hall. They read something like this—"Them days is gone forever; Single Blessedness; Who'd thought it? Just another good man gone wrong."

Another event that occurred on New Years day was the second of Mr. Burgess. With Mary Cleo Booth, ex-Senior, dressed in a lovely window curtain veil and with a large bouquet of roses, as the bride; Mr. Wrenn Durham as the bridesgroom, Myrtle McDonald and Rosie Laney, with coal scuttle full of paper rose leaves, as flower girls. Autry Porter was the minister. She used the dictionary as her Bible and pronounced the following words that made them man and wife—"I Baptise thee", etc.

FOR SALE—2 Tyler ical College scholarships, cheap.

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Merkel is located almost half way between two good towns; namely Abilene and Sweetwater. Those towns are forging ahead they are building in every direction. And listen, there is one of the finest pike roads leading to both of them from Merkel. The business men of these towns are alive and hustling for business. Merkel business men and citizens should keep pace with the trend of things. At least half of the cotton raised in Taylor county is ginned and marketed in Merkel. This money should be spent with Merkel business firms. Are they going to reach out and get it? It's their's by right. They should wake up.

Some few weeks ago our worthy Mayor and City Council men had shipped in from Colorado some of the famous road building gravel that comes from that place and had same placed on our main streets. It was just a pile of gravel and sand, and it was troublesome to get thru' and many of us cussed about it. But look at it today. By sprinkling water on same for several days and then dragging them we now have some fine streets. Infact, we call attention of our citizenship to the fact that during the past year or so there has been quite a number of good streets gravelled and built up in Merkel, and the Mail takes pleasure in com-

mending our splendid Mayor and aldermen for same. Infact we believe these men are in for doing everything they can for the betterment of this city, and we feel that they are making a splendid record as officials.

"Please don't remove your hat in this elevator. Keep it on and help speed up elevator service." This is a sign the mayor of Cleveland proposes to place in all elevators in that city. Fellows, who have to be so polite and take off their hats just jam things up", said the mayor. "They hold their hats over their stomachs and take up room that other people should have and block the way in getting in and out of elevators.—Randall County News.

Too many of our old time southern customs are passing away, and we would hate to see the custom of men removing their hats in the presence of ladies done away with. The present tendency of the age is to masculinize our customs in reference to our women. The women themselves are inclined to do away with many old time and well established customs, and inaugurate many things contrary to our ideas and those who hold the old Southern ways of doing things. To fail or refuse to remove your hat in the presence of women would be a failure to honor womanhood in the sense it has been practiced for so many years. Let us not cheapen womanhood further by introducing modern ways that place them on a level with the male. There is no need of ever changing the custom of tipping our hats to women. It is an honor that true womanhood is deserving.—Lockney Beacon

A man upon being accosted, and asked how his family stood politically advised that matters were badly mixed, "that he was a republican, his wife a democrat, the baby wet, the cow dry, and his dog just sat around and howled and was no doubt a socialist".—Guymon Tribune.

A sewer system for Merkel would be a good investment for every business firm and property owner in the city. It would help to hold within our limits many good substantial citizens who are contemplating removing to some point where there are such convenience and bring to our city others who would locate where such can be had. And still we have men, good men, who are always willing to let things stand just as they are. They say, oh well, I've lived here twenty or thirty years without such conveniences, and I am satisfied to just keep the old town just as she is. Yes, but there are more people who had rather live in a town that is alive and up to date. And there is still a few who still believe that a man can get along without an education, but thanks to the good Lord there are but a few. Just suppose that the majority of the American people had have listened to those old fellows away back yonder who stood out against the progressive moves for education, and we had not progressed in these lines, this would have been a great country, eh? If Merkel is to remain a town the size it is now even, let alone increase it's population it's citizenship must wake up or else the larger towns which now surround it will forge ahead so fast and so far that little old Merkel will dwindle away and remain an even smaller village than she is today.

To drive out worms that are eating away the strength and vitality of your child, use White's Cream Vermiguge. It expels the worms without injury to the child. Price 35s. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Day by Day in every way, will Merkel grow smaller as the surrounding towns grow larger unless her citizens, day by day and every way boost and work for a larger and better Merkel.

"Clean Up" "Paint Up" "Hurry Up"

Let's all clean up our premises and make them more attractive by smearing a little paint on. We are exclusive agent for the "D. voe" line in Merkel and carry a full assortment of House Paint, varnishes, Floorlacks, stains, enamels etc.

Poultry wire, water hose, chopping and garden hoes, rakes, poultry yard equipment, well if you want anything in Hardware leave it to us, we'll see you get what you want if it can be got. Ask our customers if we are not right.

LIBERTY HARDWARE CO.

The only exclusive hardware store in Merkel

Paint Up, Paper Up, Clean Up

Avoid sickness by cleaning up your premises.
Avoid decay of property by painting your house.
Avoid a discontented wife by repapering your house.

Let us help you solve the above problems by showing you our beautiful line of wall paper and our unequaled line of paint, varnishes and etc. We can save you money on your paint. Sherwin Williams paint has stood the test for 14 years in Merkel, with out a complaint of any kind. Can you beat this?

We can paint your house just as cheap with Sherwin Williams paint, as you can with any paint you may order, even though it costs you more per gallon it wont cost any more for the job. We guarantee to do this, and are ready to make our guarantee good. (why order your paint?) Come in and let us explain to you how we can do this.

BARROW FURNITURE CO.

S. C. WHITE LEKHORN BREEDER SENDS US A CALLENDER

Over at Bowie, Texas, there is a man by the name of M. Johnson, who owns what is claimed to be one of the largest if not the largest poultry farms in the world. And, judging from the literature being sent out, including a splendid new calendar, one of which we are thankful for, and which is now hanging in our office, we are sure that Mr. Johnson is a live wire and that he has a very fine poultry farm; that same is stocked with the very finest single-comb White Leghorn chickens. This farm has 35 acres in it, and has equipment for 35,000 Leghorns of different sizes and ages. It is stated that nearly half million chicks were hatched on this farm last year. It has incubator Capacity for hatching 61,000 eggs every three weeks. Some Chicken farm Eh!

As is well known to most every one, Mr. J. T. Warren has recently completed one of the finest homes not only in this city, but one of the nicest and best in this part of the state, and of course in order to give that nice home the proper appearance, Mr. Warren had to have put down nice sidewalks, fronting his property, and which has caused others along his street to fall in line and do likewise. Among those who have recently or now having walks put down are, Mr. G. B. Brown, A. C. Rose and T. G. Bragg and possibly others. And Mr. A. T. Sheppard who resides on this popular street also, but several blocks closer in, is also having some improvements made about his home which will add much to comfort and beauty of same. Let others go and do likewise. Let all who can paint up and clean up, and help put Merkel on the map.

Mrs. T. T. Grimes returned this week from a visit with friends and relatives at Lubbock and other Plains towns.

TRENT NEWS

Trent Texas.
Mr. Charlie Duke of Meadows, Texas, is visiting friends and relatives in Trent this week.
Mr. T. J. Williamson, Mr. Charlie Duke, Mr. C. S. Robinson and Mr. C. T. Beckham motored to Abilene Tuesday.
Mr. Homer Easterwood has gone to Bernard, Texas on business this week.
Mr. Ed Bowers has been sick with the flu but is again able to be at work.
Mr. W. J. Armour now has a radio installed in his home. He entertains friends very often.
Mr. M. G. Scott motored to Abilene Wednesday on business.
Mr. Bragg of Merkel was in Trent in business, Wednesday.
Mr. C. L. Mangum has been sick but is now feeling better.
Mrs. George Howell of Bates, Arkansas is visiting her father-in-law, Mr. Howell of Trent. Her little daughter now has the flu. We hope the little girl is soon well again.
Mrs. Sallie Bowers of Abilene and her sister Mrs. Marie Earp of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bowers of Trent last Tuesday afternoon.
A number of Trent people motored to Merkel to the Indian Show Tuesday evening and among them were Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott and family, Miss Bea Billings, Miss Reta Mae Winn and Master Charlie Howell.
Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black and son Mr. W. C. Black of Merkel were in Trent a short time Wednesday morning. They were returning from Sweetwater where they had been visiting their daughter who is in the sanitarium.
Mr. J. W. Watkins and Mr. D. E. Tedford motored to Abilene Wednesday on business.
Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Landreth motored to Merkel Wednesday afternoon.

GOLAN

There is several cases of La Grippe or Flu in our community this week. Mrs. J. R. Dean; little Odel Byrom, and Glendale Lane are on the sick list.
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kinsley and little daughters, Lorena, and Lillian visited relatives near Merkel Sunday.
Messrs A. S. and G. M. Lawlis and families and Mrs. W. C. Hill were guests of P. W. Lawlis Sunday.
G. M. Byrom, J. T. Williams and H. F. Jeffery were in Roby Saturday on business.
Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Herron visited his sister, Mrs. Elmer Davis Sunday.
J. D. Green and family were visiting in Hamlin Saturday.
Marvin Douglass and family and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jeffery spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Byrum, Sunday.
Rev. L. E. Northcutt of Abilene is visiting his brother J. D. Northcutt this week. He preached at the Methodist Church here Saturday night, Sunday at 11 o'clock and Sunday night, and will probably preach for us the rest of the week. Bro. Northcutt delivers some very impressive and touching sermons and those that fail to hear him miss a treat.—Zoe.

RURAL CARRIER EX- CHANGES JOBS WITH RY. MAIL CLERK

We are informed that Mr. W. Urban Shannon, splendid Rural Carrier from the Merkel Post Office, has arranged to exchange positions with Mr. W. S. Slaydon who is Railway Mail Clerk from Memphis, Tennessee to Bowling Green Kentucky, and will report there for service on February 1st. Mr. Shannon is a very clever and capable carrier, and we regret to lose him from the service and as a citizen.

Mr. Sayden with his family came in recently and will make this city their future home. We welcome them to our city.

L. L. Huddleston made a business trip to Anson one day this week.

CYRUS FOUNDED POSTAL SYSTEM

Persian King Maintained Relays
of Mounted Men at Fixed
Stations.

IN AMERICA FROM SETTLEMENT

North Dakota Postmaster Traces
Origin and Growth of Postal Sys-
tem—Paul Revere's Ride Cov-
ered Regular Postal Route.

Jamesstown, N. D.—The earliest known postal system was that estab-
lished in 559 B. C. by Cyrus the Elder,
king of Persia, who maintained relays
of mounted men at fixed stations,
ready at a moment's notice to forward
the king's messages from post to post.
Dr. R. A. Bolton, Jamestown postmas-
ter, said in an address at San Fran-
cisco before the National League of
Postmasters, in which he traced the
origin and growth of the postal sys-
tem.

He said that systems similar to that
established by King Cyrus, existed
among the Romans in the time of Au-
gustus, B. C. 31, and a postal system
was fully developed in connection
with the great military roads; but like
the Persian, the Roman system of
posts existed for the use of the state
alone. Letters were not carried for
private individuals.

Commercialized in Twelfth Century.
Charlemagne established a postal
system in France in 807 A. D., but the
first actual letter-post for commercial
purposes appears to have originated
in the House of the early in the
Twelfth century, and a century later
the University of Paris established an
efficient postal system which continued
till the beginning of the Eighteenth
century.

China maintained a postal system
from a very early date, and Marco
Polo, a Venetian traveler, tells us that
in his day, about 1280 A. D., there
were about 12,000 post stations and
300,000 horses for the use of the Chi-
nese government in carrying its mes-
sages, a fresh horse and rider being
furnished every 25 miles.

The post office existed in America
from its earliest settlement. Original-
ly it was merely a receptacle in the
coffee-house where letters arriving
from abroad were deposited to be
taken by those to whom they were ad-
dressed or carried to them by their
neighbors.

The first legislation on the subject
is found in the records of the general
court of Massachusetts for 1639, and
the next in the Colonial law of Vir-
ginia in 1656. The Colonial law of
Virginia required every planter to pro-
vide a messenger to convey dispatches
as they arrived to the next plantation
and so on, on pain of forfeiting a hog-
head of tobacco for default.

Gradually a postal service was es-
tablished between the several colonies
along the Atlantic coast, and in 1672
there was "a post to go monthly from
New York to Boston."

Franklin First Postmaster.

In 1739 Benjamin Franklin was ap-
pointed postmaster at Philadelphia
and later entered upon duties similar
to those of a postmaster general. In
1753 he was appointed deputy post-
master general for the colonies. It
was a lucrative office and he held it
until 1774, when he was dismissed be-
cause of his sympathy for the colon-
ists in their quarrel with England.

In 1775 the continental congress ap-
pointed Franklin postmaster general.
Under his management post offices and
postal routes were established from
Maine to Georgia. These routes were
also used to spread knowledge of acts
of congress and the progress of the
revolution. At the outbreak of hos-
tilities between the colonists and En-
gland there were really two postal sys-
tems, the British or parliamentary
system, and the constitutional post of-
fice. It is not generally known that
Paul Revere's famous ride was taken
in traveling along his regular postal
route.

Growth of the postal system has
since been rapid.

OLDEST GERMAN NOW A POLE

Aged One Hundred and Seventeen, Cit-
izenship Is Transferred to Poland
With Upper Silesia.

Berlin.—Among other things award-
ed to Poland in the division of Upper
Silesia was Germany's oldest man, Val-
entine Paluschke of the village Krella,
in the province of Rybnik, now Polish
territory. He has celebrated his one
hundred and seventeenth birthday.

Two hundred and fifteen of his chil-
dren and children's children attended
the ceremony.

Bank in Wooden Leg Robbed.
Rochester, N. Y.—Nathan B. Cham-
berlain, who has a wooden leg, slept
peacefully as a thief entered his
lodgings, unstrapped the artificial
support and removed \$340 secreted
inside. Chamberlain awoke to find the
wooden leg under his bed. He notified
the police.

Thieves Raid Scotland Yard.
London.—Scotland Yard, the world's
most famous sleuth center, has been
the victim of burglars. The thieves
entered the lost property office of the
bureau one night recently and stole
a number of unclaimed umbrellas and
overcoats.

Intermediate C. E. Program

Leader—Mildred Hamm
Topic—Evangelistic Missions at
home and abroad.

Scripture reading—Luke 24:
45-53

Song—212

Primary Missionary effort—
Owen Hutchison

Special classes at home—An-
nie Marie Brown

Abroad—Ina Mae Martin

Special Song—Mona M. Jones

Chain of Mission Stories

(a) Tripoli—Lewis Giles

(b) Saboranapur—Elfe Chan-
ey

(c) Canton—Melba West

(d) Laguna de Bay—Marjorie
Bland.

Prayer—Bro. Rogers

Offering for Missions

Roll Call—Answer with name of
a missionary.

Talk on Home missions—Bro
Rogers

Questions: Announcements

Song—1 and 6; Mizpah.

All members urged to be pres-
ent. Bring your offering.

We are informed that Mr.
John West, splendid young busi-
ness man who recently became
a married man, has this week
purchased from Mr. J. L. Win-
ter the splendid bungalow resi-
dence in the Southwest part of
the city, which for the past two
years has been occupied by Max
Mellinger and family. Mr. and
Mrs. West will soon move to
same.

Mr. Mellinger in turn being
unable to rent a suitable home
for his family, purchased from
Mr. Tom Largent the residence
just south of the above, and
which has been occupied by Mr.
Richardson, the popular man-
ager for the Merkel Lumber Co.,
and will move into same. We
are told the price paid for these
homes were around \$2,000 each

On next Saturday afternoon,
the girls of the Intermediate
C. E. Society will sell candy on
the streets. Help a good cause!
Buy your candy from them. C.
E. Publicity Com. 1t

Now That We Are Living

In the new year and have so much to be thankful for, let's
put our shoulders to the wheel and make **Merkel** and **adjoining**
Territory, the best place in the Sunny South in which to live.

We are with the Magnolia Petroleum Company, Some-
thing that we are very proud of.

Magnolia Petroleum Company—

Pays more money for the up keep of the public schools of
Texas than any other organization in the state,

Pays more money for the up keep of the good roads of Texas
than any other organization in the state.

An organization that is founded on **QUALITY** and **SERVICE**

Another fact we are proud of, our products can be bought
from the following merchants and garages: Bradley Mercantile
Co., Stith, Cash Grocery Co., Noodle, U. L. Blackburn, Nubia,
Doans & Reagan of Blair, McFarland Co., Merkel, and Magnolia
Filling Station.

Our business is gradually increasing and we are trying
harder each day to be of more service to our customers and
fellow men. We will appreciate any suggestion that will help
us render Better Service.

Yours Sincerely,

R. F. Mashburn, Truckman

Dick Cypert Filling Attendant

Chas H. Jones, Agent

Residence Phone 135

Filling Station 159

Spot Cash Clean Sweep Sale

Do not fail to attend this ten days Bargain Feast.

**SALE OPENS JANUARY 19
CLOSES JANUARY 27**

A. T. LYLE

Old Star Store Stand

ANIMALS IN CRATER

Mouth of Volcano Inhabited by
75,000 Wild Beasts.

Scientists Hope to Find Alive Strange
Creatures of Which Only Skeletons
Have Been Found in Other
Parts of World.

London.—An untouched Eden in the
mouth of a burned-out volcano in the
heart of Africa, providing a refuge for
thousands of animals, many of them
extinct in every other part of the
world, has been purchased outright by
Sir Charles Ross of Balmagowan, the
inventor of the Ross rifle, and is to be
explored by scientists.

It is the giant crater of Ngoro
Ngoro, the largest volcano that ever
existed on this planet—ten miles
across and a paradise for wild things.
Nobody knows what discoveries a
thorough exploration of the crater
may bring. Prehistoric animals, be-
lieved to have perished from the earth
thousands of years ago, may inhabit
its caves. Scientists hope to find alive
strange creatures of which only the
skeletons have been found in other
parts of the world.

Sir Charles Ross went to Tangan-
yika in January, 1921, on a shooting
expedition, accompanied by the ex-
plorer-photographer, Mr. T. A. Barnes,
and Mrs. Frederick Dalzel of New
York and discovered the crater. Sir
Charles Ross stalked and shot five
lions within the basin, and the won-
ders he saw there made him resolve
that no more shooting parties should
be allowed.

The crater is 100 miles from a rail-
way, in the midst of wild country. The
number of animals in the crater is es-
timated at 75,000.

The crater is, in fact, a city of an-
imals, who have lived there for centu-
ries safe from attack. Its steep sides
made it a citadel of the forest and,
while in all other parts of the world
the work of extermination went on,
no hunter dared to penetrate this fast-
ness. Thus, it is highly probable that
animals which have perished elsewhere
have survived at Ngoro Ngoro.

Other volcanoes are grouped about
the central crater of Ngoro Ngoro.
More than one of them is larger than
Mount Etna. The whole region, ages
ago, was the scene of a terrific volcanic
upheaval.

SWINDLED BY LAND SHARKS

Mennonites of Canada, "Induced" to
Emigrate to Mexico, Return to
Former Homes.

Swift Current, Sask.—Fooled by
shrewd speculators who induced them
to migrate from their valuable lands
here to worthless tracts in Mexico,
1,000 Mennonites who left for the
southern country last year as a pro-
test against the government interfer-
ence with their schools are drifting
back to Saskatchewan.

Many members of their religious
sect are starting lawsuits to recover
their Canadian farms.

When the emigration to Mexico be-
gan it was asserted that 30,000 Men-
nonites would move, some going to
South America and Russia as well as
Mexico. Only 1,000 actually emi-
grated.

Land speculators are said to have
started the movement, obtaining con-
cessions of worthless lands from one
of the shifting Mexican governments
and then offering the head men of the
Mennonite colonies here practically
free land in exchange for their Can-
adian holdings.

MOTHER AUNT BY MARRIAGE

And Husband's Aunt Becomes Mother-
in-Law as Result of the Same
Ceremony.

St. Louis.—When Miss Leone Fra-
zer, eighteen, married Irving Camp-
bell, twenty-two, her mother, Mrs.
Cora Campbell, became her aunt. Her
husband also is her cousin. Her hus-
band's aunt became his mother-in-law.

It untangles this way: Miss Fra-
zer's mother married Frank Camp-
bell several years ago. Irving Camp-
bell is a nephew of Frank Campbell,
his wife's stepfather.

Father and Son Marry Sisters.

Schenectady, N. Y.—Father and son
became brothers-in-law and sisters as-
sumed the relation of mother and
daughter-in-law here the other day
when Herbert A. Davenport, forty-
three years of age, married Rebecca
Graham, thirty-five years of age, and
Anson Davenport, nineteen years of
age, took Helen Graham, twenty-one
years of age, as his bride.

The son, a minor, was required to
gain from his father permission to
marry.

Find \$250 Diamond Ring After Killing 18 Chickens

When Henry Wagaaner, of
Peoria, Ill., lost a diamond ring
valued at \$250 he reported the
loss to the police who, on ques-
tioning him, learned it had been
missed soon after he fed his
chickens. They advised him to
look to his chickens.

Wagaaner killed 18 of his
flock and found the missing gem
in a gizzard. His neighbors en-
joyed chicken dinners the next
day.

Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

YOUR TOMORROW

AS YOU go about your duties today, acquiring a larger knowledge of your obligations to others and a better understanding of your work, you are paving your way to a better tomorrow.

If you are careful, conscientious, even-tempered and loyal today, determined to make every stroke tell, you will not be lacking in these excellent qualities tomorrow.

By holding steadily to such a course, there will come to you gradually a new-born strength which will ease your burdens and inspire a new confidence in your ability.

Power is not given to ordinary mortals to go at one stride to the top. The summit of hope can be reached only by repeated steps, sometimes hard and painful, calling for patience and an extraordinary control of the heart, the hand and the tongue.

If you succeed in mastering yourself today, it is likely that tomorrow will be less impetuous in its demands upon you, and yield a little in its inclination to get you in trouble.

Upon the other hand, if you are indifferent, careless and indisposed to make the best of opportunities today, tomorrow will hold these shortcomings against you, and begin at the breakfast table to make you unhappy.

It will follow you as you go to work, snapping at your heels like a surly dog. And when you confront your task you will feel the sweep of contrary cross-currents and inconstant squalls, ready at the first drop of an ugly word to make you thoroughly miserable.

It is too late now for regrets. You have lost a day and are slipping down hill, while the "still small voice" is calling in your ears to be steady, dutiful and thoughtful of your future.

Thousands of light-headed, variable young men and women have missed their goal through their unconcern of tomorrow.

Instead of looking forward, sharpening their wits, keeping their vision unclouded, and giving each hour the best that is in them, they play fast and loose with today, and thereby misstep with the progressive and fall behind.

Though they rail against the Fates, which they feel will bring them the frown of tomorrow, they shun helpful faith and courage, forget their prayers and slip hopelessly down and down to the yawning abyss of despair, too weak to rise or turn their faces toward the still smiling countenance of Hope.

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MEN YOU MAY MARRY

By ETHEL R. PEYSER

Has a Galoot Like This Proposed to You?

Symptoms: He's awfully smiling and affable. He hasn't a share in any oil company . . . but . . . no one has it on him for oiliness. Silperry! If you think you have him in one hand, he will slip through the other. When he goes anywhere, he can make bitter enemies think that he agrees with both sides. . . . It doesn't matter how many miles of railroad stretches between the two opinions. His clothes look slick enough if you don't call out the Public Service Commission to investigate the dizzy, crag-like edges of collars and cuffs. He always has a small job and is continually asking his friend's inclinations for a possible new one.

IN FACT

He is the Original of the "Call-me-oily-Mother-Deer" type and the World's best Base Slider. **Prescription to Future Bride:** Some sand in all your food.

Absorb This: Of Sliding and Striding, Striding's Abiding.

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ONCE IS ENOUGH

WILL YOU BE—? WILL!



Frank Craven



Frank Craven is one of the few American actors who is also a play writer. He is now starring in "The First Year," one of his own comedies which had a run of two solid years in New York, and is now booked for a long run in Chicago. Its appeal lies in its clean, wholesome humor.

The Friendly Path

By WALTER I. ROBINSON

CO-OPERATION

LEARN to co-operate. The leaders in everything of consequence who are getting ahead are not doing so by their own stubbornness. They have come to recognize that the greatest amount of good can only be accomplished by persuading others to follow them along the logical pathway, rather than in trying to force them like cattle being driven into their pen.

There is nothing new in co-operation. Wise men have recognized its importance and recommended it to others for ages. But for the co-operation of men, the pyramids would never have been built and without the co-operation of a woman, Columbus would not have started on his memorable trip.

One hundred years ago John Skinner, editor of the "American Farmer," in discussing the future of farming, urged co-operation in order that the industry might succeed and assure agriculturists more pleasure in life. He said:

"Farming in the future will no longer be a matter of brute force. It will be a business for brains, organization and intelligence."

If he could return to this world now and see the wonderful progress of agriculture since he last looked upon our waving grain fields and cool meadows of hemp and corn, he would understand more clearly than he did a century ago that co-operation was the surest way to win. On every hand he could see evidence of the use men have made of "brains, organization and intelligence," and he would doubt less be hopeful of greater co-operation particularly in marketing, in order that farmers might get more for their products, though consumers would pay less.

In home, business and industry, co-operation is the one word to keep in mind. It means not only an easier path to success, but a surer road to joy.

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Has Anyone Laughed At You Because —

You lend money? Haven't people said to you, "You'll get stung!" "Can't you see you'll never get it back?" Never mind; you think it is better to hit it right sometimes than never to lend. Lending if not in excess is all right. It helps the lender to lend—it eases some good folk to borrow and you like to ease folks and you think the good shouldn't suffer for the dishonest.

SO

Your Get-away here is: To lend as well with your mind as your heart—then let them laugh. If you have done some good it has paid you well—by your knowing you have made the borrower and the lender happier.

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PILOTLESS ARMY PLANE A WONDER

Equipped With Automatic Control Device It Is More Dependable Than Human Pilot.

MOST EFFECTIVE IN BOMBING

Army Air Service Declares Results of Experiments Constitute "Most Important Post-War Development."

Washington, D. C.—The pilotless army airplane, equipped with an automatic control device said to be more accurate and dependable than any human pilot, has been developed to a point where it has made successful flights of more than ninety miles, it was announced by the army air service.

The announcement declared the results produced after a long series of experiments constituted the "most important post-war development of the many novel ideas of new engines of war." Experiments had shown it possible, it was said, to shoot bomb laden planes, without pilots, at targets on or off the ground with astounding accuracy.

Gyroscopes for Brains.

"Of the automatic pilots being experimented with," the statement continued, "that which has proven most successful to date can be described as using a gyroscope for its brains and bellows or pneumatics, similar to those used in player pianos, for its muscles."

"The ability of a balanced rotating mass, moving on frictionless bearings to maintain its position in space, so long as it is not acted upon by outside forces, is called a gyroscopic force. This force is made use of in the stabilizing and directing of the airplane on a true course. Two separate and distinct gyroscopic units are used for this purpose. The function of one is to direct the lateral and longitudinal variations in flight and the other to maintain direction."

"These gyroscopes are electrically driven from a generator geared to the airplane engine and run continuously during the flight. The sense of direction, whether it be vertical, horizontal, or fore or aft, is taken from its respective unit and transmitted by means of leakage ports in the pneumatic system, which in turn control relay valves delivering a suction to the power pneumatics."

"These relay valves and tubes controlling this supply of power correspond to the nerves of the human body. The power pneumatics are directly connected to the control surfaces of the airplane and the engine vacuum is sustained by a pump gear driven from the airplane engine."

"There," the statement added, "we have the three functions of the pilot; the gyroscopes functioning as the brain, the relay valves and tubes as the nerves, and the power pneumatics as the muscles."

True in Bumpy Weather.

In actual work, the announcement said, hundreds of automatic takeoffs and a number of automatic flights of ninety miles and more have been made. This "pilot" is capable of being mounted in any type airplane and in bumpy weather will hold a plane much steadier than a human pilot and will carry it in an absolutely true course regardless of fog or adverse weather conditions.

In the tests just concluded the machine used was one of the small type, having a span of only twenty feet, a sixty horse power motor, capable of carrying 250 pounds.

HOW PAT EXPRESSION BEGAN

"They All Look Fast Going Past Trees" Originated by Henry Dempsey.

Detroit, Mich.—"They all look fast going past trees," Henry Dempsey, a ruddy Celt, a keen judge of horseflesh and a trainer of distinction, is credited with originating this phrase, which, first applied to horses, has become a pat expression in nearly every other branch of sports.

A friend had asked Dempsey to look over some horses. The thoroughbreds were worked, Dempsey watching them silently.

"They look great, don't they, Henry?" said the owner with undisguised pride.

"They all look fast," drawled Dempsey, "going past trees."

The phrase was recalled recently by the death here of Dempsey.

Tries to "Eat" Fire; Burned. Easthampton, Mass.—Peter Parzych, fourteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Parzych, was painfully burned about the head and neck while trying to imitate fire-eating stunts he had seen in motion pictures.

He gathered a mouthful of gasoline and tried to spray it across a lighted match, when it ignited. His burns are not considered serious.

White Foxes Plentiful. Calgary, Canada.—White foxes are very plentiful in the Far North, with prospects very bright for the coming trapping season, according to the semi-annual report of Inspector S. T. Wood, in charge of the Arctic division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

SECRET OF LONG LIFE

Scientist Finds Fountain of Youth in White Corpuscles.

Dr. Carrel Describes Work of White Blood Corpuscles, Which Experiments Had Shown, Stimulated Growth of New Tissue.

New York.—Discovery of the tissue-building activities of the white blood corpuscles, believed by scientists to point the way to the indefinite prolongation of human life, were outlined by Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute, in an address before the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Carrel's statements were taken by many prominent scientists in his audience to indicate that the secret of longevity might be found through the discovery of a means of stimulating the activity of these corpuscles.

Dr. Carrel described the work of the leucocytes, or white blood corpuscles, which experiments had shown, he said, protected the body against infection and also stimulated the growth of new tissue and the regeneration of dormant cells.

He told of his experiments with animals which had indicated that the white blood corpuscles stimulated the growth of new tissue "by setting free growth activating substances in the tissues." He pointed out that in extreme old age new tissue grew to heal wounds and broken bones.

Hideyo Noguchi, a Japanese scientist, who is also a member of the Rockefeller Institute, announced he had developed an anti-serum for Rocky Mountain spotted fever, which now has a mortality rate of 70 per cent in the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast states.

He said his serum would prevent the disease if the victim was inoculated within four days after he contracted it. Human beings, he declared, caught the disease through the bite of the wood tick and usually did not know they had the fever until six days after they were bitten.

PLANS FLOATING SCHOOL



Asa G. Chandler, Jr., who heads a group of prominent financiers in an unique educational project. They have purchased the U. S. transport "Logan" and will remodel it as a floating school. Fifty schools are to co-operate with the millionaires in arranging for the most likely students to make a tour of the world under the direction of the school authorities so as to provide a means of broadening the scope of education. A select staff of instructors is being engaged and regular classes will be conducted on board the ship. It is planned to conduct a six-weeks' tour of the United States, via special trains, first, to be followed by the tour of the world.

COWS HAVE A "SOUSE" PARTY

Silage Has Too Much Kick and Bo-Vines Engage in Free-for-All Fight.

Boise, Idaho.—Twenty-five cows belonging to E. B. Ford of Wendell went on a "jag" and ran amuck, enjoying a free-for-all fight.

Ford fed his herd on silage, as usual, but the feed happened to have reached just the right stage in fermentation to produce unexpected results. The cows became intoxicated and began a free-for-all fight, piling up in a bunch, with the result that one cow came out with a leg so badly broken that she had to be killed.

Worms Dined on Savings of Man Afraid of Banks

Two years ago Peter Pullos, railroad section foreman of Toledo, O., became worried over financial conditions of banks and withdrew his life's savings, \$1,350, and buried it in an earthen jar.

Recently Pullos decided that banks were all right again and dug up the jar. In the bottom of the partly disintegrated receptacle was a mass of bill fragments, chewed by worms until they were past redemption.

LABOR HIGHEST PAID

Germany Puts More Value on Brawn Than Brain.

Ordinary Laborers Average 100 Marks an Hour—Newspaper Editors Average \$3.19 a Month—Theaters May Have to Close.

Berlin.—Manual labor is valued above the products of the brain in the industrial top-heaviness of Germany today, if prevailing wage standards can be taken as a criterion.

Ordinary laborers receive an average of about 100 marks an hour. (The present rate of exchange gives 47 marks for one American cent.) Wages for an eight-hour day range from 400 to 1,200 marks, making a monthly pay check of approximately 9,000 to 31,200. An agreement has been effected whereby shoemakers and cabinet makers receive from 67.15 to 116.55 marks an hour.

In September the salaries of German newspaper editors were fixed by agreement to range from 15,000 marks to 21,500. (In American money, 15,000 marks amounts to \$3.19.) A scale was adopted providing that newspaper men receive 15,000 marks in the second year, and so on up to 21,500 marks for a man of eight years' experience. "String" news pays at the rate of 1.60 to 2.75 marks a line, according to its nature. Reporters get 70 marks for small notices, 135 for reports of meetings, and 125 for investigations. Articles by critics are paid for at the rate of 275 marks each. A man who works on Sunday gets 500 marks for the day.

Even such wages are acceptable among the journalists of the capital, for high costs are rapidly thinning the ranks of newspaper men and many employees are being thrown out of work. The situation has reached such a pass that a movement is under way among conservative publishers to establish a fund to aid unemployed newspaper men, the leaders being actuated by political as well as humanitarian motives, since they fear much good talent among the writers will drift to the radical press.

Managers of three large theaters in Berlin have announced their houses may have to close because of the wage demands of the stage help. Actors and actresses until recently received a minimum wage of 7,500 marks a month. Now that this has been raised to 22,000 marks, the stage hands are demanding a minimum wage of 24,000 marks.

IS QUICKLY AMERICANIZED



Although born above the Arctic circle of Eskimo parents the girl shown here at the typewriter has become very much Americanized after a sojourn in Seattle of only three months. Her name is Betty Cull and she and her sister, Olga, are anxious to educate themselves for a business career.

DONS ROBES FOR AMERICANS

Queen of Rumania Also Wears Crown to Please Woman Visitors From United States.

New York.—Queen Marie of Rumania donned her coronation robes with the royal crown for the edification of two American women who visited her during the summer. Mrs. B. Frank Mebane of Spray, N. C., told friends here. Accompanied by Mrs. Kemble White of Fairmont, W. Va., Mrs. Mebane arrived in New York from France.

She said that she and Mrs. White visited Queen Marie at the summer palace at Sanaia in the Carpathian mountains and that the queen put on the robes she had made for the coronation when she was told that the two American women would be unable to remain in Rumania for the ceremony. The queen's daughter, Princess Elizabeth, now queen of Greece, was present and wore her court dress at the same time, Mrs. Mebane said.

Clerk Had Nose for Cash, Postal Inspectors Say

Post office inspectors, in bringing charges of tampering with the mails against Edmund F. Donnelly, a clerk in the office at Manchester, N. H., said Donnelly was able to smell money in envelopes. They describe how, with each of two test letters, he tore a small opening in the edge of the envelope, put the slit to his nose, sniffed, and took bills out.

TO MAKE MAN BOSS OF HOME

Daring Emancipators Seek to Charter Society for Regulating the Household.

RUN IT ON MASCULINE BASIS

Promulgates Bill of Rights for Housebands and Declares for Divers and Sundry Reforms — Regulates Visits of Wife's Relations.

New York.—If they never do another thing in their lives, the names of Edward Bonns of 424 East Eighty-fourth street, William R. Ferguson of 88 West Seventy-seventh street, and Hugh J. Connelly of the Knickerbocker building are likely to be remembered forever as among the foremost emancipators of the married man. Messrs. Ferguson, Bonns and Connelly have collaborated in the promulgation of a bill of rights for married men that seeks to revolutionize the oldest traditions of household management by making the husband the judge and jury not only in the matter of his own life, but also the undisputed boss as to the conduct and habits of his wife, even to the determination of the question whether the wife should have her hair bobbed and also how long or short her skirts should be.

"Brothers Under the Skin."

The three men, heretofore unknown to fame, have organized what they call the "Association of Brothers Under the Skin." The association filed an application with Justice Marsh of the Supreme court for a certificate of incorporation. The trio, who said their headquarters were at 1537 Third avenue, also filed a list of the association objects, as follows:

"To establish, maintain and operate the household primarily as a masculine institution."

"To protect the husband from the performance of any and all household duties, such as sweeping, marketing, cooking, washing dishes and nursing the kitchen or furnace fires."

"To prevent any purchases by the wife, whether for cash or credit, except after consultation with the husband and with his consent."

"To prevent the entrance into the home of mothers-in-law and all relatives on the wife's side, except upon written permit signed by an officer of the association, which permit shall not be issued for use on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays."

Bars Delicatessen Meals.

"To prevent the delivery into the home of all so-called 'delicatessen meals' and to compel the serving of regular food, home cooked."

"To prevent any reference, however much justified, by the wife to any past faults or deficiencies of the husband."

"To establish the right of the husband to absent himself from the home for a specified number of evenings each month to attend business, lodge and club meetings, and to establish his right to return therefrom at any reasonable hour—to be fixed solely by himself."

"To develop 'leave man' methods for the better discipline of jealous, nagging or unreasonable wives."

"To establish the exclusive right of husband to determine the brevity of the back hair and the length of the wife's skirts."

"To compel the wife to share in the troubles as well as the pleasures of married life, and to establish the fact that the wife's place is at home and that her duty is to co-operate to make the home happy."

RUSS TO BANK IN SWEDEN

Soviet Government Attempts to Establish Guaranteed Bank Connections.

Stockholm.—A new Russian effort to establish closer financial and commercial relations with Sweden is seen in the arrival in Stockholm of Aron Scheinman, head of the Russian State bank.

Mrs. Scheinman has declared the bank which he heads may place its foreign assets and clearing funds in Swedish banks, providing a safeguarding agreement can be arranged between the two countries. He has come here, he says, to enlarge the financial co-operation between Russia and Sweden. He considers Sweden one of the safest countries for the deposit of money, owing to its independent position and its well-ordered conditions.

The Russian State bank, declares Mr. Scheinman, has acquired 36,000,000 gold rubles (\$12,540,000), and the end of the present year will add 50,000,000 to the total figure.

Flames Spared Masonic Bible.

Middletown, N. Y.—There has just been recovered from the ruins of the Masonic Temple, which was partly destroyed by fire here several weeks ago, the Bible which was presented to the lodge in June, 1815, by Martin Hoffman, who was the ninth deputy grand master and eighth grand master of Masons of the state. The Bible had been protected by debris.

School Boy Kills Big Deer.

Hill City, Ore.—One Sunday Meri Seltzinger, a local high school boy, killed a three-point buck that weighed 223 pounds. Old hunters here say without a doubt this is the largest buck that has been killed in these mountains for many years.



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Woman's Missionary Society

Last Monday afternoon was another banner meeting in the 1923 history of the Woman's Missionary Society. There were 22 members present and we had a splendid lesson from our Mission Study book.

We have a splendid Mission Study teacher in the person of Mrs. Hays and we are hoping to enlist every member in this study for the year. We have only two more chapters in the book we are now studying. The next lesson from this book will be the second Monday in February.

On next Monday afternoon, we will have a program from The Voice. We have some splendid programs this year and we hope to see a good crowd present next Monday to enjoy this program. The hour of meeting has been changed from 3 to 2:30 o'clock. An all day district meeting is to be held at Abilene next Friday and Mrs. L. R. Thompson was elected as a delegate with Mrs. Sanders alternate. A big representation from this society are expecting to attend this meeting. Come to the regular meeting next Monday afternoon at 2:30. Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black and their son, W. C. returned Wednesday from Lubbock where they had been to attend the marriage of a grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Black's. They report a very enjoyable trip indeed.

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Senior B. Y. P. U.

Subject—The Bible and its place in Christianity.
Leader—Ola Sharp
1. The Bible and the common people—Mr. Bird.
2. Since the reformation—Ola Sharp.
3. The Bible attested by the faith of others, Nell Swann.
4. The Bible as a witness, by Vinnie Heizer.
5. The Bible as our Authority by Lorena Frazier.
6. The Bible ministers to experience by Lillian Craig.
7. The use we should make of our Bible—Bro. Parrack.

Epworth League Program

Subject—Psalms of Life
Leader—Tina Moore
Song Service
Prayer—Russell Pike.
1. Introduction by Leader.
2. Our Psalm of Life—Murphy Thomas
3. What the righteous man does not do—Dorris Durham.
4. What the righteous delights in—Ethel Wilson.
5. How to delight in the law of the Lord—Denzil Cox.
Business; League Benediction
All Leaguers are urged to attend promptly at 5 o'clock. Visitors are welcome.

HORN NEWS

Health is good in this community.

We had a fine Sunday school last Sunday.

Road working has been the "go" in this community for the past week. We have our road graded up in readiness for the muddy weather, if it ever comes. Our county Missionary, Mr. Huston Scott has been holding a meeting at Carpenter Gap school house the past week and quite a few people from here have been attending.

The young folk of this place enjoyed singing at Mr. Myers last Sunday night.—Blue Bell.

Expecting a car of Johnson Grass Hay within the next few days. Garrett & Company. 1t

OUR SPRING INVITATION

It makes no difference to us as to whether you are in the market for a new suit or not. We want you to come in at your earliest possible moment and look over our new spring sample lines. They are far the best and most beautiful we have ever shown. And we feel sure that the collection, style and prices are all so complete and reasonable that you can not afford to pass the opportunity up. Cash Tailor Shop Mrs. C. L. Cash Prop.

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This annual sale of ours will mean a money saving event to our many patrons who know our custom of always cleaning up seasonable merchandise in season. Sale starts Friday, January 19th, and continues through Wednesday January 31. Take advantage of the many unusual bargains we offer:

January Clearance of Men's Furnishings

All men's \$35.00 and \$40.00 suits to cleanup at \$27.95
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 Good grade brown domestic at11 1/2c
 Good grade bleached domestic at15c

BIG SHOE SALE

A guarantee with every pair sold that this will mean the biggest money saving sale of shoes in 1923.

CLEARANCE OF MEN'S SHOES

\$11.50 J E Tilt Kangaroo shoes\$9.95
 \$10.00 J E Tilt Dress shoes\$7.95
 \$8.50 J E Tilt Dress shoes\$6.95
 \$7.50 Men's and Boy's shoes\$5.95
 \$6.00 Men's and Boy's shoes\$4.95
 \$5.00 Men's and Boy's shoes\$3.95
 One lot of Men's shoes of different brands, worth \$5.00 and \$6.00, are priced to clean up at\$2.95

JANUARY CLEARANCE OF UNDERWEAR

Ladies \$2.00 long sleeve union suits\$1.45
 Ladies \$2.00 Short sleeve union suits\$1.45
 Ladies \$1.00 long sleeve union suits79c
 Ladies \$1.65 long sleeve union suits\$1.35
 One lot men's \$2.00 union suits\$1.59
 One lot men's \$1.50 union suits\$1.10
 All boys union suits priced at90c
 All boys and girls bear brand suits priced at .. 59c

JANUARY CLEARANCE OF BLANKETS & COMFORTS

\$6.95 white wool nap blankets\$3.95
 \$9.50 all wool blankets\$6.95
 \$2.50 full size cotton blankets\$1.95
 \$6.00 quilted cotton comforts\$3.45
 Ladies outing gowns, values to \$2.50 at95c
 Entire stock of 25c gingham at19c

EXTRA SHOE SPECIALS

One lot of \$2.40 pair of ladies shoes, oxfords, pumps, and strap pumps, worth \$7.50 to \$10.00, are priced to clean up at\$3.95

CLEARANCE OF LADIES SHOES

All Ladies \$9.00 Selby Shoes priced\$6.95
 All Ladies \$7.50 Selby Shoes, priced\$5.95
 All Ladies \$6.95 Selby Shoes, priced\$5.25
 All Ladies \$6.00 Dress Shoes, priced\$4.95
 All Ladies \$5.00 Dress shoes, priced\$3.95
 Ladies \$1.50 Silk Hose on sale at98c
 Ladies \$2.50 Silk and wool hose on sale at\$1.98

A Money Saving Chance on Boys Suits, Shoes, Hose and Sweaters

\$15.00 boys suits, priced\$11.95
 \$12.50 Boys suits, priced\$10.95
 \$11.50 Boys suits, priced\$9.95

\$10.00 Boy's suits, priced\$8.95
 \$8.50 Boys Suits, priced\$6.95
 All Boy's sweaters at actual cost.

50c heavy ribbed hose at39c
 35c heavy ribbed hose at24c
 25c heavy ribbed hose at19c

Remember Sale Starts Friday Jan. 19 and Closes Wed. Jan. 31

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