

## TERRELL DISCUSSES W. TEXAS COLLEGE

Austin, Texas Feb. 27, 1923  
Editor of Merkel Mail,  
Merkel, Texas.

Dear Sir:  
I am enclosing you herewith a statement in regard to requirements for the location of the Texas School of Technology, which I believe will be of interest to all people in West Texas who are interested in the location of said school.

I believe these to be proper requirements for the best interest of the State, and I feel sure that many west Texas towns and cities can meet these requirements and will be glad to do so.

As a friend of this great school, I trust that you will use this statement as your best judgement dictates.

Respectfully yours,  
Geo. B. Terrell.

Hon Geo. B. Terrell, Commissioner of Agriculture, is interested in the best location for the Texas School of Technology to be established under a recent act of the Legislature, and gave out the following statement today:

"I am always interested in educational matters and especially in agricultural and technical education.

Twenty one years ago I supported a law establishing a Textile Department at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas to train young men to become foreman and managers of cotton mills which were just beginning to be erected in Texas.

It seems that this addition to the A. & M. College has not properly fulfilled the purposes for which it was established, and that it has become necessary to establish a school of technology elsewhere on a larger scale.

I supported the law in the 35th Legislature establishing an Agricultural College in West Texas, which College was located at Abilene, but was later repealed because of the near scandal connected with its location.

West Texas has needed, and has deserved this school for several years, much more than the three Normal schools were needed which were created at the same time.

In the location of this new school there are several important things to be considered by the Locating Board, as follows:

1. A sufficient body of good land.
2. An ample supply of good water.
3. Ample facilities for boarding students to save the State the expense of building dormitories.
4. Health and accessibility, with reference to center of population to be served and railroad facilities.

These matters are of most vital importance, but other things should be considered. The price of land and an ample supply of water should be guaranteed before the location is made.

The law forbids the acceptance of donations by the Locating Board until after the location has been determined. It seems to me that if the board is competent to select a suitable location that it would be competent to accept donations, and the State is certainly entitled to any donations that might be offered, as this school will be a very valuable acquisition to any community.

The ability of any community to board the students is one of the most important considerations. No State school should be located where it is necessary

## ARMY OFFICERS INSPECT LOCAL UNIT

Maj. M. H. Tolby, of the U. S. Field Artillery and Maj. Neil H. Bannister, of State National Guard, are in the city to make an inspection of the Coast Field Artillery, and the Mail will be supplied with a complete report of the inspection for our next issue, and which we are sure will show to be a good one, for we understand the local unit is moving along fine.

A dandy 1920 Ford Touring, with Starter. Good condition, \$165.00. Merkel Motor Co., Authorized Ford Dealers.

Dr. Chas. F. Williams, we regret to learn has moved his office to Abilene, where he has fitted up at 120 1/2 Chestnut, a very handsome and elaborately furnished office. Dr. Williams has many friends in and about Merkel who regret to learn that he has decided to locate in our splendid county site.

The Honorable Commissioners court of Taylor county in regular session last week let the contract for the building for what is known as the Lawn Highway to Womack Brothers for the sum of about 62,000.

## CITY ELECTION IS CALLED APRIL 3 RD

The State of Texas, County of Taylor. The City of Merkel, Texas.

To the qualified voters of the city of Merkel Texas.

YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 3rd day of April A. D. 1923 at the City Hall and Fire Station in the City of Merkel, Texas, for the following purpose and none other.

To elect a Mayor, two Aldermen and City Secretary, for the City of Merkel Texas.

Every person who has attained the age of twenty-one years and who has resided within the corporate limits of said City for six months next preceeding the date of said election and is a qualified voter under the laws of the State, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

No person shall be eligible to any of said office unless he or she possesses the requisites provided for voters at such election.

Mr. H. M. Rainbolt has been appointed to serve as presiding officer of said election, and he shall select two Judges and two clerks to assist in holding same.

Said election shall be held in the manner prescribed for holding elections in other matters in this State.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Merkel Texas this 28th day of February A. D. 1923.

H. C. West,  
Mayor of Merkel Tex.  
ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, Sec. (SEAL)

to build dormitories to house the students. This is becoming a burden upon the State now, and should be stopped. Practically all the State schools are clamoring for dormitories, and it means an enormous expense to the taxpayers.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas is located five miles from Bryan, and it is necessary to build dormitories there, or move the school.

With the light of past experience to guide us, we should not commit the same follies in the future.

I trust that the establishment of this school will usher in a new industrial era in Texas.

## MERKEL IS AFTER W. TEXAS COLLEGE

At a mass meeting Monday night at the Cozy Theatre, called by Chairman H. M. Rainbolt of the Commercial and Agricultural Club, which was attended by one of the largest crowds assembling here before for a similar occasion. The meeting having been called for the purpose of the citizenship discussing the Question of whether or not Merkel wanted to get in the fight for the locating of the West Texas Technological College, which is to be located at some point in West Texas.

The matter first discussed by Judge Cummings, whom the chairman asked to state the object of the meeting, and the Judge made it plain that in his opinion Merkel had just about as good a show as any town in this part of the state to secure this college, and his remarks were followed by a number of others, who felt just about as he did about the matter. After a thorough discussion of the matter, Rev. Hays moved that there be a vote taken by those present as to whether they thought it best for Merkel to enter the fight and which result showed that almost all present were favorable toward making the effort.

It being decided that we enter the fight, a committee to nominate a committee of citizens to prepare plans for making Merkel's application, was appointed by the Chairman. On this nominating committee, the Chairman appointed Messrs. L. B. Scott, J. S. Swann, W. W. Wheeler, who in turn submitted the following names who were ratified to act as the permanent committee: R. A. Burgess, T. G. Bragg, J. C. Mason, Judge E. H. Cummings, L. R. Thompson, J. S. Swann, H. M. Rainbolt, H. L. Propst, W. O. Boney, Thos Durham. It was also voted that this committee be empowered to add others to the committee, and at a meeting of same, the following gentlemen were added: D. Armstrong, A. T. Lyle, Rev. M. C. Hays, T. J. Toombs, J. T. Warren, John Sears and R. L. Bland.

On Wednesday afternoon, the committee was called to gether by its chairman, L. R. Thompson for the purpose of discussing ways and means of making our fight to secure the college, and let us say here that it was indeed an enthusiastic meeting, in that every member demonstrated a willingness to do his best to help put the matter over in good shape.

A committee composed of Messrs. T. G. Bragg, W. O. Boney, John Sears, Dr. Armstrong, J. C. Mason, and Judge E. H. Cummings, were appointed as a finance committee to raise funds with which to defray the expenses of making the fight. And as a committee to seek out the proper location to offer for the college, Messrs. T. J. Toombs, R. L. Bland, H. M. Rainbolt, Dr. M. Armstrong, John Sears, J. S. Swann, and H. L. Propst, were appointed by chairman, Thompson. Another committee, whose duty it shall be to help secure data and information concerning the many advantages which Merkel can offer as to why this is the logical place for locating this school, was composed of R. A. Burgess, T. G. Bragg and Thos. Durham.

Now the Mail is certain that there are some of the best and foremost citizens who do not believe that Merkel has the slightest chance, and that may be absolutely true, but that should not hinder us from at least making an effort. There are some half hundred other towns over the west who are in

## LARGENT FINE CATTLE TO FT. WORTH

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent left on yesterday's Sunshine special for Fort Worth, where they will attend the big Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. Mr. Largent's fine Hereford Show cattle were shipped down last week, and he informed us just before leaving that he had a message from his son W. J. Largent, who is in charge of the cattle, that there were some forty-five Hereford entries alone, and that it was expected that the show would be the best and largest ever held in that city.

## BANKS TO CLOSE

The Mail is authorized to announce that both the banks of this city will be closed today (Friday) in honor of Texas Independence Day, which is a state holiday.

We also learn that the school board granted a holiday for the school children, all of which seems proper and right to honor this great and memorable day of our states independence.

If you like good Rye Bread, drop around by the Bakery Shop or order it from your grocer.

## RABBIT DRIVE MARCH 6TH

The Mail is requested to announce that on next Tuesday March 6th, there will be a rabbit drive, which is expected to start from the Hester farm, 3 miles east of town.

Everybody is cordially invited to come and take part in same. A big feed is to be given all who participate in the drive.

The fight that are in the same condition. And some thought Merkel should only have passed resolutions favorable to the college being located at Abilene, and there is no one who would not welcome that, for we are all proud of our county seat, the Athens of all the West. But Abilene is amply able to make any fight for any kind of enterprise that might come her way.

And any effort that Merkel might make to secure this school will in no way detract from Abilene, because we are two separate and distinct towns and each should fight out its own battles, and fight them fair and square. And the Mail feels sure that if Merkel could secure this college every citizen of Abilene would be proud of same. But of course they are going in to win, and that is their privilege. Yes, Abilene is getting on the map, she is becoming a real city, and we are glad we live so close to her and her great school center. But we feel that every man, woman and child should be up and doing for any enterprise that will help Merkel. As for Abilene, Merkel citizens are paying her for light and power more than \$40,000 per year; laundry possibly \$12,000 per year as well as thousands of dollars for ice and other such things, and all of which could have been kept at home had our citizenship been awake to their own best interest in the days gone by.

This committee is made of some of the best and most substantial citizens of the town, and while there is not a one of them who feels that Merkel has any thing like a certainty of this college, yet they are willing to devote their time and money toward an effort to bring this school here, and they would appreciate and do expect the citizenship to stand solidly behind them in their efforts.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 4th, will be the first Sunday of last month of the Church year. We hope to make this month the best of the year. There is much to be done during this month, if we make the report we expect to make at Presbytery in April.

Join our Sunday school trip around the world. We reach Los Angeles next Sunday. We found last Sunday, visiting the Indian Missions that the Presbyterian Church has nearly one half of all Protestant Indian Churches, and controls a large percent of the Indian schools. The Aeroplane was just a little late in reaching Tuscon, but it expects to reach Los Angeles ahead of the Steam Boat.

There will be only one Preaching service Sunday at 11 a. m. The Pastor will be away Sunday afternoon, assisting in the organization of a new Presbyterian Church. The Subject for the morning hour will be "No One Cares". Visitors and strangers always welcome. C. E. Societies meet at 3 p. m. and 5 p. m. Fred S. Rogers.

Short order cleaning and pressing. Clothes called for and delivered. Phone us. Cash Tailor Shop.

## SCHOOL REPORTS TO PARENTS 7TH

On Wednesday, March 7th the pupils of the Merkel Public School will receive their report cards. These cards show a record of the pupil's work for the fourth period of six-weeks ending February 23rd. These reports are to the parents, and should be carefully examined, signed and returned promptly to the teachers. Please take time to examine them carefully.

The year is now two-thirds over. We are on the home-stretch. Much depends upon putting forth every effort from today on. Many pupils are right along the dead-line of passing, or failing. Some extra effort now may mean a whole year saved in the child's education. Remember that to pass a child must average at least 75 percent in every subject, and make a general average of at least 85. This general average is easier to make than the seventy five percent on each subject because of the fact that in the general average the child gets the benefit of counting in his department, punctuality and attendance grades.

Parents can help much in these last months by helping to see that nothing comes into detract the child's interest from school work, that regular study periods at home are maintained and giving full co-operation in every way to see that the child really makes the work so he can be promoted at the end of the year. Very respectfully, Roger A Burgess, Supt.

## SOME HANDSOME CHANGES

The Brown Dry Goods Company has had workmen busy this week making some attractive and splendid changes and additions in the interior of their store which adds much beauty and comfort of same.

Newly Painted 1920 Ford Touring with Starter, \$175.00 Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford Dealers.

## NOTICE BAPTIST CHOIR

Members of the Baptist choir will meet at the residence of L. B. Scott for practice on special work. Friday night at 8 o'clock

## DR. VINING AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Vining, enlistment secretary for the Baptist General convention of Texas will occupy the pulpit of the local Baptist Church Sunday evening. He will speak at Eastland Sunday morning coming to Merkel on the 5 o'clock train Sunday afternoon, and will leave on the early train Monday morning for Colorado, to attend a workers meeting held there for all West Texas.

Dr. Vining is one of the ablest men in the Baptist ranks and will bring a message that any one would be glad to hear. He has spoken in nearly all the larger churches in Texas and we are fortunate in having this scholarly soul stirring speaker here at one service.

Every one is cordially invited to hear him, but Baptists are especially urged to hear this man who comes to bring a message of vital interest to every Baptist in the land.

Because of his peculiar gifts, Dr. Vining was elected from among the thousands of Baptist ministers in Texas to fill the place he is filling so well. He not only imparts first hand information of all our activities but he stirs the hearts of his hearers and helps people to get a vision of their own possibilities. No one will hear him without going away with anew vision of life. Every Christian will feel anew his part of bringing in the Kingdom of God.

Remember, he speaks at the Baptist church at 7:30 p. m. Sunday. Come and get your heart rekindled with a new zeal for the better things of life. Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

## NOTICE

I want to buy your cream. I will buy any amount, any day in the week. Bring your cream to me and give me a trial. I am in the W. F. Hamblett Building, Merkel, Texas. Mack Cox. 2t4pd

## BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

All regular services Sunday. Let us greet our superintendent with a full house Sunday. We all feel for him and for the whole family the loss they have sustained in the home going of our brother J. V. West. It will be fitting that we fill the house Sunday and welcome back to his place our superintendent after this trying six weeks that he has watched over his father.

All young peoples meetings at 6:30 p. m.

The pastor will preach at 11 a. m.

Dr. Vining, of Dallas, will speak at the evening hour, 7:30

All regular meetings thru the week. Come find a place to work and to worship. Ira L. Parrack.

## P. T. CLUB GROWING

Twenty-four new members came into the Parent-Teacher Club last Friday. We are surely glad to have them and want all of you to come join us.

The Colonial Tea, Friday was one of the most delightful we have had. The house party and ladies who were so diligent in carrying car after car of those who had no car are to be especially thanked for assisting Mrs. Groene in making the afternoon so pleasant.

The Financial Committee have plans for more and more things to come. So watch for their announcements as soon as the sun begins to shine.

The next regular meeting of the Club will be at the school house Wednesday March 14th, at 3:30 p. m.



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### Intermediate B. Y. P. U. Group No. 3.

Introduction, by Lila Mae Bird.

1. Moses writes of God, Mary Parrack.

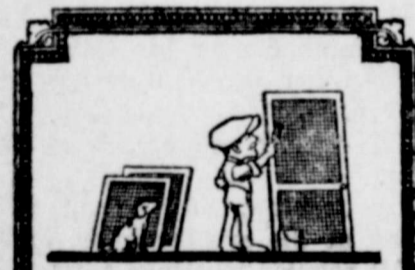
2. The Eternal Life of God, and the short life of men, Lewis Tucker.

b-c by Nellie Sharp.

3. Mans' Sin Causes the shortness of life—Lucille Hogg.

4. A prayer for God's presence and blessing, Melba West.

Miss Lucile Russell, who is teaching at Sylvester, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr and Mrs. S. G. Russell.



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### WHITE CHURCH

The health of the community is reasonably good.

J. V. West of Merkel, brother of Mr. H. West of White church died Saturday night after a continued illness of dropsy of the heart. He was buried Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Our deepest sympathies go to the bereaved ones in their loss of so great a father, brother, and husband.

The Literary Society met at the School house last Friday afternoon and gave an interesting program.

1. Song by all  
2. Reading, "I don't Kiss boys, Lena Lee Demere.

3. Vocal Duett, Marie Pressley, and Ada Bryy.  
4. An adjective letter—Ruby Wilson.

5. Some personal jokes, Ada Berry.

6. Song—By all.  
The following visitors were present: Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Farmer, Mary Riggon, Nath Riggan, Clyde Moore, Elsworth Bell, Claborne Mc Peak, Arthur Coats, Arthur Wilson.

Mr. Shuff visited the school Thursday and spoke some encouraging words.

Mr. Malone motored to Merkel Saturday.

The burglar, who broke into Mr. T. D. Scott's house, was caught at Tuscola Monday of last week.

Mr. Reynolds spent the week-end at home at Trent.

Mr. W. J. Reynolds, father of our teacher, was a visitor in the school Monday morning of this week. He talked to the pupils a few minutes.

There was a funeral at White Church last Saturday afternoon. The 6 year old daughter of Mr. Wood Turner was laid to rest. Rev. Landreth of Trent conducted the services.

Mr. and Mrs. H. West went to Merkel Saturday, accompanied by their grandson, Hoyt. Mr West went to the bedside of his brother, who died shortly after wards.

### POSTMASTER'S OATH, 1672

Reminiscent of Puritan austerity is the following quaint oath administered to the postmaster of New York in the year 1672.

"You doe Swear by the Everlasting God, that you will truly & faithfully discharge the trust reposed in you as a Post Master, and that you will neither directly or indirectly detain, conceal, or open any Letters, Packets, or other goods committed to your charge, but carefully & honestly deliver or cause to be delivered all other such Letters, Packets or other Goods to the Persons they properly belong unto, & that you will make all the Expedition in passing and repassing the several Stages with all speed, & to make to make noe more stay than necessarily belongs to the refreshing yoursef and horses & i nall things truly & soberly to comport your selfe, so as belongs to the trust reposed in you, and as a Post Master ought to doe.

"So help You God."  
This oath is found in Valentine's Manual of the City of New York, 1917-18, New Series No. 2., together with instructions declaring, among other things, that the "Post Master shall mark the trees on the post route and 'detect & cause to bee apprehended to all Souldyers & Servants runn away from these parts'"

### Our Age Test—Do You Remember—

The clothing merchant who used to throw in an extra pair of pants?

The young man who used to learn the business from the bottom up?

The man who used to demonstrate suspenders in drug store windows?

The corn doctor, who used to wear a horsehair watchchain?

The old fashioned gent who used to applaud the trained seal acts?

The guy who said automobiles would never be a success?

The honeymooners who used to send postcards from Niagara Falls?

The professor who was going to the moon in a rocket?

The gink who used to chew a quill toothpick on the street?

The theatrical manager with the diamond horseshoe necktie pin?

The young lady, who thought it was immoral to use slang?

The guy who used to wear heavy woolen underwear in the

winter?

The bird who chirped, "No thanks I'm on the wagon?"

The old fashioned husband, who always had a savings account at the bank?

The woman who used to make one set of furs last a life time?—"Swiped."

### —About People You Know—

Miss Banner and Miss Burns of Merkel motored over and spent the day with Miss Prim Tuesday.

Tom Largent of Merkel acted as clerk of the Hereford sale He with John Burns of Fort Worth and B. N. Aycock of Midland left Sunday night for their homes. —Sweetwater Reporter.

Jess Sanders, former Coleman boy, stopped in Coleman last Friday to renew old boyhood acquaintances and to visit his sister, Mrs. Ray Evans. He was en route to Fort Worth from Merkel, where he is practicing law. Before moving to Merkel a short time ago, he was county attorney of Jones county at Anson. Jess, as a red headed boy with the stain of mud yet between his toes, left Coleman about twelve years ago. For five years, he was in the wireless service and visited nearly every continent on the globe, employed with the Marconi interests and later in the Government service. He had a hankering for the law and later settled down at Anson, where he married and now has two promising children. His father, T. J. Sanders, ex-sherriff of Coleman county recently moved from Anson to Abilene, where he is employed on the police force. Reagan Sanders, a younger brother is in the cotton business at Temple and Henry Sanders, another younger brother, conducts a garage in Abilene and is an automobile racer of considerable statewide note.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

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### BUT "AIN'T IT FINE?"

What about this weather, it seems like East Texas doesn't it? Well I think so, but isn't it fine? If we can just keep the Kearless weeds down and get a shower every 15 days this summer, my What a crop we will make. The ears of corn will look like coons hanging by the tail, and the Maize heads, well I can not say how big they will be, but we can thrash a few grains and play marbles with them, and small grain, oh no, we should not order any oats or hay from Missouri or Kansas. And the cotton, well we always make that, this is a cotton country.

Say kids did you ever think what times would be if the Merkel Gins could gin 250 bales of cotton a day, on an average for 4 months and we could see it sell for 25c. O! Well I'd better not say any more for fear some may get things over estimated.

Well good people, we invite you to Blair next Sunday for our regular singing date and we hope to have a real time as we have the promise of prof. Ira Thornton being with us. We are real anxious that 2 or 3 numbers from some new books we have so if the rain stops and the roads get good, come. We will show you a real good time. Tom. Spears.

Mrs. Lora Reece returned to Abilene Friday after a pleasant visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hendrix and other relatives. She has a position with the Brooks Dry goods Company in that city.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail.

Baptist Ladies M. S. Notes

There was no meeting at the church last Tuesday on account of rain. The Missionary Program will be rendered next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. We especially urge a large attendance and invite the young of the Church to be with us in this meeting. We need you.

### Junior Missionary Society

Song  
Leader—Tommie Durham.  
Bible lesson, Eph. 12-20, by the leader.  
Prayer; Song.  
Story—Lynn McSpadden.  
Reading— Ethel Hamilton.  
Story—Ruby Fae Golliday.  
Every day life in Congo, by the Superintendent.  
Song; Benediction.

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### CHERRY TREE STUFF

Little George W. Truthful had nothing on us. Just now, Father, we beg to report that we have used the little hatchet on the prices of the following items: All Men's Winter Suits and Overcoats.

We have just received a large shipment of the celebrated Curlee suits in beautiful patterns for spring. Priced at \$25.00, \$29.00 and up.





**Has Anyone Laughed At You Because**

By **ETHEL R. PLYSKA**

You Are Over-Ambitious? "You work too hard," "you play too little," "you aren't interested in anything but your work," "we miss you at our house," "you never show up any more"—all and more of these things are said to you? Aren't they? Well, maybe you are getting a bit lopsided. This, of course, you have to decide for yourself. Being ambitious never hurt anyone. You can't arrive on any other train, and it isn't a parlor-car train, either; it is the long workman's train and it takes the sacrifice of the things to which your friends say you never appear. When you have a goal you are happiest when you are on "the way"—parties look small and everything else looks insignificant. All well and good. Nothing is so marvelous as the path of the ambitious to the ambitious, but you must never forget that to be too one-sided may block and turn over your ear. Getting there is your business and laughter never hurt the really sincere.

Your Get-away here is:  
To get the best out of your life, you have the right to choose the right things to leave out. It is entirely up to you and no one's affair but yours.

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**The Ordinary Things**

By **DOUGLAS MALLOCH**

I've had some rather pleasant times  
While living day by day  
That echo like remembered chimes  
Along life's weary way.  
That make my heart again a boy's  
And give my spirit wings—  
They were the ordinary joys  
And ordinary things.

Strange, but the triumphs of an hour,  
The victories elate,  
Have lost their old, accustomed power  
And seem no longer great.  
They were but tinsel, were but toys—  
The quiet moment brings  
A thought of ordinary joys  
And ordinary things.

Life's battle is so hard and fierce,  
Such passions sweep the soul  
As through the foe's line we pierce  
A passage to the goal.  
The very triumph often cloys  
And, on the throne of kings,  
Men long for ordinary joys  
And ordinary things.

Whatever else, make sure of these  
As through the world you go;  
For, after all the victories,  
Your heart will want, I know,  
Some memory no time destroys,  
Some quiet hour that brings  
The peace of ordinary joys  
And ordinary things.

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**MORE GOOD THINGS**

A NICE little cake which is good to serve with almost anything and at any meal is:

**Corn Flake Cookies.**

Beat the whites of two eggs until stiff, add gradually one cupful of sugar, one-half teaspoonful of vanilla, one cupful of coconut and two cupfuls of cornflakes. Drop by teaspoonfuls on a buttered baking sheet and bake in a moderate oven. Coarsely chopped nuts may be added instead of the coconut, if that is not liked.

**Rice Muffins.**

To two cupfuls of boiled rice add one cupful of milk, a tablespoonful of melted butter and the yolks of three eggs. Sift together one pint of flour, one tablespoonful of sugar, one-half teaspoonful of salt and one and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Add to the rice and beat until smooth. Fold in the beaten whites of the eggs and bake in muffin pans for fifteen minutes.

**Cottage Pudding.**

Take four tablespoonfuls of butter, cream well, add one cupful of sugar, one well-beaten egg (two, will be better), one-half cupful of milk, one and one-half cupfuls of flour with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and a little flavoring. Bake in a sheet or in muffin pans and serve with:

**Lemon Sauce.**

Mix two tablespoonfuls of flour with one-half cupful of sugar, a pinch of salt, and pour on boiling water to make a thick sauce; cook until the starch is well-cooked in the flour, adding a generous grating of nutmeg and a tablespoonful of butter with the juice of half a lemon, or lacking the lemon, two tablespoonfuls of vinegar. Serve hot, poured over the pudding.

A little sponge cake may be transformed into a dainty dessert. Cut it into rounds, or shapely diamonds, dip in the juice of canned peaches, then put one-half peach on each, filling the cavity with chopped nuts and heaping whipped cream over each. Serve cold.

*Nellie Maxwell*  
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**Uncommon Sense**

By **JOHN BLAKE**

**USE YOUR MIND**

YOU never know what your mind can do till you use it. The man who saves his money until he can buy an automobile finds out right away what that automobile can do.

He takes it out on the road, and runs it. He reads about the speed and endurance and gasoline consumption of other cars. And he experiments with his own to find out how it compares with them.

Yet the same man who has a mind that may be of more value than a million cars will, in nine cases out of ten, go through life without ever knowing what that mind can do.

Few of us ever develop more than a quarter of our ability. Few of us discover more than half of the powers that lie in our mind.

The reason for this is chiefly laziness. It is so much easier to work just hard enough to make a living than it is to work hard enough to amount to something big, that we take the former course.

And our minds, lacking exercise, never are made to produce the results that they could produce.

Unfortunately the realization of this comes usually too late. At forty we see other men, who in youth had no better mental equipment than we had, surpassing us.

We see that if we had been as thoughtful and as industrious as they, and had developed our latent powers, we might have done as well.

But mind building is long and hard work. And the time that it can be done is in youth.

Learn to use your mind when you are young. Don't be afraid of overstraining it. Few of us die of love and still fewer die of brain fog. The distress that comes from failure is far more deadly than that which follows hard mental work.

Get all out of your mind that is in it. You may not be gifted with genius or even talent. But you will never find that out till you bring out every unit of power that is in your brain.

And the only way to do that is to use it constantly and intelligently.

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**PRINTERS AND SURGEONS**

**The Prairie (Canyon Normal)**

A printer received an inquiry from a surgeon who wanted bids on several thousand letter heads, different sizes, grades and colors, and he wanted the form held standing. The printer wrote back: "Am in the market for one operation for appendicitis, one two or five-inch incision, with or without ether; also with or without nurse. Quotations must include putting appendix back and cancelling the order if found sound. Successful bidder is expected to hold incision open for sixty days, as I expect to be in the market for an operation for gall stones, and I want to save the extra cost of cutting."

That printer was too sarcastic ever to get very far in the printing business. In the printing business one must be as practical as a pie pan, else he will fail to meet the exactions of his landlord and the stratagems of the tax collector. In the printing business there is no room for anything but work and humility. Being a good printer requires more experience, accuracy, judgement of proportion and manual dexterity than being a good surgeon does. Yet the printer will pay the surgeon a hundred dollars for a job that takes less than the time, and no more intelligence, than would be required in turning out ten dollars' worth of stationery. The answer to this economic injustice is that the surgeon charges too much and the printer too little for his work. In olden times surgery and barbering were combined in one occupation. The whiskered ancient could get his stubble deftly removed and his carbuncle opened at the same shop and by the same hand, perhaps with the same instrument. Today the victim of whiskers and boils must pay a quarter to have the former erased and five or five hundred dollars for having the latter looked into. The surgeons have prospered because they made it appear that surgery was a science rather than a trade. In other words, the surgeons hightoned the barbers, and the latter are now forbidden to charge for removing warts, warts being surgeons' work. But the surgeon is permitted to do incidental shaving, which goes into the bill. Maybe the barbers and the printers need a lobby at Austin.—State Press.

Arch Griffin, who is well known here, was in the city from Sylvester Sunday.

J. D. Harvy, a prominent stockman of the Newman community, Fisher county, was here Monday.

Try a loaf of "Raisin Bread". Most delicious, only 10c. The Quality Shop. tf

Just received, a car of oats, chops and corn, at G. M. Sharps Grocery. tf

Don't buy bogus parts, we handle nothing but Genuine. Merkel Motor Co., Authorized Ford Dealers. It

We want need oil wells if we can convince that locating committee that the Merkel territory is the place for that college—Pull with all your might! —A Citizen.

We are very grateful to our good friend C. P. Suber for another year's subscription to the Merkel Mail.

E. L. Wilson, who has a house painting and papering contract at Sylvester, spent Sunday here with home folks.

J. I. Leamon, a business man of Trent, was in the city Monday.

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Mrs. J. M. Meeks returned Saturday evening from Abilene where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bullock.

W. E. Hamner, L. Z. Titsworth, S. R. Thompson and Homer Easterwood, business men of Trent, were visitors to Merkel Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrill, of Ohio, came in this week for an extended visit with their daughter, Mrs. Dr. R. I. Grimes.

Rolls! Rolls! and Buns! The best to be found anywhere. The Quality Shop. tf.

C. M. Largent and family, left Thursday for McKinney, but will return to Fort Worth Saturday for the Fat Stick show

Loyd Baize left Friday night for Denver Colorado, where he takes a position with the Western Union Company.

Earl Baize, who has been with the Merkel Motor Company will leave next week for New Mexico to assume charge of his land claim.

Mrs. Earl Hughs and baby who have been here visiting relatives returned to Abilene on Thursday morning.

Try a sack of Light Crust Flour. Garrett & Co. Phone no. 155. tf.

1919 Ford Touring, one man Top. Motor good. \$150.00 Merkel Motor Co., Authorized Ford Dealers. It

Mr. H. T. Merritt informs us that his son Ben T. Merritt of Handley, who has been quite sick from the flu, is now improving nicely.



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Without doubt, Merkel is the logical place to locate that W. T. T. College. There is no finer soil on the face of the earth. The climate is ideal. A small pacific ocean could soon be erected; and if necessary street car accommodations with other required assets. Can the locating committee see it as we see it? Every one put their shoulders to the wheel and grunt hard for Merkel. If you just can't boost it—go home and stay there.—A citizen.

If, we say "IF" we can win that W. T. T. College in less than five years, every foot of land within twenty miles of Merkel will be put in a state of cultivation, and we can count upon one family to an average of every 160 acres, that would mean an increase in business of something like 600 percent. Worth going after isn't it???.—A Citizen.

How much is Seven Billion dollars? Twenty times the cost of the Panama Canal, three hundred and fifty times the cost of the biggest battle ship afloat, eight times the assessed valuation of St. Louis. There are more dollars in seven billion than there were seconds in 222 years. Since the signing of the declaration of independence, July 4th, 1776 there are only 76, 540,400 days to date. Seven billion in

gold coin is 13,440 tons, and would load down nearly 1,200 cars each with 24,000 pounds and make a solid train thirteen miles long. Seven billion minutes is 13,318 years, 9 hours and 52 minutes. A rifle bullet has a speed of about a mile a second. It would require 444 years to travel seven billion miles. Could you stack seven billion dollars, one on top of the other would go up towards the stars 1,736 miles. It would take the United States Mint working day and night 224 years to coin the dollars. At five dollars per acre it would pay for every acre of land in the continental United States. Imagine seven billion dollars in green backs end to end. They will go around the earth at the equator 13 times and it would take an express train running forty miles per hour, day and night continuously for two and a half years to cover the distance. Count it, ridiculous. Imagine an expert counter of money counting seven billion dollars in dollar bills—and expert enough to count one a second, belonging to the union, working 8 hours each day, Sundays and holidays excluded, and then imagine him working at the job fifty years, then turning the work over to another, the first man would have been dead 700 years when the fifteenth man quit the job, each of the fifteen working fifty years—would still leave enough bills uncounted to give each man, woman and child in the city of St. Louis \$700.00, and still leave one hundred and twenty million uncounted. Some money isn't it? —Donated by Ligon the Laundryman.

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Mrs. T. H. Tarbet and little son have returned to Lamesa after spending three weeks here the guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hndrix.

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**Let Us Convince You**

**OLD FORT FOOTE**

River Defense of National Capital in Civil War.

Controlled the Potomac and Commanded the Channel as Far as Fort Washington, but Now Obsolete.

Among the old forts which may be sold by the War department is Fort Foote. This was one of the Civil War river defenses of the capital, and its site is a high bluff in Prince Georges county, Md., six or seven miles below the old ferry wharf at Washington and diagonally across the Potomac from Jones point, the southern tip of Alexandria. The river channel passes close to the Maryland shore, and ships navigating the Potomac would have to pass close to the guns of Fort Foote. The south face of the fort commanded the channel as far as Fort Washington, Fort Foote, according to one of the reports made during the Civil war by General Barnard, in charge of the defenses of Washington, was built for the purpose of defending, in connection with Battery Rodgers, in the lower part of Alexandria, the water approach to Washington. The parapets which were exposed to naval attack were from 20 to 25 feet in thickness, 105 feet above the river and were armed with the heaviest iron guns of the period. The river face of the fort was 515 feet long. The rear of the fort was parallel to the water front and was bastioned and armed with field and siege guns for land defense. There were the usual high, thick traverses familiar in the earthworks of the time.

After the Civil war Fort Foote was maintained as an armed and garrisoned post, but was finally left in charge of a single caretaker, an old sergeant. Later, and for some years, the fort was in charge of a soldier's widow, and she was several times written of as the only woman fort-keeper in the United States. At the beginning of the great war Fort Foote was a ruin of tumbled earth-mounds, half-filled ditches grown with trees and vines, among which many of the guns, fallen from their war-time positions, lay. During our late war the place was used as a training and practice place by engineer troops and its appearance was much changed.

While most river people speak of the bluff as Fort Foote, many of the old-timers still call it Roziers' bluff, because that was its name at the breaking out of the Civil war and had been its name for a century before. It was part of a plantation belonging to members of the Rozier family, and the Rozier house, a small and very old structure, shaded by large and venerable pecan trees, still stands close to the river on flat land north of the bluff. Relics of the Roziers who lived and died there many years ago lay exposed for years in the debris of the ruined family vault, but eight or ten years ago they were removed and reverently interred in the cemetery of St. John's or "Broad Creek church," about two miles away, the oldest church in the Washington neighborhood, its walls dating back to the time of the establishment of Church of England parishes in Maryland. It was the parent church of St. Paul's, or "Rock Creek church," and of other churches north of the Eastern branch.—Washington Star.

**Olympic Games of Hercules.**

The Olympic games of Greece were established in very early times—according to Greek tradition by Hercules himself. They became a truly national festival in 776 B. C. Every four years a series of athletic contests were held in honor of Zeus on the Olympic plain in Elis. The games at first comprised chariot races, foot races, boxing, wrestling, leaping and running, etc. Later the drama had a part and works of art were exhibited. Garlands of olive twigs from the sacred olive tree, crowned the heads of the victors who were welcomed home with triumphant processions. The games were kept up until 394 A. D. and dates were commonly reckoned by these Olympiads. About that date they were abolished by Emperor Theodosius I. In the present century they have been successfully revived as an international contest.

**England Swatting the Fly.**

Swatting the fly in England under the incentive of sanitation and health propaganda has resulted in the reduction of the number of house flies from myriads to a comparatively few, according to the medical assessor of the ministry of pensions. He toured the British isles last summer and, in those places where previously there had been thousands of flies, they were conspicuous by their absence, he declares. Some out-of-the-way villages and farmhouses still sheltered the grubs and insects, but the locations were not numerous. There has been a very great decrease in the figures of infant mortality, as compared to 1911, and the improvement is credited by the medical assessor to the relative absence of flies.

**The Eternal Feminine.**

Phyllis, aged seven, had been to a party. On her return her mother asked her if she had enjoyed herself. "Frightfully, mummy," said Phyllis. "Frightfully? Why, what did you do?" "I flirted." "Phyllis, what do you mean?" "I don't think I can 'zactly 'plain, mummy, but if you send for Bobby Bell I can show you."

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore who have been visiting relatives in California for several months, returned first of the week.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patterson on last Tuesday.

We wish to announce to our customers in the city of Merkel that we have stopped our delivery in the city, and heartily thank all for their past business and say further that we will make it your interest to call by the store when you need groceries. John and Chas. Hughes, Cash Grocery. 2t2pd

Mr. John Burfiend, residing on route 2, sends in to have the Mail sent to him for another year. Thanks.

Miss Agnes Rister, who is attending C. I. A. at Denton, was called home last week on account of the sudden death of her father.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack united in marriage last Sunday at about one o'clock p. m. Mr. Rasael Rodriguez and Miss Salina Abarea, Mexicans.

T. L. Stevens was down from Trent Thursday.

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Don't forget one thing, the U. S. Government bought the best of everything regardless of the price, and every man who pays taxes helped pay for it. Now is the time to get back some of your hard-earned money you have already paid in. REMEMBER THE DATE.

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for me and I took three bottles before I stopped—then off and on for the last three years just as a tonic. I saw a decided improvement after my first bottle. I used the three, and was able to do my work with ease, and now I sew for my family and for others. I am feeling fine, and strong and well."

Take Cardui! It may be just the medicine you need.

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**SATURDAY NIGHT DISSIPATION**

The following brief history of the bathtub in American society is clipped from The Water works Journal:

The first American bath tub was installed December 20, 1842 in Cincinnati by Adam Thompson. It was made of Mahogany and lined with sheet lead. At a Christmas party, he gave an exhibition of its use, and four guests took a plunge.

The next day the Cincinnati papers discussed the invention and violent controversy was provoked. Some papers designated it an epicurean luxury, others as undemocratic, as it lacked simplicity in surroundings. Medical authorities attacked it as dangerous to health, a certain inviter of rheumatism, fevers and inflammation of the lungs.

The controversy soon reached other cities and in more than one place medical opposition was reflected in legislation.

Late in 1843 the Philadelphia common council considered an ordinance prohibiting bathing between November 1 and March 15 and the ordinances failed of passage by two votes.

During the same year the Legislation of Virginia laid a tax of \$30 a year for all bathtubs.

In Hartford, Providence, Charleston and Wilmington, Del. heavy rates were laid on people who had bathtubs. Boston, early in 1845, made bathing unlawful except on medical advice, but the ordinance was never enforced and in 1862 it was repealed.

President Millard Fillmore gave the bathtub recognition. While Vice-President, he visited Cincinnati, in 1850 and inspected the original bathtub and used it. On becoming President he had a bathtub installed in the White house. This tub continued to be used until the first Cleveland administration.

And now one can hardly wait for Saturday night for a bath.

**Intermediate B. Y. P. U.**

1. Prayer.
2. Introduction by Joe Ben Ashby.
3. Moses writes of God, by Clyde Mayfield.
4. The eternal life of God and the short life of men, by Gladys Deutschman.
5. Man's sin causes the shortness of life, by Ethel Simpson.
6. A prayer for God's presence and blessing by unice Bird (b-c) by Aileen Childress

**STOCK SHIPMENTS**

Jasper McCoy shipped one car of cattle to Fort Worth on Monday night.

Two cars of cattle were shipped from the Pens here Saturday night to Fort Worth by Collins Bros.

C. M. Largent and Sons, loaded out twenty-six head of fine Herefords for the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth Monday. The Largent herds are among the best in the state or the United States for that matter.

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**Sub Senior B. Y. P. U. Program**

1. Introduction, by Harry McCandless
2. Learning the art of Meditation. Yates Brown.
3. Meditation is the secret of knowing God, Fred Giles.
4. Meditation is the secret of knowing ourselves, James Swan
5. Meditation is the secret of an appreciation of life's value, by Lurline Hurley.
6. Meditation is the secret of Enthusiasm, Effie Grayson.

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**Franklin Farnum**  
IN  
"When East Comes West"  
Also—  
PATHE COMEDY  
And—  
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**TUESDAY MARCH 6** } **Richard Barthelmess** IN  
ONE NIGHT ONLY } "EXPERIENCE"

**ANOTHER OLD TIMER GOES TO HIS ETERNAL HOME**

Last Saturday as the day was turning to night, Mr. J. V. West answered the call to come up higher. Brother West was born in Georgia, December 30, 1850 and married Miss Lue Berry at Jasper in the same state in 1869. To this union three children were born, one son and two daughters all of them being with him in his last lingering illness. His son, Mr. Charlie West is one of the leading barbers and superintendent of local Baptist Sunday school. His daughters, Mrs. Beulah Tipton, and Mrs. Houston Clark are both making their homes in our midst. Mr. West is survived by two brothers, Mr. Monroe West of Ft. Worth, and Mr. Harvey West of Blair. Also he leaves his devoted companion of some fifty four years.

Brother West was converted at the age of 17 and had led a devoted Christian life since that time. He was ordained a deacon of the Center Point Baptist church before coming to Merkel and had served as an active deacon of the First Baptist church here since he came to Merkel.

In addition to his relatives, he leaves a host of friends to mourn his going. To know him was to love him. His genial smile and cheerful words will be missed on our streets. He will be missed from his church, where till hindered by failing strength he was a constant worshipper.

While we will miss him we will not "sorrow as those who have no hope", for he has left full assurance that all was well with his soul. He went not as the tender plant cut down before it had matured but he went as the full ripe corn that is gathered in at the harvest.

The funeral was conducted from the Baptist Church at 3 p. m. Sunday when in spite of the mud and inclement weather the house was well filled. The pastor was assisted in the service by the other pastors of the town, Bro. Rogers, Bro. Cypert and Bro. Hays.

**ANOTHER GOOD MAN GONE TO HIS REWARD**

On Friday night, Mr. John W. Rister was stricken with some heart trouble that proved fatal, and was a shock to every one, word was passed around next day that he was gone. Mr. Rister was born in Milam county Texas, March 1 1866. He was married in 1896 and besides his widow, he leaves four sons, and three daughters to mourn his unexpected departure. He is also survived by three brothers and two sisters.

Brother Rister, was converted at the age of fourteen and had been a devoted Christian since that time. While a young man he was licensed to preach and as opportunity presented it self he had preached at destitute places and had a yearning to preach even till his last day. The last conversation he had with his pastor only a few days ago, he was talking of preaching at a place where there was no preaching.

His funeral was conducted from the First Baptist church, Sunday at the eleven o'clock

hour at which service not only the members of the church to which he belonged were present, but the Methodist and Presbyterian pastors and congregations were also present.

Our hearts go out in tender sympathy for the widow and children and yet we feel that they have a great consolation in knowing that he was ready when the call came and that no more will he suffer but through out eternity he will be with the Savior he loved to serve while here.

A good 1916 Ford Touring. Good tires, only \$75. Merkel Motor Co. Authorized Ford dealers.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We take this opportunity to extend our thanks to one and all who were so tender and kind to us in so many ways in the sad loss of our darling husband and father. It seems to us that not a single thing was uncared for. May God's richest blessings rest on all. Mrs. J. W. Rister and Children.



**FOR SALE**

FOR SALE—Cheap! Overland parts of wrecked cars. We have wrecked a number Old models Overland cars and will sell the parts cheap. The models wrecked are 83 and 90, 85-4, 85-6, 75. Overlands. Horton Bros. Overland Co. Abilene, Texas. 23t2

FOR SALE—Wood. See R. L. Bland. tf.

FOR SALE—Span of good young work mules. Cash or approved note. Liberty Hardware Company. tf.

**LOST**

LOST—On last Sunday, Feb 11 between Merkel and Abilene, wire wheel and Mitchel cord tire 30x3 1/2 on wheel. If finder will return the wheel to us he may have the tire and tube. Horton Bros. Overland Co. Abilene Tex as. 23t2

**Intermediate Epworth League**

The parable of the Talents—Matt. xxv 14-30.

Subject—Aunt Tillies Tithing Band.

Characters:

- Mrs. Smith, Gladys Milliken.
- Mrs. Hamilton, Opal Patterson
- Mrs. Dean, Lois Dixon.
- Mrs. Harris, Anna L. Russell
- Mrs. Hamilton, Ruth Jenkins.
- Mrs. Brown, Intha Bird.
- Mrs. Allen, Hellen Booth.
- Mrs. Manly, Hallie Pike.
- Mrs. Wells, Emma Toombs.
- Aunt Tillie, Elfe Chaney.
- Mrs. Moore, Godie Richie.
- Mrs. Sims, Ona Tatum.
- Cathrine—Alma Patterson.
- Aunt Dicey—Stella Wilson.

**NOTICE**

I have been requested to announce thru the columns of the Merkel Mail that Friday, Mar. 9th is the date set for the purpose of cleaning off the cemetery at White Church. All who feel an interest in the cleanliness of the Sacred place should lay aside all other duties and come. Come prepared to spend the day. Dillard R Snow.

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**The Friendly Path**  
By Walter L. Robinson

CHRISTIAN WORKERS

Go out into the byways and highways and compel them to come in.

DELEGATES to the World's Christian Endeavor convention in New York some time ago had this command in mind when they formed 100 gospel teams and held revival services in Wall street and in other public streets in Manhattan. Impressive scenes were witnessed in all parts of the great city, crowds assembling rapidly when they heard the young Christian workers singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and other inspiring songs.

Enthusiasm aroused by the big meetings under the Cross of Calvary during the New York convention doubtless was carried "back home" by the young people to all parts of the world. Much good, doubtless, will result from the inspiration for doing good which these young soldiers will give the hundreds of thousands of Christian workers. Those who love God and wish to see His work carried on with greater success will have good reason to be glad because of the wider interest the convention aroused for the Master's cause.

But the greatest enjoyment will come to those who actively engage in leading their fellows into the right path. It is not alone sufficient to think good and to live good if one desires to enjoy to the fullest the happiness which should be his. Far more pleasure comes through helping others into Christ's kingdom and through preventing sin and misery than can be experienced when one devotes all his time to thinking and working for his own personal salvation and happiness.

Wickedness is found in every town and hamlet, no matter how small. Opportunities for revival meetings are by no means confined to the big cities. And, while we would not depreciate the value of the many meetings held on street corners during the convention in New York, we do believe that as great opportunities for similar work may be found wherever humans live.

The only reason such a large number prefer to neglect worship in order to enjoy other pleasures, is that they haven't learned of the wonderful happiness which may be experienced through devoting a little time to divine services and constantly seizing opportunities to increase the world's smiles by uplifting work.

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**A LINE O' CHEER**

By John Kendrick Bangs.

**FRIENDS ALL**

ONE time I knew a bed-ridden  
Who could not hold herself  
Upright,  
Yet was a fount of golden light.  
She held the sun and stars as  
Friends  
Who came to visit her week-ends,  
And bring her smiling dividends.  
The sunbeams were her playmates  
Dear  
Who never failed to bring her  
Cheer,  
E'en in the winter of the year.  
And when the bird-notes came to  
her  
From out the early morning air  
Each songster was "to the messenger."  
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**CARD OF THANKS**

We take this method of extending our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends and neighbors who were so kind and faithful in extending aid and sympathy to us during the late illness and death of our dearly beloved husband and father. We sincerely appreciate every kind act as well as the words of consolation; infact we are without words to really express our feelings of gratitude for such expressions of friendship, but sincerely trust that the richest of blessings may rest up on each of you. Mrs. J. V. West and Children.

Notwithstanding the fact that on last Saturday the day was very gloomy, rainy and cold and most people about town seemed to have the "blues", our good friend W. L. Diltz Jr., was noticed stepping about liverlier than ever before and seemed to be in a really big way, and every friend who met him was congratulating him, and the writer upon enquiry about just why so much ado, was informed that on this day there was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz Jr., a beautiful baby girl. May the young lady bring not only to their lives much happiness, but may her life be a blessing to all.

**Epworth League Program**

Subject—Psalms of Life.  
Leader—Blanche Durham.  
Opening Sentences—Pls. 46-1 Deut. 33-27.  
Song—How Firm a Foundation.  
Prayer—The Lord's Prayer.  
Song.  
Piano Solo— Lorena Frazier.  
Reading of Psalms 91. (read together in dialogue.)  
1. Ethel Wilson  
2. Cyrus Pee  
3. Ruth Pike.  
Reading of Hebrew 13-56 and address by Leader.  
Song: Benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. Grafford, who have been here for a week, the guests of their son, Jesse Grafford and family returned to Dallas the forepart of the week. Mr. Grafford was formerly in business on Front street here

Mrs. J. A. Adkisson is here from San Antonio, visiting relatives. Mrs. Adkisson and husband, Dr. Adkisson, were former citizens of Merkel and will be remembered by our people.

Bread, the Staff of Life—Loaf bread, Raisin Bread, French Bread, Rye Bread, Graham Bread. All Good. Made by the local Bakery.

**COLONIAL BENEFIT TEA**

One of the most elaborate as well as successful teas yet sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Club was the one at the home of Mrs. Fyd Groene on last Friday afternoon. As every one knows Mrs. Groene is naturally a charming hostess and especially was this true on this afternoon. She together with her assistants had spared no pains in the decorations, which carried out the idea of Washington's birthday. The stars and stripes were very much in evidence in every room of this spacious home. The Picture of George Washington was decorated with flags and bunting and hung in a conspicuous place on the wall. The dining room was especially lovely. The tea table laid in a beautiful Cluny Centerpiece under which had been placed the red and blue. Streamers of red white and blue from the chandelier to the table, marked the places for guests at tea. A lovely vase of sweet peas together with a cut glass bowl for the silver offering completed the table decoration. Glowing fires burned in the grates of the living rooms and dispelled the gloom of the weather outside.

Mrs. Groene was assisted in receiving the guests by Mrs. F. C. McFarland, who presided at the door. The house party consisted of George and Martha Washington, and several other ladies in Colonial costume.

The guests were ushered into the dining room where they were served with tea and sandwiches. The tea table was presided over by a bevy of young girls, all dressed in lovely costumes of colonial design. Long full skirts and powdered wigs were very much in evidence through out the house. Betsy Ross, the designer of our own Stars and Stripes was present. Tiny red hatchets, tied with ribbon, were used as guest favors.

Although the weather man failed to send his sunny smile and instead a pouring rain, never the less about 100 guests called during the afternoon and made this one of the most enjoyable affairs of many seasons.

We are deeply indebted to Mrs. R. I. Grimes for being so generous and thoughtful of others on this occasion. Thru' her generosity of calling for people in her car, many were permitted to enjoy this occasion who otherwise could not have done so, and we are very, very thankful to Mrs. Grimes for this act of kindness.

This tea will long be remembered by the ladies of Merkel as one of the most pleasant afternoons they have ever spent and will always remember Mrs. Groene as a very charming hostess. We only wish that George Washington's birthday came twice a year instead of once, and that we might see the Colonial costumes and powdered wigs more often.

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**WHEN THE ROD WAS SUPREME**

Stern Discipline Marked the Uprising of Boys and Girls of a Few Generations Ago.

Boys and girls of the present day find the road to learning much smoother and pleasanter than did their forefathers. Something over a century ago the favorite text in almost every family was, "Spare the rod and spoil the child."

A rawhide or bunch of birch hung over the mantel-shelf in many houses, to be used upon the boys of the family, the usual rule being that a whipping at school must be followed by one at home. Those given at school were usually the more severe. In many old schools in England the "birch horse" is preserved as a curiosity; a high wooden frame shaped like a saddle, on which the delinquent was strapped to receive his lashes.

Watson, in his "Annals of Philadelphia," tells us that girls as well as boys were whipped in the "academies for the children of the gentry" something like a hundred years ago.

Other punishments than whipping were common. Talking in school was sometimes punished by fastening a frame over the mouth, from which lolled a huge red flannel tongue. Almost every school had its dunce's cap, and some of them had a "elog," which was a block of wood that was strapped to the leg of a truant and worn outside of school.

Dull scholars were often made to stand open-mouthed under the clock, to be pointed at by their comrades as they marched past. In certain English schools a large wicker cage is preserved in which the delinquent was fastened, the cage being then drawn by a pulley to the ceiling where it remained until the delinquent was supposed to be sufficiently punished.

The tardy scholar was sometimes forced to march through the streets preceded by an usher who carried a lighted lantern, to the amusement of the jeering crowd.

**Inventing a Surname in Persia.**

Although Teheran is the capital of Persia few of its streets are dignified with names. The city's principal thoroughfare is known as Street of the Gas Lights, from the fact that an attempt was once made to illuminate it by means of gas lamps, and though the lighting failed the name of the street remained. As none of the houses has a number, it is extremely difficult to find a given address. Until very recently there were, with certain exceptions, no family names in Persia. This led to so much confusion that two or three years ago an edict was issued obliging all persons in the empire to adopt a family name within a given date. As may be supposed the names chosen were frequently curious and sometimes amusing. An old man who had been for many years guardian of the gate of one of the Christian missions, chose for himself the Persian equivalent of "Honest and Faithful." A postman styled himself appropriately "Here, There and Everywhere," while a merchant who was of a practical turn of mind, selected as a surname his own telephone number, "Three Hundred and Ten."

**Golden Girdle for the Earth.**

You would find it difficult to measure the width of one of your hairs, but compared with some things a human hair is incredibly thick. The actual width of an average hair is about one-sixth-hundredth of an inch. The hair-spring of a watch is about half as thick as a hair. You might not think so at first, but a hair-spring is a flat strip, not circular, and usually its thickness is about one-twelve-hundredth of an inch. Its width makes it look comparatively big. A piece of pure gold can be flattened out into a sheet so thin that 300,000 similar ones piled on top of each other would only be an inch high!

If it was drawn out into a wire, it could be made so fine that one ounce would be nearly fifty miles long. Forty pounds of gold would make a wire long enough to encircle the earth!

The smallest thickness known to exist in a substance may be seen and made by anybody. In its thinnest parts, a soap-bubble has been estimated to be about one-three-millionth of an inch thick.

**Airplanes to Carry Lights.**

All British air lines will have to carry a rear light while flying at night now. This safety regulation has just been made by the air ministry. It compels aerial traffic to "light up" half an hour before sundown, and, in addition to the tail light, similar illumination must be placed at the end of the wings. White lights will be used. A similar arrangement was utilized by some of the airplanes during the war, and these new lights of the sky to ground observers will have the aspect of stars on the move. Added significance is given to the regulation by the fact that shortly a night service of air liners will be run by the civil department of the air ministry. Although intended as an experiment, which will be continued over a month, it will probably lead to the establishment of a night service run on lines similar to that of the ordinary day service. The route selected for the trial is from London to Paris.

**New Idea in Suitcases.**

A German became tired of carrying his suitcase, or paying others to carry it for him, and invented a new type of case. It is circular in form and has a tire around it. There is a small wheel to act as a balance and a handle, so that the owner can push it along the street without any trouble.

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